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The Financial Situation.

Testifying before the Inter-State Commerce Committee of the United States Senate, on Tuesday of this week, that redoubtable veteran in the telegraph business, Newcomb Carlton, President of the Western Union Telegraph Co., made some droll observations which at the moment have a pertinency beyond the ordinary. He took issue with the views recently expressed by Owen D. Young on behalf of the Radio Corp. of America. Mr. Young, it may be recalled, in his testimony on Dec. 10, argued in favor of the unification of communication services of all kinds and in his unification scheme included the Western Union Telegraph Co. along with the Radio Corp. and the International Telephone & Telegraph Co. Mr. Young predicated his arguments and his unifying proposals on the fact that there has recently been a merger of communication interests in Great Britain, which, to him, seems to involve serious menace to American communication interests—menace that could only be met by a similar merger of American companies engaged in the communication business.

Mr. Carlton, on his part, can see no menace of the kind, and, in fact, characterized the whole thing as "one of the most fantastic bogies ever dressed up in my experience." He said he felt no alarm concerning the future, with unified companies operating abroad, against three companies operating independently in the United States, and stressed the advantages of competition in this country. Not only that, but Mr. Carlton treated Mr. Young's fears very lightly, saying: "You know it's the fashion with us, when a man returns from service abroad, to ask his opinion on all sorts of subjects, from finance to the kind and amount of milk it is best to feed the babies. And, in the matter of Mr. Young's views on international communications, with all respect, of course, I put them in the class

with any advice he might feel moved to give to nursing mothers."

But it is Mr. Carlton's characterization of the political economist to which we wish especially to allude. Senator Brookhart asked the Western Union President if he thought a public utility was entitled to a greater return on money invested than the earning power of the whole people, which, he said, had been placed at less than 6%. "You'll have to ask some wild economist about that," Mr. Carlton replied. "You don't think a tame one could tell me?" Senator Brookhart inquired. "I don't think there is any such thing as an average return for the whole people such as you are talking about," Mr. Carlton said.

As it happened, about the same time some of these "wild" economists, as distinguished from the "tame" species, were giving utterance to views which certainly were wild, even if the economists themselves did not deserve the appellation. According to the New York "Times," Professor Irving Fisher, in testifying before the New York Legislative Commission for revision of the public service law, declared that business prosperity was definitely threatened by a gold shortage, while the New York "Journal of Commerce," in its issue of Wednesday morning, published a letter from Professor Gustav Cassel, the Swedish economist, criticizing sharply President Hoover's efforts in endeavoring to prevent or to relieve business depression in the conferences the President has recently had with industrial leaders in all walks of life. If these two economists are correct in their views, the country is certainly hard up against it. In a talk with a reporter on the New York "World," Mr. Fisher was just the least bit inclined to hedge, saying, "But don't call it a prediction; call it a guess. I have had some unfortunate results from having my guesses put out as predictions." Prof. Fisher might well be asked to guess again.

Prof. Fisher is the same individual who could see nothing wrong with the stock market when prices were pyramiding in such a spectacular way, the craze proceeding so far that when the collapse came market values suffered a depreciation of \$40,000,000,000 to \$50,000,000,000. He is also the same individual who has for years been arguing in favor of varying the gold content of the dollar, so as to insure the stability of commodity prices. He would have the dollar fluctuate in intrinsic value in order to even out the fluctuations in commodity prices. Even on the present occasion he is reported to have said that the adoption of his plan to stabilize values by reducing the gold content of the dollar would probably be effective, though the reporter says he admitted that there was very little chance of this being adopted. Mr. Fisher has for years

been living in mortal fear that the purchasing power of the dollar might increase, though it would appear that this might be a distinct advantage to the wage earning classes, as well as to the farmers who have seen their own products declining without being able to buy at a correspondingly lessened price the things they are obliged to purchase for their own use in the markets of the world. As none of the dreadful things which he has been predicting would happen, or "guessing" would happen, have come to pass, possibly the community will not be deeply disturbed by a reiteration of his fears on the present occasion.

Incidentally, we note that Chairman Albert H. Wiggin, of the Chase National Bank, certainly a good authority in the banking world, is quoted as saying that "there is enough gold in the world to do the legitimate business of the world at comfortable rates of interest, but there is not enough gold to finance such a speculation as we have recently experienced, and there is not enough surplus gold to justify extremely cheap money at the present time." There is also a good deal of force in what Roger W. Babson has to say, namely, that it is not so much the shortage of gold in the vaults of our great banks that is to be feared as it is "the shortage of any kind of money in the pockets of American consumers."

As to Prof. Cassel, he has all along been criticizing the Federal Reserve Board for declaiming against the absorption of bank credit in stock market channels, contending that it is no part of the duty or the function of a central bank to interfere in any way with speculative operations in the stock market. He now contends that "the program of the President (Hoover) is to be considered a mistake of the first magnitude." Why? "It rests first upon an incorrect conception of the situation as it actually exists, and, second, upon an exaggerated idea of the ability of the Government in the premises." The second of these contentions is perhaps partly true. The first, upon which the whole argument rests, has nothing to sustain it.

He says "the essential characteristic of the present situation is undoubtedly a marked capital shortage." He then proceeds to add: "That a shortage of capital is the very kernel of the entire present situation may be seen from the fact that the export of American capital has declined sharply." But why has the export of capital declined? Is it not perfectly plain that the reason why American capital has not gone abroad to any great extent during the last two years is that the gigantic speculation in the stock market, with the high interest rates that this brought about, made it more profitable to keep capital at home. Not only that, but the effect was also to draw funds from abroad in a perfectly endless stream. Does it not inevitably follow that now that the stock market has so completely collapsed and the capital therein employed has been released, there will be ample capital available, not only for home use, but for export abroad? As to Prof. Cassel's further contention that stock speculation does not absorb any real capital, that is a contention that may well be dismissed.

Accordingly, there would appear to be no occasion for any disquietude either in the talk of a prospective gold shortage or in the talk of a prospective capital shortage. And the United States would still seem to be a pretty good place to live in. No one

need be unduly concerned about what may happen a trillion light years hence. Some of us may not be denizens of this mundane sphere at that period. In the meantime, the indications are that we shall still be able to indulge in a dish of cereals at breakfast and some luscious grapefruit at dinner.

The Federal Reserve returns this week are in line with expectations, and in line with conditions in the business and financial world. Statistics of brokers' loans no longer possess much significance. Stock speculation is not now of a size to call for much borrowing on the part of brokers. After last week's increase of \$96,000,000 in these loans on securities to brokers and dealers by the reporting member banks in New York City, the figures this week show a shrinkage again in amount of \$72,000,000. In other words, the total of the loans this week (Jan. 8) is \$3,352,000,000 against \$3,424,000,000 a week ago (Dec. 31). A year ago on Jan. 9 1929, when stock speculation was still rampant, the total was nearly \$2,000,000,000 larger, standing in exact figures at \$5,313,000,000. One change this week, however, deserves mention. Outside lending is again on the increase—and for the first time since the panic of last autumn. Loans made by the reporting member banks for their own account decreased during the week, and decreased very largely, the amount falling from \$1,167,000,000 to \$886,000,000. On the other hand, the loans made for account of out-of-town banks increased during the week from \$709,000,000 to \$824,000,000, while the loans made "for account of others" have run up from \$1,548,000,000 to \$1,642,000,000.

In their own returns the Federal Reserve banks show a further reduction in member bank borrowing, the discount holdings of the 12 Reserve institutions standing at \$567,615,000 this week, against \$632,421,000 last week. This continued shrinkage now is, of course, natural, inasmuch as funds are returning from the interior, as usually happens after the turn of the year, and furthermore stock speculation has dwindled to small proportions. This week, it is satisfactory to note, there has been no attempt on the part of the Federal Reserve banks to offset the diminution in the discount holdings, reflecting member bank borrowing, by increased purchases of acceptances in the open market or by adding further to the holdings of United States Government securities. On the contrary, the holdings of acceptances have been allowed to run down from \$392,209,000 to \$319,167,000, and the holdings of United States Government securities have been reduced from \$510,587,000 to \$484,842,000, though there is one item in these holdings of United States Government securities, namely, "certificates and bills," which increased during the week, having risen from \$218,166,000 to \$231,914,000. As a result of these various changes a substantial reduction is shown in the amount of Reserve credit outstanding, the total of bills and securities of all kinds being down to \$1,384,324,000 this week as against \$1,547,517,000 last week. At the same time, the amount of Federal Reserve notes in circulation has been reduced during the week from \$1,909,723,000 to \$1,836,854,000, while the gold reserves have increased from \$2,857,051,000 to \$2,929,347,000, with the result that the ratio of total reserves to deposit and Federal Reserve liabilities combined has risen from 69.6 to 72.9%.

It deserves to be noted that the Reserve banks, besides reducing their own holdings of acceptances from \$392,209,000 to \$319,167,000, have also reduced their holdings of bills purchased for their foreign correspondents, the total of these latter this week being \$527,816,000 against \$547,962,000. Altogether, therefore, for their own account and for their foreign correspondents the 12 Reserve institutions have reduced their acceptance holdings during the week in amount of no less than \$93,188,000. With the Reserve banks holding such a lessened amount of acceptances, and the open market being obliged to absorb correspondingly more, it is not surprising that acceptance rates have risen again this week.

Considering conditions in the closing months of last year, the insolvency record for that period, especially for December, has much to commend it. An increase in the number of defaults at the close of the year is to be expected and there was some increase last month, but not as much as is customary. The one bad feature of the December return was the heavy liabilities reported. This was due to the unusual number of large failures that occurred in that month. Commercial insolvencies in the United States during the closing month of the year, as compiled from the records of R. G. Dun & Co. numbered 2,037 with liabilities of \$67,465,114. These figures compare with 1,796 similar defaults in November for \$52,045,863, when large failures in that month also swelled the aggregate indebtedness to a considerable extent, and with 1,943 insolvencies in December 1928 involving \$40,774,160 of liabilities. The increase in the number of commercial defaults for December over a year ago was slightly under 5%, but indebtedness showed an expansion of more than 65%. It is worthy of note however, that about 5% of the number of defaults in December accounts for 57% of the total of liabilities.

Notwithstanding the heavy indebtedness involved in the insolvencies that occurred in the last two months of 1929, the record for the year remains quite favorable in the comparison with many earlier years. There were 22,909 commercial defaults for the 12 months of 1929, with liabilities of \$483,250,196. This compares with 23,842 similar defaults in 1928 involving \$489,559,624. Only two years back to 1920 show liabilities for commercial failures in the United States less than that indicated for 1929.

All three classes into which the insolvency record for December is separated contributed to the increase over a year ago both as to the number of defaults and the liabilities, but the heaviest increase as to the latter appears in the manufacturing division. For December there were 559 manufacturing defaults for \$33,266,079 of indebtedness; 1,344 trading failures involving \$28,549,762, and 134 insolvencies in the third class, mainly agents and brokers for \$5,649,273. In December 1928, manufacturing defaults numbered 498 involving \$17,782,672 of liabilities; trading failures 1,324 for \$18,932,934, and agents and brokers, 121, for \$4,058,554. There is a large increase in the indebtedness reported for both manufacturing and trading defaults, notably the former. In the manufacturing division the sections embracing machinery and tools, and leather goods, the latter including shoes, show failures more numerous last month than they were the previous year. There is also some increase in the number of defaults in the iron manufacturing division; in the

large class covering lumber; in woolens; furs, hats and gloves; and earthenware. A notable decrease appears for the clothing division, as well as for baking. Quite an increase in liabilities occurred in the sections covering machinery and tools; clothing; leather goods and earthenware, but the largest increase in the manufacturing division covers the miscellaneous classes.

In the trading sections there was also quite a variety of changes as to the number of failures for last month compared with a year ago. A considerable increase in the number of defaults appears in the drug line. There is also some advance over a year ago for the large clothing class; as well as in the furniture division; in hardware, and for hotels and restaurants. On the other hand, quite a decrease appears in the leading grocery section; also, for dealers in jewelry, while fewer failures appear among dealers in dry goods, leather lines, including shoes, and furs, hats and gloves. As to liabilities the increase last month in the trading section is very largely for the class embracing hotels and restaurants; also, for the miscellaneous trading section. Some increase is also shown for the grocery division, furniture, and furs, hats and gloves. Liabilities for the section covering jewelry defaults show quite a reduction for last month compared with a year ago.

The number of insolvencies in December where the liabilities in each instance were in excess of \$100,000 was 101, for a total of \$38,549,317 of indebtedness. These figures were unusually high in both instances. There have been only a few months in which larger totals have been shown. The figures for December constitute practically one-seventh of the total for the 12 months of 1929, notwithstanding the fact that for both January and November a high average also appeared, but not so high as for December. The large failures last month were especially heavy in the division embracing manufacturing concerns, the number being 53 such defaults, with a total of indebtedness of \$23,303,271. The large trading failures in December numbered 32 for \$10,981,701 of liabilities, while there were 16 similar defaults for \$4,264,345 in the class embracing agents and brokers.

The stock market this week has again been a tame affair, and what there is to say about it may be encompassed in a few words. Business has dwindled to such small proportions that the fluctuations count for little. On one day the transactions fell below 2,000,000 shares. With the market so limited in character, the offering of a few hundred shares in any stock suffices to bring about a decline in that stock, while purchases of a few hundred shares in like manner are sufficient to send the price up. Fluctuations, however, have been almost as restricted as the volume of dealings. In this we are speaking of the market as a whole; some separate stocks have been exceptions to the rule. In the early part of the week, with business so small, the market was firm, and yet was inclined to sag a little at times. On Thursday a broad recovery ensued all along the line, with some slight increase in the volume of business. The exhibition of strength was carried into the dealings on Friday morning, but while the market remained firm, few further advances of substantial character were established. Call loan rates on the Stock Exchange declined from

5½% on Monday to 4@4½% the latter part of the week. The renewal rate never went lower than 4½%, and on Friday all loans were at that figure. As stated above, trading was on a very meager scale. On the New York Stock Exchange the sales at the half-day session last Saturday were 1,314,890 shares; on the full day Monday they were 2,171,740 shares; on Tuesday they were 2,029,290 shares; on Wednesday, 1,638,830 shares; on Thursday, 2,397,330 shares, and on Friday, 2,386,190 shares. On the New York Curb Exchange the sales last Saturday were 486,300 shares; on Monday they were 652,700 shares; on Tuesday, 583,100 shares; on Wednesday, 600,500 shares; on Thursday, 542,800 shares, and on Friday, 604,100 shares.

Prices are irregularly changed. United Aircraft closed yesterday at 49⅞ against 50 on Friday of last week; American Can at 123⅝ against 120⅞; United States Industrial Alcohol at 133½ against 134½; Commercial Solvents at 29⅞ against 29¾; Corn Products at 91¾ against 90¼; Shattuck & Co. at 40 against 38; Columbia Graphophone at 29⅝ against 29; Brooklyn Union Gas at 140¾ against bid 134; North American at 97 against 97; American Water Works at 95 against 91¼; Electric Power & Light at ex-div. 52½ against 51¼; Pacific Gas & Elec. at 54 against 51¾; Standard Gas & Elec. at 115½ against 113½; Consolidated Gas of N. Y. at 101¾ against 99; Columbia Gas & Elec. at 77⅞ against 74⅞; Public Service of N. J. at 86 against 85; International Harvester at 81¼ against 79½; Sears, Roebuck & Co. at 87⅞ against 84⅞; Montgomery Ward & Co. at 46¼ against 47; Woolworth at 67⅝ against 69¾; Safeway Stores at 116¾ against 113¾; Western Union Telegraph at 206 against 196¾; Amer. Tel. & Tel. at 219¼ against 221¼, and Int. Tel. & Tel. at 74 against 73⅞.

Allied Chemical & Dye closed yesterday at 265 against 258 on Friday of last week; Davison Chemical at 30 against 29; E. I. du Pont de Nemours at 114¼ against 117⅞; Radio Corp. at 41¾ against 42¾; General Elec. at 245½ against 245½; National Cash Register at 76½ against 75; Fox Film A at 20¼ against 21; International Combustion Engineering at 6 against 5⅞; International Nickel at 35¼ against 31½; A. M. Byers at 92⅞ against 90½; Timken Roller Bearing at 77¼ against 78; Warner Bros. Pictures at 43 against 40¼; Mack Trucks at 72 against 71¾; Yellow Truck & Coach at 135 against 14¼; Johns-Manville at 127 against 123; National Dairy Products at 47 against 48½; National Bellas Hess at 9⅞ against 9¾; Associated Dry Goods at 31 against 29; Lambert Co. at 99 against 98⅞; Texas Gulf Sulphur at 57¾ against 56½, and Kolster Radio at 4⅞ against 4.

The steel shares are generally higher. United States Steel closed yesterday at 171½ against 168½ on Friday of last week; Bethlehem Steel at 96½ against 93⅞, and Republic Iron & Steel at 77½ against 75½. The motor stocks are almost uniformly lower. General Motors closed yesterday at 39⅞ against 41¼ on Friday of last week; Nash Motors at 54¼ against 55⅞; Chrysler at 35½ against 37⅞; Packard Motors at 16⅞ against 16¾; Hudson Motor Car at 57 against 59⅞, and Hupp Motors at 23 against 23¾. In the rubber group Goodyear Rubber & Tire closed yesterday at 65 against 63½ on Friday of last week; B. F. Goodrich at 45 against 42; United States Rubber at 25⅝ against 24¾, and the preferred at 48¾ against 50.

Railroad stocks are irregularly changed, but mostly higher. Pennsylvania RR. closed yesterday at 74⅞ against 73¾ on Friday of last week; New York Central at 168 against 170; Erie RR. at 57⅞ against 57¼; Del. & Hudson at 164 against 161½; Baltimore & Ohio at 117½ against 116; New Haven at 111⅝ against 111½; Union Pacific at 218 against 219½; Southern Pacific at 120½ against 122¾; Missouri Pacific at 89 bid against 88; Kansas City Southern at 78 bid against 82¼; St. Louis-San Francisco at 109½ against 107⅞; Missouri-Kansas-Texas at 52¾ against 48⅞; Rock Island at 116 against 115; Great Northern at 97¾ against 90¼, and Northern Pacific at 86¼ against 86.

The oil shares have fluctuated within a very narrow margin. Standard Oil of N. J. closed yesterday at 64⅞ against 65⅞ on Friday of last week; Simms Petroleum at 26 against 26⅞; Skelly Oil at 31½ against 31⅞; Atlantic Refining at 38¼ against 38¾; Texas Corp. at 55½ against 55½; Pan American B at 58½ bid against 60; Phillips Petroleum at 34 against 35; Richfield Oil at 23½ against 24½; Standard Oil of N. Y. at 32¾ against 32⅞, and Pure Oil at 24 against 23⅞.

The copper shares have been the one group showing sustained strength, this on an active demand for the metal. Anaconda Copper closed yesterday at 76½ against 73¼ on Friday of last week; Kennecott Copper at 60 against 58⅞; Calumet & Hecla at 31½ against 29⅞; Andes Copper at 35 ex-div. against bid 33; Inspiration Copper at 29⅞ against 27¼; Calumet & Arizona at 88¼ against 82½; Granby Consolidated Copper at 56 ex-div. against 53½; American Smelting & Refining at 74½ against 74⅞, and U. S. Smelting & Ref. at 34⅞ against 34⅞.

Stock exchanges in the important European centers were firm and active in most sessions of the current week, with the world-wide trend toward easier money rates exerting a favorable influence in virtually all markets. Expectations are entertained of further reductions in the discount rates of the Bank of England and the Reichsbank, with reports also current of a possible downward readjustment of the 3½% rate so long maintained by the Bank of France. Failure of the Bank of England to take action Thursday proved a disappointment to the London market, causing some irregularity in prices of securities. In Berlin the belief prevails, according to press reports, that the German reduction awaits only a favorable outcome of the current reparations negotiations at The Hague. The conference of governments at The Hague was closely followed in all markets, though there was little apprehension of untoward developments. Financial authorities believed, rather, that the statesmen are all anxious to effect a speedy settlement of reparations, which in turn is expected to favor gradual improvement in European business affairs. The stock markets in all centers, moreover, are now considered to be in a much sounder position than they were most of last year. The substantial declines of the final months of 1929 eliminated many speculative holdings, according to this view, and brought stocks into the hands of stronger holders.

Business was started on the London Stock Exchange Monday in a very optimistic mood, and the trading proceeded on a larger scale than for some time past. Improvement in New York over the week-end helped the London market materially, while the

brighter monetary prospects also stimulated confidence. Gilt-edged securities improved and active bidding for international stocks and for British industrials brought enhancement in these sections also. The strong upward swing at London was continued Tuesday with the belief gaining ground that the Bank rate would be reduced Thursday from 5% to 4½%. British funds were buoyant and most other groups also advanced. Foreign bonds were less popular because of unfavorable developments in the silver market. Wednesday's market at London was again characterized by brisk trading and by further advances in prices. Gilt-edged securities were marked upward and improvement also was noted in a wide list of mining shares, oil stocks and British industrial issues. Only in the international group was there any uncertainty. Owing to the widespread hopes of favorable Bank action Thursday on the discount rate, much disappointment was caused by the maintenance of the 5% figure. A brisk advance again took place Thursday morning, but after the Bank announcement came at noon the market turned easier and assumed an irregular appearance at the close. The gilt-edged list formed an exception to the afternoon decline, these securities remaining firm. The London market resumed its advance yesterday, with gilt-edged securities again in the lead.

The Paris Bourse was firm at the opening Monday, but trading proceeded on a very small scale. Some selling was started by professional operators, dispatches said, and the list lost ground. The copper group remained steady. Transactions Tuesday were much like those of the preceding session. After a similarly firm opening a downward movement was caused by moderate offerings in a thin market. Financial circles were apparently inclined to await the results of The Hague conference before engaging in extensive buying, even though the prospects of the conference were viewed as favorable. The downward drift of prices was not, however, considered of any importance. Trading on the Bourse showed substantial improvement Wednesday and the more favorable atmosphere also resulted in a steady gain in prices. The upward trend was most pronounced in rentes, French rails, copper stocks and gold mining shares. Other issues advanced more slowly. The better tone was maintained Thursday and all French stocks moved upward. International stocks listed at Paris were less active, but the copper issues and gold mine shares remained steady. Further improvement took place in yesterday's session at Paris.

Trading on the Berlin Boerse was begun in brisk fashion Monday with numerous issues showing substantial gains. Optimistic reports from The Hague and an easier tone in money rates had a stimulating effect. Mining stocks, steel issues, Reichsbank shares and the electrical group all were purchased at advancing figures. The Boerse turned irregular Tuesday, although most issues maintained the closing prices of the preceding session. Unfavorable rumors regarding A. K. U. Artsilks caused a decline of 8 points in this issue. After a quiet opening Wednesday, trading again gained momentum and the market improved as a whole. Two foreign issues dominated the session, Svenskas gaining 16 marks, while Kreuger & Toll bonds advanced 17 points. The mining group showed distinct firmness, while artificial silk stocks also advanced. Some irregularity was caused Thursday by disappointment over the maintenance of the 5% discount figure by the

Bank of England, but confidence was soon re-established and the market again turned firm. Electrical issues were most actively sought, while potash stocks and some of the international shares also advanced. Buying gained momentum in yesterday's dealings at Berlin, and the entire market improved.

Foremost among the arrangements of the current week in preparation for the forthcoming naval limitation conference at London was the departure on Thursday of the American delegation on the steamship George Washington. The American representatives are expected to reach England in ample time for the opening session which will be held in the Royal Gallery of the House of Lords Jan. 21. There will also be time for anticipated preliminary conversations between Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson, who heads the American delegation, and Premier Andre Tardieu, leader of the French representatives. With the exception of the sailing of the American negotiators from New York, actual developments in connection with the conference were not especially significant. The State Department in Washington made public last Saturday the text of New Year's messages exchanged between King George of Great Britain and President Hoover in which the hope was expressed that the cause of naval disarmament will be advanced. King George, in his message to Mr. Hoover, offered his cordial greetings "at the commencement of the New Year, so full of promise for the advancement of world peace by naval disarmament." In a telegram reciprocating his Majesty's good wishes, President Hoover remarked that "the resolve to advance world peace by mutual good will and by limitation of naval armaments is the earnest purpose of the British and the American people and of their governments, as it will be the endeavor of the American Government to see this great object attained during the year which has just commenced."

President Hoover held his final meeting with members of the American delegation at a White House breakfast Tuesday morning. The five members of the official delegation of seven who were present at the meeting were Secretary of State Stimson, Secretary of the Navy Adams, Ambassador Dwight W. Morrow, and Senators David A. Reed and Joseph T. Robinson. Also present at the breakfast were a number of the naval advisers who will accompany the American contingent, and Under-Secretaries Cotton and Jahneke, who will assume the guidance of the State and Navy departments, respectively, while their chiefs are in London. In his final words to the delegates, President Hoover stressed three points for their guidance, according to a Washington report to the New York "Times." These points are: (1) that our aim is actual reduction of naval building programs and not mere limitation; (2) that the American delegates should be conciliatory toward representatives of other powers and give due consideration to their desire to make an agreement which will afford them a sense of security; (3) that the progress of the peace of the world rests in great measure on the shoulders of the five delegations. "It was a very hopeful if cautious message which the President delivered orally and informally to his breakfast guests," the "Times" dispatch said. The President emphasized, however, that he looks to the conference to accomplish results in the way of preserving the world's peace.

At his customary conference with press correspondents late Tuesday, Mr. Hoover repeated in condensed form the statements made earlier in the day to the naval delegates. "I am sure the whole nation bids godspeed to the American delegation that leaves tomorrow for the London naval arms conference," the President said. "The peoples and the governments of the five nations assembling at this meeting are sincerely desirous that agreement shall be brought about by which competition in construction of naval arms is brought to an end, and by which actual reduction in naval burdens of the world shall be accomplished. The difficulties of finding a basis that will be acceptable to five different nations are great, but they are not insuperable. The conclusion of the conference must be such as to give a sense of security and satisfaction to each of the nations. Permanent peace is never based on either taking advantage of or accepting a position of prejudice. The technology and complexities of the problem are such that we need hope for no immediate and quick results. To complete the conference in three or four months would be in itself a great accomplishment, and we should not expect any hurried conclusions. It is the most important of international conferences of a great many years, and probably the most important for many years to come. The progress of the peace of the world rests in great measure upon the shoulders of the five delegations. There is good-will toward the conference on the part of every nation. The importance and gravity of the occasion have been recognized in the dispatch to London of the leading men of every country. They have the will to succeed. I hope that the people of our country will co-operate in the progress of the conference by patience, encouragement and freedom from criticism. We go to London in a fine atmosphere of international good-will, and it is the duty of our country to preserve that atmosphere so far as lies within our power."

In press reports accompanying this statement it was indicated that President Hoover appears to feel he has reason to be encouraged over the prospects of the naval conference. The impression was conveyed, according to a report to the "Times," that he had received information as to the attitude of other participants which gave him ground for encouragement as to the prospect of an agreement that would be an advance toward disarmament. Secretary Stimson, who will be the spokesman for the American delegation, utilized the talking motion pictures Tuesday for the dissemination of a farewell message to the American people. Mr. Stimson referred in his address to the Washington conference of 1921 and remarked that it "seems a most opportune time for the United States to meet again with these same powers to see if we cannot still further delay or decrease expenses of the battleship fleets." At the same time, he added, "we shall endeavor to find a mutually satisfactory arrangement for limiting the building of cruisers, destroyers and submarines, and thus still further increase that sense of security essential to international good-will."

Cheerful statements also were issued in Great Britain this week regarding the prospects of the London conference. Prime Minister MacDonald, who retired to Lossiemouth, Scotland, for a short holiday, remarked Wednesday that he feels very optimistic about the gathering. "There is no use

in shouting before it is over," he said. "There are one or two difficult matters arising out of the different conditions of the countries, but I see no reason for fearing that an arrangement will not be reached." The Prime Minister made clear, in reply to questions, that the conference will deal with every class of warship from large battleships to submarines. "Great Britain, with the full consent of the Admiralty up to now, is prepared to make proposals that will mean considerable reductions in the naval program without in any degree impairing the security of the empire," he continued. "But everybody, both at home and abroad, must very clearly understand that these reductions will depend upon an international agreement. It is quite impossible for any one country to go beyond what can reasonably be regarded as a state of international equilibrium." Statements of similar purport were made by A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty.

While these hopeful public pronouncements were being made, preliminary conversations were continued among the several governments in efforts to solve the now generally recognized problems that are likely to make curtailment of navies difficult. The most important of these problems, it is believed, is the French attitude as expressed in the Paris memorandum of Dec. 21, which was published in full Dec. 27. The difficulty of arranging a suitable accord on cruisers and auxiliary vessels, to which France and Italy could subscribe, also is recognized. Italy has officially maintained in all declarations on the subject that she desires parity with any other Continental power, while France on the other hand has maintained that her double coastline on the Atlantic and the Mediterranean should entitle her to a larger tonnage than the Italian fleet. In an attempt to solve the problem thus presented France suggested in her memorandum that an accord on the Mediterranean might be reached among France, Britain, Italy and Spain. It was indicated in Paris dispatches of Tuesday that such a treaty of non-aggression and mutual guarantees in the Mediterranean was being drafted and would be submitted at London. A further problem of great importance is introduced by the Japanese demand for 70% of American or British strength in cruisers and auxiliary vessels. Indications that an adjustment of this problem might be found were given after the preliminary conversations in Washington last month between American and Japanese delegates to the conference. Further preliminary discussions were carried on this week between the British and Japanese delegates in London. Prime Minister MacDonald conferred with the chief Japanese delegates for a short time Thursday, but it was indicated afterward that more serious and prolonged discussions would begin to-day.

Further exchanges between France and Italy this week have dimmed the chances of a treaty on the Mediterranean, according to dispatches of Thursday from Paris and Rome. It was revealed in Paris, according to an Associated Press report, that Italy had frowned upon the idea of a broad treaty of mutual guarantees and instead had voiced a preference for a strictly Franco-Italian accord. Italian authorities, moreover, desired a concurrent settlement of long-standing questions relating to the North African possessions of the two countries. In a Rome report of the same date to the Associated Press it was made clear that France had replied to the last

Italian communication on the naval limitation problem with a rejection of the Italian proposal for parity. "Italy had proposed the idea of parity," the dispatch said, "on the understanding that she would accept any limit in tonnage that France would consider necessary for her defense." The Franco-Italian preliminary conversations were considered in both capitals to have reached an impasse, arousing pessimism about the naval limitation problem as it affects France and Italy. The likelihood of a successful understanding at the London conference was still considered good, however, the belief prevailing both at Paris and Rome that a way may yet be found out of the difficulty. It was pointed out, moreover, that Foreign Minister Briand of France, and Foreign Minister Grandi of Italy will meet early next week at Geneva where the League Council will assemble for its regular session. The suggestion was made that something might be achieved in the personal exchange of views on the naval question between these Ministers.

An indication was given by A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the British Admiralty, in a speech at Sheffield yesterday, that the conference may be able to effect more stringent limitation of cruiser building than appeared probable from the preliminary agreement between Britain and the United States. Britain, he said, will go to the conference prepared to agree to reduce her cruisers from 70 to 50, the latter figure representing the minimum needs of the Empire under present conditions. He added, however, that "if, unhappily, the international horizon should become in the future less unclouded than it is to-day, it will be incumbent upon the Board of Admiralty to review their position and make further proposals to his Majesty's Government."

Sessions of the conference of governments at The Hague, which opened Jan. 3, have proceeded this week much in accordance with expectations, and every assurance is now felt that agreement will be reached on outstanding problems and the way prepared for parliamentary ratification of the Young plan of German reparations payments by the several governments. When the delegates re-assembled late last week it was readily seen that much progress had been made in the intensive discussions that were carried on privately since the first Hague conference adjourned at the end of last August. The sessions of the first conference, it will be recalled, were marked by a serious clash of interests between Britain and France which threatened for a time to disrupt the gathering altogether. After a full month of earnest dispute regarding the allotment of the German unconditional annuities, five subcommittees were hastily appointed to carry out the technical details of the Young plan and the statesmen returned to their respective countries. During the remaining months of 1929 the subcommittees elaborated working sections of the Young plan and these were finally joined in legal form by a committee of jurists. Although the Young plan is specifically designed to remove German reparations from the political sphere and place them on a purely economic basis, the various subcommittees referred constantly to the governments for instructions on points of political difference. By this means, and also through direct conversations among the governments, many problems were adjusted and the way smoothed for the current conference.

The conference was opened by a short address delivered by Premier Henri Jaspar of Belgium, permanent President of the conference. M. Jaspar welcomed the distinguished gathering, thanked the Queen of Holland for her hospitality, and expressed regret over the recent death of Dr. Gustav Stresemann of Germany, who attended the first Hague meeting in his capacity of Foreign Minister of the Reich. The Belgian Premier then urged the delegates to work expeditiously because some of the statesmen are to attend the League Council sessions which begin next Monday, while others must proceed to London shortly for the naval conference that is to begin Jan. 21. The public meeting was then adjourned and a private meeting called at which it was decided to set up two main committees, one to consider German reparations and the other to consider payments by other Central European defeated States. The initial session thus passed off smoothly and in marked contrast to the first session of the August meeting in which Chancellor Snowden of Britain launched his demands for a greater share of the unconditional annuities than had been allotted Britain by the Experts' Committee in Paris.

The two committees started their tasks last Saturday in energetic fashion and in a hopeful atmosphere. Private negotiations were begun at the same time on the large problems that still remained for settlement. These differences were: firstly, the problem of the application of sanctions in the event of failure by Germany to make the scheduled payments, and, secondly, the problem of reparations payments by Hungary and Bulgaria. Neither of these matters yielded to settlement in the government discussions that have preceded the current meeting, and it was recognized that they might impose severe obstacles to the smooth progress of the meeting. The question of sanctions was admittedly made more difficult by the recent agreement between the United States and Germany in which provision is made for direct payment of the sums allotted to the United States in the schedule drawn up at Paris last spring. Under this agreement German payments to the United States depend solely on the good faith of the German Government. Representatives of the Reich made clear in advance of the current meeting that they would demand similar treatment at The Hague from all other governments, thus setting aside the sanctions for which provision is made in the Treaty of Versailles. Premier Tardieu of France, however, had promised the Chamber of Deputies that sanctions would be incorporated in any agreement reached at The Hague, and a clear-cut issue was thus provided. The question of payments by Hungary and Bulgaria was carried over into the current conference notwithstanding the best efforts of the subcommittee charged by the first Hague meeting to settle this matter. Agreement in the case of Hungary was made particularly difficult by the demand of Rumania that the Hungarian optants question be settled at the same time. Both governments, moreover, objected strenuously to the demands made upon them.

The first matter to come up for active consideration last Saturday in the official deliberations was that of payments by Austria. A joint proposal was made by England, France and Italy that all claims of the former Allied nations for Austrian repara-

tions be wiped out, in return for which Austria is to cancel all claims on the successor States for reimbursements for property of the former Austro-Hungarian Government. Austria appeared quite ready to accept this settlement, according to a report to the New York "Times," but Foreign Minister Titulescu of Rumania raised the point that it might be construed as a precedent by Hungary. M. Titulescu declared that his Government had nothing in principle against the proposal and would accept it provided Rumania got satisfactory settlements with Hungary and Bulgaria. It was reported in the "Times" dispatch that Bulgaria was ready to accept a schedule of payments by which she is to make annual transfers of approximately \$2,300,000 to the former Allies. The dispatch added that the French, English and Italians will press for acceptance of their plan on the ground that it "amounts to the claimants giving up what they would not get in order to promote peace." Discussion of the problem of payments by the non-German defeated States was continued all week, however, with indications that the very troublesome matter of Hungarian payments might be reached to-day.

Sharp clashes between the French and German delegations promptly resulted Monday when consideration was begun of the question of sanctions, which involves more specifically the legal right of the former Allies to re-occupy portions of the Rhineland in the event of presumed wilful failure of the German Government to make scheduled reparations payments. Premier Tardieu demanded the inclusion of sanctions in the protocol of The Hague conference. Dr. Julius Curtius, Foreign Minister of Germany, opposed the proposal vigorously, pointing out that voluntary acceptance by Germany of the business settlement of reparations in the Young plan should mean an end to all military sanctions. Dr. Curtius also cited the separate reparations accord with the United States, which accepts German good faith as the sole guaranty of payment. The British and Italian delegates consistently supported the French viewpoint. A question also arose regarding the exact date of German payments, the representatives of the creditor nations maintaining that payments should be made in the middle of the specified months, while the Germans held out for month-end payments which would save them interest. Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, President of the Reichsbank, was asked to come to The Hague in order to aid in clearing up these problems.

Discussion was directed Tuesday to the separate agreement between the United States and Germany, with the result that the status of this agreement in the Young plan was clarified. The possibility was suggested in the conference that Germany, under the separate agreement, might continue to make payments to the United States after having halted payments to the Bank for International Settlements under the clauses of the Young plan providing for suspension in certain circumstances. To remove this possibility a resolution was adopted by Germany and the important creditor powers to the effect that the German Government will not take advantage of the rights of moratorium except simultaneously toward all the powers whose claims are accepted in the report of the experts. The differences between the French and German delegations on sanctions continued meanwhile, with the French offering to leave the issue of German good faith to

the World Court and to resume the right to use sanctions only if the Court finds Germany at fault. S. Parker Gilbert, Agent General for Reparations Payments at Berlin, arrived at The Hague Tuesday to deal with technical questions. Some dubiety was caused by the inability, announced on the same day, of Dr. Schacht to respond immediately to the call for his aid. The Reichsbank head replied that he would be unable to reach the conference until tomorrow (Sunday), but Dr. Ludwig Kastl arrived at The Hague Wednesday to assist as much as possible in the meantime.

The deadlock on the question of sanctions continued Wednesday, and an irritating exchange between the Germans and the French only served to aggravate the differences. Premier Tardieu, in statements to the press, was said to have declared that the Germans had shown a lack of confidence in themselves through their repeated recourse to Berlin for instructions. Some versions of this declaration appeared offensive to the German delegation, which demanded an explanation. This was promptly given by the French and the incident was allowed to pass. Considerable progress in settlement of the sanctions difficulty was made Thursday, however, at a meeting attended by Premier Tardieu and Foreign Minister Briand for France, and Foreign Minister Curtius and Minister for Economics Wirth for Germany. Sanctions were accepted "in principle" by the German delegation, according to a dispatch to the United Press, but it was inferred that the Reich representatives demanded that the sanctions be given an economic rather than a military color. A counter proposal was prepared by the Germans on sanctions, the dispatch added, in which emphasis was placed on the recommendations in the Young plan for relinquishment of all controls and special securities by the creditor nations.

While these discussions continued, preparations were under way for formal consideration of the first loan in the mobilization of German reparations, a report to the New York "Times" said. These discussions are to begin next Monday, after the arrival of Jackson E. Reynolds and Melvin A. Traylor from the United States. Tentative suggestions are being made for a loan of \$200,000,000, the "Times" dispatch indicates, of which Germany, France and the United States are each to subscribe \$50,000,000, while the remaining \$50,000,000 would be taken by England, Italy, Holland, and Switzerland. Decision on this point is to be delayed until after the arrival of Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Traylor. Some changes are being made in the draft of the Bank for International Settlements, but the eleven alterations under consideration were said to be of minor importance.

A decided reverse was suffered this week by the dictatorship of General Primo de Rivera, who has ruled Spain as Premier-Dictator since 1923. As a concession toward the return of "semi-normal" government, General de Rivera announced several weeks ago that municipal and provincial elections would be held in the coming spring and summer, resulting in a final choice of a representative Assembly. The National Assembly as now constituted has held only desultory meetings under the watchful eye of the Dictator, and it now appears that important members of the body have declined to attend further meetings. In a royal decree published Tuesday,

Senor de Rivera gave the former Presidents of the Senate, the House of Deputies and the Council of Ministers ten days in which to take the Assembly seats which are theirs by right. An equal period was allowed to various Assemblymen who had been elected by the academies, universities, law colleges and other groups. "The decree was intended," an Associated Press dispatch from Madrid said, "to clear the status of those Assemblymen and to determine whether they are attempting to revive the old political party system which the present Government abolished." More significant still is a proposition for a change of government placed before the King late last week by the entire Council of Ministers. The Ministers called upon the Premier either to resign or else hold a general election. This proposal was rejected by Premier de Rivera. It was declared in a dispatch to the New York "Times," however, that "events in Madrid have demonstrated clearly that Premier Primo de Rivera no longer constitutes a one-man government."

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, Belgium, and Switzerland. In the London open market discounts for short bills yesterday were 4½% against 4¼@ 4 5/16% on Friday of last week, and 4 1/16@4½% for long bills against 4¾% the previous Friday. Money on call in London yesterday was 3¾%. At Paris open market remain at 3½%, but in Switzerland have dropped from 3 3/16% to 3½%.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended Jan. 8 shows a gain of £3,099,123 in bullion, bringing the total up to £149,214,869. A year ago the Bank's gold holdings aggregated £154,479,280. Circulation contracted £6,861,000 and this together with the gain in gold brought about an increase of £9,960,000 in reserves. Public deposits rose £4,861,000 while other deposits fell off £36,544,462. The latter includes bankers' accounts and other accounts which decreased £34,595,728 and £1,948,734 respectively. The reserve ratio is now 36.02%, compared with 38.99% a year ago. A decrease of £11,773,000 was shown in loans on Government securities and of £29,817,401 in those on other securities. Other securities consist of "discounts and advances" and "securities." The former decreased £27,088,631 and the latter £2,728,770. The Bank rate remains 5%. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items for five years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
	Jan. 8	Jan. 9	Jan. 11	Jan. 12	Jan. 13
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation a	362,921,000	369,517,000	135,933,585	138,083,730	141,907,835
Public deposits	17,211,000	10,994,000	14,853,638	15,372,145	13,803,506
Other deposits	111,275,000	104,305,000	110,060,555	111,539,306	114,850,576
Bankers' accounts	75,701,298	67,491,000			
Other accounts	35,574,069	36,813,000			
Government securities	69,885,855	57,740,000	39,628,992	34,767,634	44,582,526
Other securities	30,366,704	30,654,000	64,504,322	77,056,244	80,007,071
Disct. & advances	15,081,971	14,686,000			
Securities	15,284,733	15,969,000			
Reserve notes & coin	46,292,000	44,960,000	38,817,964	33,154,989	22,093,812
Coin and bullion	149,214,869	154,479,280	155,001,549	151,488,719	144,251,647
Proportion of reserve to liabilities	36.02%	38.99%	31.07%	26.20%	17½%
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 ending Jan. 4, the Bank of France shows an increase in gold holdings of 765,000,000 francs, raising the total of gold held to 42,433,625,382 francs, as compared with 32,679,039,643 francs at the corresponding week last year. A decrease appears in credit balances abroad of 140,000,000 francs, while bills bought abroad records an increase of 68,000,000 francs. Notes in circulation expanded 1,717,000,000 francs bringing the total of the item up to 70,287,395,400 francs, in comparison with 63,915,518,415 francs in the corresponding week last year. French commercial bills discounted and creditor current accounts record decreases, respectively, of 711,000,000 francs and 1,398,000 francs, while advances against securities reveal a gain of 167,000,000 francs. Below we compare the various items for the past two weeks and also the corresponding week last year:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.		Status as of	
	Jan. 4 1930.	Dec. 28 1929.	Jan. 5 1929.	Jan. 4 1929.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Gold holdings...Inc.	765,000,000	42,433,625,382	41,668,420,261	32,679,039,643
Credit bals. abr'd. Dec.	140,000,000	7,109,163,722	7,249,163,722	13,510,491,654
French commercial bills discounted. Dec.	711,000,000	7,874,579,462	8,585,579,462	1,911,533,198
Bills bought abr'd. Inc.	68,000,000	18,740,293,169	18,672,293,369	19,129,512,128
Adv. agst. secur's. Inc.	167,000,000	2,688,144,243	2,521,144,243	2,223,056,578
Note circulation. Inc.	1,717,000,000	70,287,395,400	68,570,395,400	63,915,518,415
Cred. cur. acct's. Dec.	1,398,000,000	18,190,255,735	19,588,255,735	19,231,360,240

The Bank of Germany in its statement for the first seven days of January reports an increase of 716,000 marks in gold and bullion. The total of gold now amounts to 2,283,832,000 marks, which compares with 2,729,341,000 marks in the corresponding week last year and 1,864,585,000 marks two years ago. Reserves in foreign currency show an increase of 237,000 marks, while the item of deposits abroad remains unchanged. Silver and other coin and notes on other German banks expanded 17,905,000 marks and 9,084,000 marks respectively. Notes in circulation reveal a loss of 438,998,000 marks, reducing the total of the item to 4,604,679,000 marks, as compared with 4,484,184,000 marks of last year. A decrease appears in bills of exchange and checks of 454,662,000 marks, in advances of 199,406,000 marks and in other daily maturing obligations of 170,657,000 marks while on the other hand an increase is recorded in other assets of 18,716,000 marks, in investments of 139,000 marks, and in other liabilities of 2,384,000 marks. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items of the Bank's return for the past three years:

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Assets—	Changes for Week.		Jan. 7 1930.		Jan. 7 1929.		Jan. 7 1928.	
	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	
Gold and bullion...Inc.	716,000	2,283,832,000	2,729,341,000	1,864,585,000				
Of which depos. abr'd. Unchanged		149,788,000	85,626,000	81,437,000				
Res've in for'n curr. Inc.	237,000	403,464,000	157,377,000	285,691,000				
Bills of exch. & checks. Dec.	454,662,000	2,771,981,000	2,101,183,000	2,835,490,000				
Silver and other coin. Inc.	17,905,000	107,016,000	93,618,000	51,414,000				
Notes on oth. Ger. bks. Inc.	9,084,000	13,063,000	19,604,000	14,503,000				
Advances...Dec.	199,406,000	5,242,000	54,211,000	23,130,000				
Investments...Inc.	139,000	92,608,000	92,278,000	93,356,000				
Other assets...Inc.	18,716,000	581,883,000	562,480,000	519,313,000				
Liabilities—								
Notes in circulation. Dec.	438,998,000	4,604,679,000	4,484,184,000	4,170,932,000				
Oth. daily mat. oblig. Dec.	170,657,000	584,513,000	619,300,000	676,046,000				
Other liabilities...Inc.	2,384,000	195,593,000	299,619,000	275,143,000				

A soft tone prevailed in the New York money market this week, rates moving off steadily from the levels established in the relative stringency of the year-end period. The downward tendency, moreover, is world-wide in extent, and there is general expectation in virtually all important financial centers of further declines in central bank discount rates. Call loans in New York renewed at 5% Monday, but new loans were arranged at 4½%, while in the unofficial "outside" market transac-

tions were reported as low as $3\frac{1}{2}\%$. With a heavy supply of funds available, call loans renewed Tuesday at $4\frac{1}{2}\%$, and new loans dropped to 4% . The liberal offerings again overflowed into the street market, where some transactions took place at 3% . The course of rates Wednesday and Thursday was similar to that on Tuesday, call loans dropping on both occasions from the renewal figure of $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ to 4% for new loans. In the outside market funds were available at $3\frac{1}{2}\%$. In yesterday's market the demand loan figure was $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ throughout, with outside money available at 4% . The easier tendency of money rates was accentuated by a drop of \$72,000,000 in brokers' loans against stock and bond collateral in the statement of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for the week ended Wednesday. The resume issued by the Federal Reserve for the week ended Wednesday showed gold exports of \$8,632,000, but of this total \$8,497,000 was reported in the daily statement for Jan. 3. Imports for the week covered in the report amounted to \$398,000.

Dealing in detail with the call loan rates on the Stock Exchange from day to day, the renewal rate on Monday was 5% , but as the day advanced there was a decline to $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ in the rate for new loans. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the renewal rate each day was $4\frac{1}{2}\%$, with a drop to 4% in the rate for new loans. On Friday all loans were at $4\frac{1}{2}\%$, including renewals. Time money continued dull, with rates fractionally lower. On Monday quoted rates were $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ @ 5% for all dates. On each day since then the range has been $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ @ $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ for all dates. There has continued to be a good demand for commercial paper in the open market, and rates have eased a trifle. Rates for names of choice character maturing in four to six months continued to rule at 5% until Thursday, when paper for the shorter was offered at $4\frac{3}{4}\%$, and the range now is $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ @ 5% . Names less well known continue to be quoted at $5\frac{1}{4}\%$, with New England mill paper also commanding $5\frac{1}{4}\%$.

As to bankers' acceptances, during the fore part of the week prime bank acceptances were in good demand, with liberal offerings available, but the market sagged as the week advanced, and the offerings were in excess of the requirements. Rates on 30- to 90-day paper were advanced in both the bid and asked columns $\frac{1}{8}\%$ at 3 P. M. of Friday, though no formal announcement will be made until Monday. The trouble was that the Federal Reserve Banks allowed large amounts of bills to run off and did not replace them with new bills. The Federal Reserve Banks reduced their holdings of acceptances during the week from \$392,209,000 to \$319,167,000. Their holdings of acceptances for foreign correspondents also fell off, dropping from \$547,962,000 to \$527,816,000. Directly and indirectly, therefore, the Reserve Banks reduced their holdings of acceptances during the week in amount of no less than \$93,188,000. The posted rates of the American Acceptance Council are now $4\frac{1}{8}\%$ bid and 4% asked for bills running 30 days, and also for 60 and 90 days, and likewise for 120 days, and $4\frac{1}{4}\%$ bid and $4\frac{1}{8}\%$ asked for 150 and 180 days. The Acceptance Council no longer gives the rates for call loans secured by acceptances, the rates varying widely. Open market rates for acceptances have also been advanced, and are now as follows:

SPOT DELIVERY.					
—180 Days—		—150 Days—		—120 Days—	
Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligib. bills	$4\frac{1}{4}$	$4\frac{1}{4}$	$4\frac{1}{4}$	$4\frac{1}{4}$	$4\frac{1}{4}$
—90 Days—		—60 Days—		—30 Days—	
Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills	$4\frac{1}{8}$	4	$4\frac{1}{8}$	4	$4\frac{1}{8}$

FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.

Eligible member banks	$4\frac{1}{4}$ bid
Eligible non-member banks	$4\frac{1}{4}$ 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. 10.	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Boston	$4\frac{1}{4}$	Nov. 21 1929	5
New York	$4\frac{1}{4}$	Nov. 15 1929	5
Philadelphia	5	July 26 1928	$4\frac{1}{4}$
Cleveland	5	Aug. 1 1928	$4\frac{1}{4}$
Richmond	5	July 13 1928	$4\frac{1}{4}$
Atlanta	$4\frac{1}{4}$	Dec. 10 1929	5
Chicago	$4\frac{1}{4}$	Nov. 23 1929	5
St. Louis	5	July 19 1928	$4\frac{1}{4}$
Minneapolis	5	May 14 1929	$4\frac{1}{4}$
Kansas City	$4\frac{1}{4}$	Dec. 20 1929	5
Dallas	5	Mar. 2 1929	$4\frac{1}{4}$
San Francisco	$4\frac{1}{4}$	Dec. 6 1929	5

Sterling exchange has been dull and easier the greater part of the week, with trading confined to routine requirements, owing to the general expectation in banking circles, both here and on the other side, that the Bank of England would reduce its rate of discount to $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ from 5% . When on Thursday it was learned that there would be no change in the Bank's official rate, the market became more active and showed a firmer tone. The range this week has been from 4.86 7-16 to $4.87\frac{3}{8}$ for bankers' sight, compared with 4.87 1-32 to $4.87\frac{7}{8}$ last week. The range for cable transfers has been from 4.86 15-16 to 4.87 11-16, compared with 4.87 17-32 to 4.88 5-16 a week ago. The market still continues to count upon a reduction in the Bank of England rate as money rates are showing a decided tendency to sag both in London and New York. With easier money rates in both centers, it is natural to expect a recession in the price of sterling with respect to the dollar, which would nevertheless result in relatively firm quotations for this season. An indication of the course of money in London is found in the steady decline in quotations for three-month bills. It will be recalled that the Bank of England rate was reduced from $6\frac{1}{2}\%$ to 6% on Oct. 31. At that time three-month bills were quoted at $5\frac{3}{4}\%$ to 5 13-16%. A generally downward trend became apparent from that date, which sent three-month bills in the middle of December to $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ @ 4 13-16%. They are now 4 1-16 @ $4\frac{1}{8}\%$.

The gold situation of the Bank of England is now more favorable than since mid-summer and total bullion holdings of the Bank are only a fraction under the Cunliffe minimum of £150,000,000. This week the Bank of England shows an increase in gold holdings as of Jan. 9 of £3,099,123, the total standing at £149,214,869, which compares with £154,479,280 a year ago. On Saturday, the Bank of England received £150,772 in sovereigns from abroad, bought £23,882 in gold bars, and £10 in foreign gold coin. On Monday the Bank received £1,251,244 in sovereigns from abroad and sold £1,712 in gold bars. Of the sovereigns purchased £500,000 were from South Africa and the remainder from Argentina. On Tuesday the Bank bought £535,500 in gold bars out of a total of £746,000 available in the open market and exported £2,000 in sovereigns. On Wednesday

the Bank exported £32,000 in sovereigns and sold £8,596 in gold bars. On Thursday the Bank bought £20,906 in gold bars, received £2,964 in sovereigns, sold £3,445 in gold bars, and exported £2,000 in sovereigns. On Friday the Bank received \$1,000,000 in sovereigns from abroad, sold £29,237 and bought £1,153 in gold bars.

At the Port of New York, the gold movement for the week Jan. 2-Jan. 8, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of \$398,000 chiefly from Latin America. Exports totaled \$8,632,000, of which \$8,497,000 were shipped to France and \$135,000 to Mexico. There was no change in gold earmarked for foreign account. In tabular form the gold movement at the Port of New York for the week ended Jan. 8, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was as follows:

GOLD MOVEMENT AT NEW YORK, JAN. 2-JAN. 8, INCL.	
<i>Imports.</i>	<i>Exports.</i>
\$398,000 chiefly from Latin America	\$8,497,000 to France 135,000 to Mexico
\$398,000 total	\$8,632,000 total
<i>Net Change in Gold Earmarked for Foreign Account.</i>	
No change	

Canadian exchange continues at a severe discount. At noon on Saturday last Montreal funds were quoted at 1% discount; on Monday at 1%; on Tuesday and Wednesday at 1 1-16%; on Thursday at 1 1-32%; and on Friday at 1 1-64% discount. The Toronto "Mail and Express" recently published a study definitely showing that the country has abandoned the gold standard and that the gold reserve is below the minimum legal requirement. This assertion has been made frequently in the financial press of both New York and London, but this seems to be the first occasion on which the situation has been frankly admitted and discussed in Canada. On Dec. 23 a Dow-Jones dispatch from Ottawa pointed out that the legal gold reserve required by the existing amount of note issue and of the postal and Dominion savings banks totals \$86,490,372, whereas the amount of the gold reserve of the country was, by the Government's own figures only \$62,827,668, or about 27% below the required minimum. The Canadian Government has authority by order in council to borrow or otherwise obtain money to retire the note issue above the statutory requirement or to purchase sufficient gold to bring the metal reserve to the proper ratio with the note issue.

Referring to day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday last was steady in a dull half-day market. Bankers' sight was 4.87 1-16@4.87 3/8; cable transfers 4.87 3/8@4.87 11-16. On Monday the market continued dull. The range was 4.86 29-32@4.87 3-16 for bankers' sight and 4.87 11-32@4.87 1/2 for cable transfers. On Tuesday the market was dull and easier. Bankers' sight was 4.86 3/4@4.87 1-16; cable transfers 4.87 1/8@4.87 3/8. On Wednesday the market continued under pressure. The range was 4.86 7-16@4.86 11-16 for bankers' sight and 4.86 15-16@4.87 1-32 for cable transfers. On Thursday the market improved and sterling advanced. The range was 4.86 9-16@4.87 for bankers' sight and 4.87 1-32@4.87 5-16 for cable transfers. On Friday the market was easier again. The range was 4.86 9-16@4.86 3/4 for bankers' sight and 4.86 15-16@4.87 1-16 for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were 4.86 5/8 for demand and 4.87 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4.86 1/2, sixty-day bills at 4.82 5/8, ninety-

day bills at 4.81, documents for payment (60 days) at 4.82 5/8, and seven-day grain bills at 4.85 13-16. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4.86 1/2.

The Continental exchanges have been dull and irregular, influenced largely by the uncertainty which pervaded the market with respect to the probable action of the Bank of England on the rediscount rate. The comparative weakness of the foreign currencies as compared with the last few weeks in December is largely of seasonal character and due to the completion of year-end operations. All the Continental currencies are easier with respect to the dollar except Germany and also with respect to the pound sterling. French francs have been especially dull and though money is in large supply in Paris at very low rates, money continues to sweep into France. Bankers in Paris and in other centers are sounding warnings against the accumulation of gold in France as a situation tending to create inflation. This week the Bank of France shows an increase in gold holdings of 765,000,000 francs, the total standing at record high as of Jan. 3 at 42,433,000,000 francs. This compares with 32,679,000,000 francs on Jan 5 1929. The Bank's ratio is also at record high, standing at 47.96%, compared with 47.26% on Dec. 27 1929, with 39.72% a year ago, and with a legal requirement of 35%. Comment in Paris is largely to the effect that the exceptionally strong monetary situation does not call for such an increase in gold holdings. The Bank of France is not intervening in the exchange market and it is pointed out that were the Bank to take steps to prevent gold imports, it could only do so through purchasing foreign exchange bills and that to pay for them it would have to create bank notes exactly as it does when it pays for gold purchased in the market. The point is also made that whereas the gold imports reduce the base of money supplies on the market from which the gold is taken, foreign exchange bought by the Bank of France would serve to create available capital in France without drawing on other markets and might therefore work for inflation in all markets.

German marks have been steady and on average slightly firmer than last week. The firmness in the mark is due in some measure to confidence entertained in the soundness of the policies pursued by the Reichsbank. Of course, the firmer rates and greater demand for money in the German centres are also a factor, as transfers to meet credit requirements are in steady request at New York, London, Amsterdam, and other important centres. The Reichsbank's statement as of Jan. 17 shows an increase of gold holdings of 716,000 marks, the total standing at 2,283,800,000 marks. The position of the Reichsbank is considered strong and there is a general expectation that the rediscount rate, which is now 7%, will be reduced to 6 1/2%, although it seems probable that such a step will be postponed until after The Hague conference.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 123.91 on Friday of this week, against 123.95 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at 3.92 7/8 against 3.93 3-16 on Friday a week ago; cable transfers at 3.93 1/8 against 3.93 7-16, and commercial sight bills at 3.92 9-16 against 3.92 7/8. Antwerp belgas finished at 13.93 1/2 for checks and at 13.94 1/2 for cable transfers against 13.97 and 13.98. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 23.88 1/4 for checks and 23.89 1/4 for cable transfers in comparison

with 23.85½ and 23.86½ a week earlier. Italian lire closed at 5.23 1-16 for bankers' sight and 5.23 5-16 for cable transfers against 5.23¼ and 5.23½ on Friday of last week. Austrian schillings closed at 14¼ on Friday of this week against 14¼ on Friday of last week. Exchange on Czechoslovakia finished at 2.96 against 2.96¾; on Bucharest at 0.60¾ against 0.60½; on Poland at 11.25 against 11.25, and on Finland at 2.52 against 2.52. Greek exchange closed at 1.30 for bankers' sight and 1.30¼ for cable transfers against 1.30¼ and 1.30½.

Exchange on the countries neutral during the war is dull. Holland guilders have been inclined to ease in sympathetic relation with the sterling market, but the guilder rate is also influenced by the fact that Holland funds are in demand in the German markets and in other centers where they can bring more profitable return. Spanish pesetas have been extremely irregular and have fallen sharply. The break in pesetas is due to speculative trading and to the uncertainty as to the rate of stabilization which the Government may have in mind. The extreme uncertainty of the political situation seems to be causing exportation of capital in substantial volume. In addition to these factors, 40% of the subscriptions to the Government's gold loan fall due this month and the buying of foreign currencies for this purpose has had a depressing effect on peseta rates. In the present unstable condition of the currency a fairly large amount of selling will bring about wider fluctuations than would seem justified. During recent months the exchange market has tended to react to the Government's announcements that stabilization would be brought about as soon as possible with declines in the rate for pesetas. Apparently the market believes that stabilization at a level attractive to the Government or at par would be unwisely attempted. With the exchange rate at the lowest point in recent years, stabilization could now be accomplished with a gold cover for notes in excess of Spain's needs and with no danger of losing too much metal after the action. The recent flotation of a Government gold loan indicates that stabilization under former gold parity of 19.3 would be unsatisfactory. Even stabilization at par would not endanger the gold reserves, which would be more than adequate, and the gold loan seems to make stabilization at par doubly safe. It is difficult to determine the trend of pesetas, as no satisfactory official information reaches the press. It is generally understood that there is much disagreement in Spanish financial and political circles as to the course to be followed.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 40.24¼, against 40.32 on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 40.26¼, against 40.34; and commercial sight bills at 40.21, against 40.28½. Swiss francs closed at 19.37¼ for bankers' sight and at 19.38¼ for cable transfers, in comparison with 19.39¼ and 19.40¼ a week earlier. Copenhagen checks finished at 26.74½ and cable transfers at 26.76, against 26.76 and 26.78. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.83½ and cable transfers at 26.85, against 26.86 and 26.88; while checks on Norway finished at 26.73½ and cable transfers at 26.75, against 26.76 and 26.78. Spanish pesetas closed at 13.27 for checks and at 13.28 for cable transfers, which compares with 13.31 and 13.32 a week earlier.

The South American exchanges continue dull, with Argentine exchange especially weak in tone. The fundamental conditions affecting exchange on both Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro have been discussed in some detail here during the past few weeks and there are no new features that might alter the situation in either center. The unsatisfactory situation in the coffee trade is the principal factor of weakness in Brazilian milreis. Reports from Rio de Janeiro state that there is deep pessimism with respect to the present financial condition of Brazil in banking and commercial circles. Government officials have made no statement about their plans for meeting the problem, although rumors were rife a few weeks ago that the Government planned to export gold to New York and London for the purpose of strengthening the milreis. According to some bankers, much Brazilian capital has been exported to the United States and Europe for investment during recent weeks. In Argentina a poor crop season and a disappointing export season, together with the impossibility of borrowing in the New York market during the past year, are responsible for the weak tone of the peso.

Argentine paper pesos closed at 40.20 for checks as compared with 40 11-16 on Friday of last week; and at 40.25 for cable transfers against 40¾. Brazilian milreis finished at 11.47 for checks and at 11.50 for cable transfers against 10.85 and 10.88. Chilean exchange closed at 12 1-16 for checks and at 12½ for cable transfers against 12.10 and 12.15; Peru at 3.99 for checks and at 4.00 for cable transfers against 3.77 and 3.78.

The Far Eastern exchanges are of uppermost importance at present. On Jan. 11 Japan returns to the gold standard, with the removal of the embargo on gold exports. Japanese yen are firm. Chinese exchange quotations are demoralized owing to the sharp decline in silver prices. In Wednesday's market the Far Eastern silver currencies touched new low levels, with Shanghai quoted around 48½c., compared with 63½c. at this time last year, and Hongkong at 39¾c., compared with 50½c. last year. At the same time silver quotations in London touched a new low of 20 5-16d., in contrast to 26¾d. last year. Mexican dollars were at 32½c., compared with parity of 50c. The demonetization of silver currency in India preparatory to the shift from silver to the gold standard is also a compelling factor in the decline of silver. China is reported overstocked in silver. T. V. Soong, Minister of Finance of the Nationalist Government, recently admitted that the currency situation was very serious. He expressed the belief, however, that the crisis would be surmounted, adding "If China can enjoy peace, allowing trade to flourish, the dollar crisis will disappear, but if more wars eventuate, the financial future is obscure." It is generally considered that the only lasting solution for this problem will be for China to establish gold as the currency standard. This measure is considered impossible at present.

Closing quotations for yen checks yesterday were 49.15@49.25 against 49.10@49 3-16. Hongkong closed at 39½@39 15-16 against 40⅞@41 5-16; Shanghai at 49@49¼ against 51⅝@51¾; Manila at 50 against 50; Singapore at 56 5-16@56⅝ against 56⅝@56⅝; 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
JAN. 4 1929 TO JAN. 10, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers to New York Value to United States Money.					
	Jan. 4.	Jan. 6.	Jan. 7.	Jan. 8.	Jan. 9.	Jan. 10.
EUROPE—						
Austria, schilling	1.40611	1.40604	1.40655	1.40580	1.40628	1.40608
Belgium, belga	139696	139675	139641	139458	139563	139463
Bulgaria, lev	0.07227	0.07225	0.07260	0.07212	0.07212	0.07210
Czechoslovakia, krone	0.29593	0.29590	0.29591	0.29590	0.29589	0.29576
Denmark, krone	2.67828	2.67784	2.67650	2.67486	2.67638	2.67526
England, pound sterling	4.875667	4.873224	4.872323	4.869171	4.871107	4.869181
Finland, marka	0.25163	0.25164	0.25162	0.25157	0.25160	0.25166
France, franc	0.39337	0.39329	0.39324	0.39305	0.39311	0.39299
Germany, reichsmark	2.38621	2.38659	2.38614	2.38723	2.38922	2.38861
Greece, drachma	0.12988	0.12986	0.12988	0.12976	0.12982	0.12980
Holland, guilder	4.03407	4.03334	4.03280	4.02928	4.03035	4.02740
Hungary, pengo	17.5016	17.5008	17.4991	17.4979	17.4974	17.4966
Italy, lira	0.52333	0.52326	0.52324	0.52306	0.52323	0.52321
Norway, krone	2.67700	2.67747	2.67814	2.67427	2.67575	2.67434
Poland, zloty	11.1977	11.1988	11.1983	11.1977	11.1972	11.1983
Portugal, escudo	0.45000	0.45050	0.45000	0.45033	0.44916	0.44916
Rumania, leu	0.05976	0.05973	0.05971	0.05969	0.05971	0.05966
Spain, peseta	13.2765	15.1651	12.9842	12.5509	12.4447	13.1697
Sweden, krona	2.68777	2.68705	2.68583	2.68375	2.68496	2.68402
Switzerland, franc	19.4002	19.3982	19.3998	19.3820	19.3871	19.3813
Yugoslavia, dinar	0.17700	0.17701	0.17694	0.17692	0.17695	0.17683
ASIA—						
China—						
Chefoo, tael	5.21875	5.09583	5.09165	5.00416	5.06875	5.06875
Hankow, tael	5.15156	5.04843	5.04531	4.96562	5.03281	5.02968
Shanghai, tael	5.03392	4.91250	4.91642	4.81785	4.89910	4.89642
Tientsin, tael	5.30000	5.18541	5.18125	5.09166	5.15833	5.15833
Hong Kong, dollar	4.01964	3.96964	3.96250	3.91071	3.93035	3.93750
Mexican, dollar	3.63125	3.53750	3.53125	3.45000	3.51562	3.50312
Tientsin or Pelyang, dollar	3.65416	3.55416	3.54583	3.49583	3.53750	3.53750
Yuan, dollar	3.62083	3.52083	3.51250	3.46250	3.50416	3.50416
India, rupee	3.63400	3.63385	3.63550	3.63089	3.63214	3.63214
Japan, yen	4.90587	4.90556	4.90415	4.90262	4.90468	4.90956
Singapore (S.S.) dollar	5.60416	5.60416	5.60416	5.60208	5.60416	5.60416
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar	9.89175	9.90542	9.89522	9.89314	9.89505	9.89609
Cuba, peso	9.99237	9.99237	9.99250	9.99250	9.99249	9.99249
Mexico, peso	4.78925	4.79000	4.77650	4.75425	4.74262	4.72650
Newfoundland, dollar	9.87187	9.88312	9.86656	9.86718	9.87250	9.87281
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso (gold)	9.18727	9.20905	9.20667	9.13349	9.13436	9.13853
Brazil, milreals	1.08540	1.07905	1.07900	1.08410	1.09450	1.11025
Chile, peso	1.20745	1.20724	1.20734	1.20622	1.20638	1.20622
Uruguay, peso	9.37643	9.38762	9.38226	9.30965	9.29801	9.28026
Colombia, peso	9.63900	9.63900	9.63900	9.63900	9.63900	9.63900

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, Jan. 4.	Monday, Jan. 6.	Tuesday, Jan. 7.	Wednesday, Jan. 8.	Thursday, Jan. 9.	Friday, Jan. 10.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 185,000,000	\$ 188,000,000	\$ 177,000,000	\$ 177,000,000	\$ 153,000,000	\$ 147,000,000	Cr. 1,027,000,000

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 pay 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	January 9 1930.			January 10 1929.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 149,214,869	—	149,214,869	£ 154,479,280	—	154,479,280
France a	339,469,003	d	339,469,003	261,432,317	d	261,432,317
Germany b	106,702,200	c994,600	107,696,800	132,185,750	994,600	133,180,350
Spain	102,638,000	28,202,000	130,840,000	102,362,000	28,037,000	130,399,000
Italy	56,120,000	—	56,120,000	54,638,000	—	54,638,000
Netherl'ds.	37,289,000	—	37,289,000	36,212,000	1,813,000	38,025,000
Nat. Belg.	32,750,000	1,289,000	34,039,000	25,553,000	1,267,000	26,820,000
Switzerl'd.	23,799,000	942,000	24,741,000	20,698,000	1,804,000	22,502,000
Sweden	13,592,000	—	13,592,000	13,105,000	—	13,105,000
Denmark	9,581,000	361,000	9,942,000	9,600,000	491,000	10,091,000
Norway	8,148,000	—	8,148,000	8,160,000	—	8,160,000
Total week	\$79,303,072	31,788,600	111,091,672	\$18,425,347	34,406,600	52,831,947
Prev. week	\$65,394,508	32,091,600	97,486,108	\$10,238,057	34,506,600	44,744,657

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.

America, Europe and Japan in Conference.

Two international conferences, one actually in session and the other on the eve of beginning, claim just now the attention of the world. The conference at The Hague, participated in directly by most of the States of Europe and by Japan and indirectly by the United States, is concerned with the adoption of the Young Plan with its provisions for the settlement of reparations and the organization of an international bank. The London Conference, scheduled to convene on Jan. 21, will comprise representatives of five great Powers only—the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan—and will undertake to frame a plan for the reduction and limitation of naval armaments. Both conferences look toward maintaining and insuring world peace, the one by disposing of the greatest of the financial issues created by the World War and the peace treaties, the other by putting an end to naval competition and thereby rendering future war less likely.

President Hoover, in a statement given out at Washington on Tuesday, following a breakfast to the American delegates, urged that while the difficulties of finding a basis for naval reduction that would be acceptable to five different nations were great, they were not "insuperable." "The conclusions of the conference," he said, "must be such as to give a sense of security and satisfaction to each of the nations. . . . The technology and the complexities of the problem are such that we need hope for no immediate and quick results. To complete the conference in three or four months would be in itself a great accomplishment, and we should not expect any hurried conclusions." In Mr. Hoover's opinion, the conference is "the most important of international conferences in a great many years, and probably the most important for many years to come," but he found hope in the fact that "there is good will toward the conference on the part of every nation" and that the delegates "have the will to succeed." He concluded his statement by expressing the hope "that the people of our country will co-operate in the progress of the conference by patience, encouragement and freedom from criticism."

If the hopes of the American delegation for large results from the conference, as the Washington correspondent of the New York "Times" pointed out on Thursday, are not quite so high as were those that were entertained at the time of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's visit to Washington in September, it is because of the great enlargement of the scope of the Conference during the past few months, and the appearance of difficulties which at first were not clearly defined. We have several times called attention to the changes which the plan of the Conference was undergoing, partly through the emergence of new or supplementary issues as the original proposals were studied, and partly through the action of France in bringing forward an entirely different suggestion for approaching the whole problem. The result of this perfectly natural evolution has been to give to the London discussions a range which at the beginning they were not intended to have, and to increase by so much the practical difficulty of reaching an agreement satisfactory to all the nations concerned. It is this, presumably, that Mr. Hoover had in view in reminding the country

that the Conference faced a difficult task and that a speedy conclusion of its work was not to be expected.

Broadly speaking, the London Conference will be called upon to reconcile two quite different attitudes toward the armament reduction question. The first, which may be called the Anglo-American attitude, is that naval armaments, and specifically so much of those armaments as consists of cruisers, can be dealt with in a practical way and their strength substantially reduced and limited without taking account of armaments on land and in the air. As a contribution to this solution of the problem, the United States and Great Britain have informally agreed, it is understood, in the persons of the President of the one and the Prime Minister of the other, to accept the figure 50 as the basis of cruiser parity, and to urge upon the other parties to the Conference a reduction of their own cruiser or other naval strength proportioned in some way to this parity figure. Further, the treaty embodying such an agreement, it was agreed, should go into effect at once and of its own motion among the signatory Powers, without the necessity of approval by other Powers or by the League of Nations.

To this Anglo-American program the French Government has opposed the contention that naval reduction or limitation, while in itself highly desirable, could not properly be carried out without consideration of land and air armaments also, since all three branches were involved in national security or defense; that the special needs of each country, as for example for submarines, must be taken into the account, and that whatever was done at London should be regarded as provisional only, or a part of the general disarmament which the League, under the obligation of the Covenant, is charged to bring about.

The active discussions to which these two theses have given rise, while they have tended, perhaps naturally, to magnify the difficulties which confront the London Conference, have not yet shown that the two views are irreconcilable, or that substantial results may not be reached even if the original scope of the parley has been materially enlarged. It is clear that some delicate adjustments will have to be made, that some working compromises may have to be framed, and that the opinions of technical experts will be given a weight greater than they were at first intended to have. There will be need of wisdom and good will if differences are to be harmonized, but there is no evidence as yet of a desire on the part of either of the Powers to limit the success which the Conference may achieve, or to turn the proceedings to the benefit of some particular national interest as opposed to the general good. We cordially endorse Mr. Hoover's appeal for hopeful and friendly interest as the delegates of the nations go forward to their great task.

The outlook for harmony at London will unquestionably be much improved if the conference at The Hague is able to complete its work satisfactorily before the naval parley begins. The Hague Conference thus far has dealt only with certain incidental aspects of the reparations question, and discussion of the main issue, the establishment of the Bank for International Settlements, will not be reached until next week. The questions that have been considered up to the present time are mainly three. The first has to do with the treaty between the United

States and Germany regarding the separate payment, without the intervention of the proposed bank, of the amounts due in settlement of American claims against Germany and the costs of the army of occupation. By negotiating a treaty for the separate payment of these obligations the United States, we are glad to see, has further dissociated itself from connection with the bank, at the same time that Germany, by agreeing at The Hague not to default on its payments to its other creditors while continuing its payments to the United States, has allayed a fear which was very manifest in the Conference debates.

The second question concerns the application of sanctions by the creditor Powers in the event of German default. Germany, quite naturally, has insisted that its acceptance of the Young Plan should operate to put an end to the sanctions of force contemplated by the Treaty of Versailles, and that its obligation to pay should rest solely upon recognition of its good faith. To this argument the treaty with the United States, in which the good faith of Germany is specifically recognized, obviously added much weight. The attitude of the other creditor Powers appears to have been expressed by Premier Tardieu, who is reported to have said that while he had entire confidence in the German representatives present at The Hague, the course that might be taken by future German governments, especially in view of the recent Nationalist agitation for a repudiation of the Young Plan, made the outlook less assured. It seems probable that the difficulty will be met by an agreement to refrain from applying sanctions until the World Court or the League of Nations shall have passed upon the question of Germany's good faith in the event of a default.

The third question, included in the settlement proposed by the Young Plan but not vitally a part of it, has to do with a controversy that has developed over the payment of reparations by Bulgaria and the so-called succession States of the former Austro-Hungarian Empire. The question is extremely complicated, and a special commission of the first Hague Conference, after protracted examination and negotiations, found it insoluble. In substance there are involved the claims of Rumania, Jugoslavia and Czechoslovakia against Hungary for amounts which Hungary regards as impossible and even fantastic (Czechoslovakia, for example, whose war connection with the Allies lasted for only 13 days, demands about 500,000,000 marks), and the claim that Hungarian subjects who were transferred to Rumanian sovereignty by the changes which the peace treaties made in the boundaries of the new States, and who later, as provided by the treaties, elected to retain their Hungarian citizenship and returned to Hungary, should be compensated for their property which was appropriated by Rumania.

Upon a settlement of this controversy depends, apparently, the adoption of a proposal which has been brought forward at The Hague to release Austria, which only with the greatest difficulty can meet its domestic expenses and the interest on its League of Nations loans, from all reparations; but it is also pointed out that if Italy does not obtain the reparations from Austria which it expects, it cannot ultimately meet its war-debt payments to Great Britain. The suggestion credited to Mr. Snowden, British Chancellor of the Exchequer, to

leave the whole question of the non-German reparations to be settled by the Powers concerned, and go on with the Young Plan without it, has much to commend it save for the burden which would in that case still rest upon Austria.

The real debate at The Hague, however, as we have said, will come when the question of the Bank for International Settlements is reached. On that subject the attitude of the interested Governments, while in general represented as friendly, has not been definitely made known. The nature of the amendments made by Allied representatives at Paris in the bank statute drafted by a committee at Baden-Baden has also not been disclosed. A report that Mr. Snowden was prepared to demand two additional British directors of the bank, one for Canada and one for South Africa, emphasizes the controversial nature of the question and the difficulties which even a formal change in the bank plan may raise. Nothing that has yet been said or done in connection with the bank has shown that it is any essential part of the reparations settlement. We still think that the wisest course for the Conference would be to eliminate the bank scheme altogether, adopt the other parts of the Young Plan without it, and provide for the continued administration of reparations by an office similar to that which Mr. Gilbert has so competently managed under the Dawes Plan. An international bank, if one were thought desirable, could then be formed later by European bankers with none of the political or other entanglements which are implicit in the Young proposal.

Business Prognostications.

Now that we have the statistics and summaries, the analyses, comparisons, and opinions, the charts and graphs, before us—what are we going to do with them? Will they solve our business problems, animate us with hope, instil in us determination, inspire us with enterprise? The answer is yes—and no. The water that goes under or over the wheel will turn it no more. Industrial effort, having effected its purpose, is a closed book; yet it has a sequel, is continuous and cumulative. One major fact must never be overlooked—that each business has its own round of accomplishment, its own “year”—and this does not always conform to the calendar year. For this reason we cannot date all our facts with the advent of Jan. 1 of any year, and start afresh. What we are all doing is a constant work to a given end, the very prosaic “making a living”; and though all the yesterdays vanish the to-morrows continue in endless progression.

Current census figures indicate a population of nearly 120,000,000. The productive power of this massed labor varies greatly, though it has a minimum of constancy. Likewise, the consuming power, within the limitations of the essential, has a fixed ratio. And back of all commerce and finance lies agriculture—foodstuffs. We know in a way what we have on hand; we cannot know what the year will bring forth. Manufacture, spurred on by invention, lures into new fields, but is held in check somewhat by the sustenance and strength of the masses. Commerce, the exchange, the distribution of products, always an inconstant factor dependent on production and consumption, cannot be pushed beyond the fundamentals of physical wealth. Finance, largely founded on credit which evolves

like a cellular structure, is the flower that precedes the fruit and is subject to storm and stress. The known quantities of all human endeavor are met in every case more or less by quantities unknown.

Out of a great plethora of observation and comment at the closing of the year we take a fragment from the “statement” issued by Secretary Mellon: “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 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 (the) money is down. 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 conference were, almost without exception, to the effect that their expenditures for new construction in 1930 will be as much or more than 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.” . . .

We quote this for its broad view—though we find little need for excessive building operations of the ordinary kind, building in cities being in some instances already overdone; nor do we find any call for the Government to intervene in behalf of the people. But Mr. Mellon puts his finger on the fatal trend of these usual prognostications when he says business is too “complex” to warrant predictions. He sees the sustaining and at the same time conflicting forces that issue out of the endeavors of 120,000,000 of people, striving single and by company and combination, each in his own way, to perform work that will fill human need—yes, and serve the honest purpose of accumulation and profit making.

Why, then, this apprehension, apparent in all the reviews? Of course, it is the slump of billions on billions in paper values in the stock market in the past autumn. The necessary activities of the people are going on, cannot stop, though they fluctuate. But the point of view of the whole American people has changed. The shock affected the entire system. For one thing, “prosperity” has taken on a saner definition. It is the normal employment of the people at useful things. Few now expect to get “big rich” in the coming year. The feeling of riding on the top wave has disappeared. Speculation has lost its charm. Forcing processes such as “new issues,” “splits,” “consolidations,” “mergers,” have temporarily, at least, lost their magic. Reaction upon company capital values has caused a slower movement, although the main business goes on as before.

It has been found that continuous “prosperity” is a myth, a conjuration of interested financial

minds. Not too much gratification can be taken in the improvements and enlargements in railroads and certain manufactures, for these were all planned before the slump. "Wages" and "employment" less than a quarter year after the "break" in stocks, if there is to be any serious reduction, have not had time to feel the effect. In the same way, sinister influences of tariffs, at home and abroad, are at the moment in the making and are yet to be felt, affecting both foreign and domestic trade. It is proved that cycles, that could not come again, have come. Notwithstanding all these elements, the everyday necessary business of the people continues and must continue, though subject to influences not now discernible, causing volume, momentum, and direction to change. There is no reason for fear that turns to inaction in the normal activities; there is no reason for panic, the scare is over.

Suppose we set the date of our prognostications ahead to mid-summer! At that season we will know something of our crops. If storm and drought should be general and our expectation meet with dearth instead of bumper returns, such as we have had for a series of fortunate years, *then* we will have a base for sound prediction. Mid-winter is a time of slowing down. Again, suppose we feel the change from imagined riches to imagined poverty, we will perhaps see the necessity of frugal living—instead of spending, we will be able to throw a new light on real progress and success—a tamer light of less roseate tint. Suppose having reached a surfeit in certain diversions, in the use of certain inventions, we take on a distaste and refuse to be led away from more beneficial enjoyments, we may find more actual comforts in the home and more money in the bank. And who dare predict these conditions cannot come? On the contrary, we may grow wilder in our pursuits than ever until a crash does come in actual business. Suppose, suddenly brought home to the facts, no matter how, we conclude that borrowing forever cannot continue, that payday must come, and unless there is some retrenchment in the order of "living," a day will break for unemployment that will cause almost a revolution, what then?

One thing is apparent: "We *have* been living at the "top of the pot," far too "fast," careless and almost regardless of the future, living on "credit," a credit not connected with "brokers' loans," and that credit *may* not survive the strain. Perhaps we shall see a gradual and harmless change to sobriety and saving. But who can measure these possible potentialities? Some are translating our present condition into "cautious hope." Caution is wisdom. Hope is heartening. But if "cautious hope" means a prudent desire and an honest day's work, it will bring competency and content.

There is no doubt that in pushing ahead too fast in our business relations we produce many of the complexities that threaten us—that prevent us from seeing clearly into the future. A little more of the "pay as you go" policy would tend to stabilize trade. Is it not a fact that both our "prosperity" and "pleasure" are filched from the future by private corporate and municipal borrowing? At this juncture we may ask, "Who is going to pay in the end for these huge 'public improvements' now projected to forestall unemployment?" No, prognostications are largely useless. The present lesson is to see business and industry whole and to see them clear. Millions at work, each in his own way, combining

and coalescing in a great machine of producing, exchanging, consuming, called "business," by which we live and must live, transforming natural resources and human energy into a "civilization" that provides comfort and happiness and knowledge for all—a machine that when it runs evenly on all cylinders will carry us surely to our destination—but which, when it misses a beat, or runs away with itself, must sooner or later land us in the ditch! There is little to fear, and much to do!

Money and Morals.

About to enter upon a Congressional "investigation" of our banking system, we find a curious situation which offers little encouragement to our political strategists and platform makers. Born of the "long bull market" and at the same time emasculated by the recent disastrous "crash," it is difficult to see how "money," so famous in former campaigns, can be made to play the part of an octopus strangling the liberties of the people. That part of the people's credit known as "brokers' loans" rose to tremendous proportions, and in less than three months fell precipitately, wiping out "paper profits," and reducing the increases that covered a period of several years. What Congress can do to prevent a recurrence of the phenomena cannot at this time be approximated.

It appears, at the outset, that if the people at large have not learned the lesson of the pitfalls of inordinate speculation, no law can do much to educate them. It appears, also, that the real question involved is one of morals rather than money. Ethics may be a better word than morals, for the manifest duty of industry and commerce is to further the advancement of the citizenry by normal efforts of production and exchange; and the lustful spirit of get-rich-quick business is inimical to orderly progress. Blowing bubbles and breaking them is fine frenzy while it lasts, but leaves nothing but loss and heartbreak in its wake. One certain way to prevent another disaster of the kind is to refrain from mad speculation. To buy in the hope of selling at an advance can never be eliminated from the human mind and practice. Stringency in money and credit may be a preventative, but brought about, if it could be, by law, it will curtail legitimate "business" and ruin the people it is designed to protect. No political party can gain in prestige by such a plan.

Attempts to control and regulate speculation in stocks or commodities, or anything else, will immediately encounter the difficulty of trying to restrain the liberty of the citizen in the pursuit of wealth. Investment and speculation are so intimate and interwoven as almost to defy legislation. Banking, fountain head of credit, since the Civil War has been essentially free. To tamper with the legitimate "dealing in credits" by the banks is to invade the privileges and prerogatives of the depositors who make the banks. Even the vaunted "branch banking" now sought to be extended and legitimized is an invasion of the rights of communities to organize and emit credit at their free will. And to undertake to limit the amount of brokers' loans the big banks shall issue, or to separate them from the amounts to be reserved for merchants and manufacturers, will prove a mystifying problem.

Credit, that issues freely out of the reserves of the people in and through the independent banks of the country, is consonant with individual rights.

It assumes protean forms; used either for investment or speculation it reverts to the will of the user; and while under a free banking system it draws forth, or transforms into, money—it is a natural evolution of business endeavor. The right to issue and employ this credit is, in a way, indefensible. Left to its natural bent, it can help or harm the people according to their desires and the uses to which they put it. If, for example, the people wish to destroy their community banks and tie themselves through branches to banks that are alien to their direct interests, they can do so without legislation to aid them—but so far they have evinced no desire to make this sacrifice, for such it must prove to be. Emergency currency provided for, there is no “money question” at stake. With credit free, it will take care of itself, as it already has done in and by the “crash.” Legislation seems largely superfluous. If not a generation, at least a decade, will pass before there will be another “long bull market,” but-tressed upon the false premise that “prosperity” is at last continuous, and that prices will indefinitely advance without setback. The trouble with most of our financial legislation is that in attempting to control business, money or credit, as natural rights of the people, it sets up barriers behind which “speculators” can hide and thus throttles initiative, curbs enterprise, and destroys opportunity.

If now we are in need of special legislation, why was it not provided before the horse was stolen? If we are in need of branch banks, why were they not provided before the advent of mergers, “trusts,” torrential capital issues, split-ups and holding companies, in a period of inflation and wild speculation, taught the get-rich-quick spirit a new means of over-night profits? If brokers’ loans are a danger to legitimate credit, why were they not provided against before they reached the colossal total of eight billions only to drop like a plummet to near half that and cause untold losses to tens of thousand of speculators in the “provinces” who do not even know what they are? To run riotous now into financial legislation of any and every kind is to deny the lesson of the boom and collapse and to set up new ramparts behind which new battles may be waged. To recur again, as an example, to branch banking, is this in response to a need of the people, or to a movement by a class of National banks, and banking theorists, to open the way for legislatively approved and protected innovations on the natural growth and sufficiency of unit and correspondent banks?

What is money? It is gold, of fixed weight and fineness, a free product of mining to him who will, commercially adopted the world over as a standard and common denominator of value, of inestimable service to trade, and independent of governments. What is credit? That intangible power, based on character and collateral, which acts as a substitute for actual money, and so acting furthers commerce and oils the wheels of industry, self-retiring through use, dealt in freely by banks, and necessary to the interim between purchase and sale—whether of stocks or grains, or goods. What is the Stock Exchange? An instrumentality for furthering the buying and selling of securities, furnishing a universal market that could not otherwise obtain, governed by men who investigate and list approved stocks and bonds, used by and useful to individuals, banks, brokers, and companies who buy and sell. What are

morals, in trade transactions—but the customs that arise out of experience, declared to be the self-evolved laws of business—honest in the honest hands of a free people.

What is immoral in money, credit and business? That propensity in the individual to try to secure something for nothing; or to render less service than that which the circumstance and condition demands; or to force, through fictitious representation, a momentum in trade that becomes a mad rush for profit without regard to service or value. What has government or law to do with any of these? Little more than to declare an accepted concensus of public opinion! Not money, not credit, not the functioning agencies of trade, are unmoral or immoral—that lies in the mind and heart of the individual. He is not the ward of the State; he is a free agent within the bounds of equal rights to others. If in his greed he overreaches the established wisdom of right and fair dealing—still he is, within prescribed limits, a free agent—and may speculate in a frenzy until he goes broke, if he wants to.

Law and Lawlessness—The Views of Nicholas Murray Butler.

We have again reached an acute stage in the discussion of prohibition. Predictions that the “fur will fly” in Congress are being realized. Simultaneously, Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, has injected a new element into the discussions. In his annual report he presents some views on law and lawlessness, that while they are foreign to a strict account of the trusteeship of a school are at least interesting and likely to attract wide attention. Thus, he says: “As was pointed out a year ago, not everything which comes clothed in the garb of law is really law. To get at law one must go behind constitutions and statutes and judicial decisions and find out what public opinion has to say about any or all of these. Law is only one mode and method of social control, and there are at least two other modes which are superior to it. The first is the conduct and manners of a gentleman, and this includes the second, which is conduct according to the highest standard of morals. Those persons whose lives are guided and fashioned by either of these modes of social control are on a much higher plane than if they were merely law-abiding.” . . .

Proceeding, Dr. Butler says: “This is one reason why the widely heard cry for law enforcement is so meaningless. It usually reflects merely the demand of the fanatic for the punishment of violators of some particular law in which he is interested. If law enforcement meant the enforcement of all law, then the social order, at least in the United States, would quickly be afflicted with paralysis, partly because of the absurdity of many of these laws and partly because of their open conflict with each other.” . . . “There is no ground whatever for the conventional statement that the violation of one law, or disrespect for it, leads to the disregard of all law. The contrary is the case. Lawlessness is selective, and unbroken human experience goes to prove that a man may hold one law in utter contempt and yet have high respect for the great body of law of the land in which he lives.”

As a prelude to these statements, commenting on democracy, Dr. Butler has this to say: “The cure

for false democracy is true democracy. It is not, and cannot be, the return to despotism under any form, however attractive that may appear to be. Privileged individuals and privileged classes sooner or later become preying individuals and preying classes." . . . "Still another hallucination of false democracy is that a majority has rights and that by the voice of a majority matters of principle are finally determined. This is utter nonsense. No majority has any rights whatever. The individual has rights and a majority has privileges. It has the privilege of determining who shall be chosen to serve it in public place, and it has the privilege of determining what policy or course of conduct shall next be entered upon, but it has and can have absolutely nothing to do with the determination of true or false, right or wrong, moral or immoral, beautiful or ugly."

We must look upon these pronouncements as the fine-spun views of the scholar and not as meat for the consumption of the common citizen of the State. There is truth in them, but it cannot be applied by the interpretation of the ordinary man. On a succeeding day Senator Caraway is reported as replying to Dr. Butler in the following manner: "If Dr. Butler's contention is carried to its logical conclusion it would permit each citizen to select the laws he would want to obey and to disregard all others. There could be no security of life, limb or property under such a code, nor any organized law. The murderers, bandits and burglars would obey all law but the one they violated, and dismiss the thought of punishment by saying they didn't believe in the law they violated." . . . "It would end all social order. Its mere statement demonstrates its absurdity. He has the right to change bad laws—by propaganda, education or even revision if he sees fit. But to take the stand he does would destroy all law and all government."

Of course, it is the Prohibition Amendment which is in the mind of each of these commentators, though neither mentions it specifically. That under the interpretation, somewhat passive if not negative, is now a part of the Constitution, the organic law. Did the citizens, exercising the voting power, ordain this? It is still an open question. Congress and the Legislatures, acting in a representative capacity, rightly or wrongly, interpreted this prohibition of the exercise of a hitherto natural right of the individual as the will of the people, or at least a large majority of the people. How, now, to reach that "public opinion" which is the basis of law can we go behind the amended Constitution? We did not, clearly, have it in the first place; we cannot obtain it at the present time save by the intricate and tedious process of repeal. We are bound by our own system of government. "Public opinion," since the people did not vote directly as citizens on the question, has never been crystallized by specifically applied ballot. The law, then, is not a law in the sense Dr. Butler defines law. Ours is not a democracy in the primal sense of the term—it is a representative democracy. A Constitutional convention was the proper method of approach, but an Amendment, not completely consonant with the *spirit* of a Constitution which guarantees natural personal rights of the individual, was thrust upon the representative Legislatures of the States, and the Volstead Act followed. If *real* law is but the written expression of the will of the people, through their

duly elected agents, we have mistaken it for an interpreted will, which they never authorized.

Yet we cannot escape the toils we are in and preserve our political system, save by a resubmission of the question by Congress. This we cannot obtain because more representatives in Congress are "dry" than "wet." This one law, at least, is not the will of the people directly expressed, and yet it is legally and politically a law—and must be obeyed, though in essence tyrannical. There is no escape. We have chosen our form of government. We are bound to support it, or destroy or change it. Our Supreme Court, in its wisdom, refuses to put the spirit above the letter. As a people, we are entangled in our own safeguards.

It is easily conceivable that a citizen, realizing his natural personal rights (which his Government, under its organic law and limitations, is forbidden to take away from him), realizing the entanglement into which this Amendment forces the people, can have contempt for such a law—and yet have the highest respect for the great "body" of the law. But he cannot, therefore, refuse to obey it, as we see it. Ours is not a perfect Government—though one of the best on earth, to which, as citizens, we give our earnest allegiance. Though we may think the law and Amendment are not in *accord* with our organic law and our free representative system, though we may not respect it, nevertheless we are in duty bound to obey it. There is no such thing as a higher and a lower lawlessness. It is true, also, that statutes are almost innumerable, are conflicting, are allowed many of them to lapse into desuetude—but this form of consent by evasion is, notwithstanding, wrong. Still, there are few of these statutes that compare with the Volstead Act in prohibiting a guaranteed personal right. Nor—come down to the very facts—does this Volstead Act undertake to make the *drinking* of intoxicating liquors a crime, but whips the devil around the stump by prohibiting the manufacture and sale.

Dr. Butler's contention, placing the essence of law in the consensus of public opinion, is theoretically correct—*provided* there is an *accepted form of expression*. That we have undertaken to provide for in our peculiar form of government—complicated and not always attainable. It is not open to the individual for himself in his own acts either to express or interpret. What we must do is to dissociate this statute from others. The vast preponderance, in this country and all countries, of public opinion as to the wrongs and crimes of murder, arson and theft, does not exist as to the natural right of a citizen or subject to drink a glass of wine for his own pleasure or for his "stomach's sake." And here enters the question of what alcoholic content constitutes, even in the meaning of our law itself, an intoxicating beverage. Whatever may be said pro or con as to this law, it is a serious reflection on the power of a representative democracy to make a clear law, to express public opinion once it is really and rightly ascertained. As matters now stand, there is a fanatical call for enforcement, although we do not fully understand what the law means or says.

As to the "rights" or "privileges" of majorities we need not quibble over terms. That "minorities have rights majorities are bound to respect," we must ask what rights, if not the natural rights of the individual, our Government was instituted to pro-

fect? And yet not even a majority of the people passed this law by direct vote, and after ten years there is doubt as to there being a majority one way or the other. This of itself proves that the law rests on no clear preponderance of public opinion. Is public opinion always to be trusted? Who can say? We must not beg the question. "The progress of all through the leadership of the best and wisest," which Dr. Butler quotes from Mazzini, calls for education and demands slow growth. Does anyone believe that the prohibition of drinking wine, after thousands of years' practice, comes through the "best and wisest"? Yet Senator Caraway is decidedly right—once the law is legally in existence, once the Supreme Court refuses to throw it out as contrary to the spirit of the Constitution, there is no room for personal interpretation and expression, of any alleged public opinion, one way or the other; it must be obeyed! Or it must be repealed, which temperate and lawful enforcement will help to bring about.

The Industrial Outlook—Mixed Conditions Indicated by Year-End Surveys—Banking Situation Offers Serious Problems.

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The actual closing of the year 1929 and the beginning of 1930 has added some few factors of information to data already available, although it has not very materially changed the posture of affairs. Year-end statements are of the most various nature, many being merely vague optimism and hopes, while others are specific statements about given industries in which opinion is positively expressed one way or the other as to what is to be expected. Still another group is concerned primarily with what may happen if certain other things come to pass. Out of this contradictory mass of material, however, emerge four or five fairly distinct conclusions which are substantially as follows: (1) Few, if any, persons expect a deterioration of business and financial conditions below present levels; (2) few, if any, expect an improvement of conditions that will put business, investment and finance back to where they were in 1929; (3) some industries are admitted to be facing rather serious problems, such, for example, as the automobile industry and building; (4) most industries are believed to be free of excess inventory and other bad conditions that might result in depression; (5) the farmer is on the whole in a better situation than he was a year ago; (6) the railroads have undergone a fairly severe reduction of business, but may be expected to recover as business grows better; (7) there has been no reduction in the amount of credit used for carrying stocks, and a process of liquidation may be expected to set in, and to last for some time, even though it may be very gradual; (8) gold is moving out of the country steadily, and will probably move out a good deal more rapidly; (9) Reserve policy must be shaped with a good deal more care than heretofore in order to protect the reserve funds of the banks. It cannot be conducted merely on a basis of "offsetting" gold movements as in past years. On the whole, the situation is calmly and courageously viewed, with the expectation that business during the year 1930 will be, taking the country as a whole, successful and satisfactory. The fact that some weak spots are recognized as needing correction is all the more encouraging, because it shows that unsound conditions are likely to be eliminated instead of being merely glossed over.

Danger of Financial Tinkering.

A plain inference is to be drawn from what has been said. It is not very openly stated, because the rank and file of those who express themselves are inclined to hold off a good deal and to be wary, indisposed to commit themselves, although they recognize certain conditions. This inference is that most persons recognize the need of great care in handling our financial system during the coming year. In spite of all the compliments to the Reserve System, it is plain that a great many people are gravely in doubt as to whether its policies do not need far-reaching change, and are more and more disposed to take an affirmative point

of view. In addition to this there is beginning to be a great deal of anxiety among dealers in all sorts of staple commodities with regard to the question whether there is not danger to be anticipated from the methods of financing that are being followed by the Farm Board in Washington. There is less and less favor for the policy of Government intervention in finance for the purpose of raising prices of wheat, cotton and other staples, and more and more feeling that perhaps the whole situation may be of doubtful effect upon the farmer himself and the market conditions in these items. To this is added the recognition in a good many parts of the country that the small banks are very much overburdened with securities, and with loans thereon, and that unless there is some systematic policy of liquidation a good many of them will tend to become frozen if they are not so already. This merely reiterates the opinions, so often expressed, that the basic trouble in the autumn breakdown was after all a financial and banking matter, notwithstanding that in a few industries there were bad conditions that needed rectification. The hopeful thing about the new year's expressions of opinion is found in the fact that so many persons appear to be actually concentrating their attention upon the banking and financial side of things, with a view to assuring themselves of the nature of the trouble and so far as possible encouraging the process of getting it straightened out. This is a very great step in advance as compared with the conditions which prevailed two months or even a month ago, when so many persons were refusing to admit that brokers' loans could have been excessive or that there was any financial risk whatever.

Congressional Investigations.

This increasing recognition of the need of financial discussion naturally concentrates attention upon what Congress is likely to do in the direction of legislation. It is pretty generally recognized that it will be necessary to do something if only by way of window dressing, for party purposes. In the House of Representatives the Banking and Currency Committee has been strengthened by the addition of one or more members understood to be directly in touch with President Hoover, while in the Senate it is not known exactly what will be the course of events. Both committees are thought likely to embark upon the usual hearings, which may be fairly long drawn. The Senate Committee has before it the so-called King resolution, which calls for a complete analysis of brokers' loans, methods of banking, use of bank funds, Stock Exchange evils and a variety of other matters. This, it is supposed, will be favorably reported to the Senate in some form—perhaps in a greatly limited form. Should that be done, and should consent be given by the Senate, the committee might then engage in still more elaborate inquiries than it would if acting without specific authority. Thus, a good deal of discussion is evidently in sight. The question exactly what is wanted is another and far more unsettled problem. Apparently, the Administration is generally favorable to loosening up the banking legislation, giving greater latitude to branch banking, and otherwise making things more attractive to banks. In Congress there is a considerable school which wants to do something to restrict speculation, and also to limit the use of bank funds for speculation. Exactly what it is desired thus to do has not yet appeared, beyond the proposal to impose almost prohibitive taxation upon margin trading. As to branch banking, the country banks, so strongly represented in the House of Representatives, are naturally adverse, while the large banks are favorable. The prospect favors the usual kind of compromise, Congress perhaps granting some branch banking privileges, but attacking chain banking in some way, or conversely refusing to do anything on branch banking, while at the same time letting chain banking alone. Political compromises may result either way, but the prospect favors some fairly inconclusive legislation, which will not have any very decisive effect one way or the other. What the discussion is likely to do, however, is to bring about a toning up of conditions, technique and practice in the Reserve System and to some extent in the number of banks.

Bonds and Foreign Issues.

One thing that has caused some rather serious thought has been the fact that export trade fell off as seriously during November as it did. The official December figures will not be at hand for some time, but preliminary figures show that they also will indicate a decline as compared with

recent levels, and probably as compared with 1928, for the reason that at the close of last year things were moving quite rapidly in export lines. There is some indication that those in the export trade attribute the falling off more and more definitely to the lack of financing, and consequently they are increasingly anxious to find out what chance there will be of floating foreign bonds in this market. This comes back to the whole question of floating any kind of bonds. As to that, it is expected that money conditions will remain favorable, but the question just how much demand can be developed for the bonds is a difficult one. At present there is comparatively little interest in bonds of any kind, and instead of going on upward, as it was predicted at the time of the panic they would, bonds have pretty generally gone off, losing the little increase that came to them just after the height of the panic. As has been stated in these columns in the past, there has been a great deal of doubt in most quarters as to how new issues of bonds would be received, and this doubt is the more embarrassing because the time has nearly arrived when it will be necessary to do something about the placement of a good many issues that have been held back. It is now obvious that what is occurring is that persons with money to spend are not putting it into bonds, but are buying stocks with it, at what they consider reduced prices. The propaganda that has been widely distributed to the effect that stocks are now a "purchase" has affected many minds, and numerous persons are at work in the belief that they can inculcate this idea still more strongly. The result would be that new investment funds as they come along would be absorbed in the process of liquidation and relieving banks. That would mean that any new issues would have to be offered at a very high return in order to shift the demand from stocks to bonds. Particularly is this true of any foreign bonds. Local buyers have been badly disturbed by what they have heard of the Argentine situation, of conditions in several other South American countries, and of tendencies of the Continent, a good many of which are regarded as anything but satisfactory. This makes, on the whole, a rather less favorable bond outlook than had been foreshadowed.

Early Market Prospects.

As the market is more and more attentively considered, it becomes clearer and clearer that there is little more to be anticipated in the way of "bullish" recovery. The staple industries seem more and more likely to hold their own. Steel, for example, is in a better condition than most persons have expected, and has a still better prospect. On the other hand, the so-called luxury industries seem to be more and more unsettled. In those lines of trade in which installment selling has been very widespread the conditions that are reported evidently indicate that it would not take a great deal of unemployment to undermine the whole structure of credit and bring about a disorganization of trade. In these branches of business a good deal of house cleaning

must be looked for, and there is not much in the way of stock market improvement to be anticipated. But, on the other hand, it is not now expected that any extended recession will develop unless there is some wholly unexpected unfavorable development of affairs in banking—and that contingency is being carefully watched by administrators who are at last convinced that they must keep their eyes open if they do not wish to be held even more guilty than they are now. A soft, irregular market with ups and downs within fairly well marked limits is the indicated outlook, although accurate prediction is as difficult now as it ever was.

Public Utility Earnings in November.

Gross earnings of public-utility enterprises in November, exclusive of telephone and telegraph companies, as reported to the Department of Commerce by ninety-five companies or systems operating gas, electric light, heat, power, traction and water services and comprising practically all of the important organizations in the United States, were \$202,500,000, as compared with \$197,500,000 in October, and \$198,032,715 in November 1928. Gross earnings consist, in general, of gross operating revenues, while net earnings in general represent the gross, less operating expenses and taxes, or the nearest comparable figures. In some cases the figures for earlier years do not cover exactly the same subsidiaries, owing to acquisitions, consolidations, &c., but these differences are not believed to be great in the aggregate. This summary presents gross and net public-utility earnings by months from January 1926, the figures for the latest months being subject to revision.

PUBLIC UTILITY EARNINGS

Gross Earnings—	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.
January	\$177,473,781	\$191,702,022	\$196,573,107	\$203,000,000
February	165,658,704	177,612,648	177,383,731	194,000,000
March	167,642,439	179,564,970	187,726,994	195,000,000
April	166,927,022	176,467,300	181,143,683	190,000,000
May	159,135,618	171,255,699	180,255,407	189,750,000
June	157,744,715	167,975,072	178,696,556	183,000,000
July	153,245,315	161,638,462	173,645,919	178,000,000
August	153,188,101	162,647,420	173,952,469	179,500,000
September	159,519,246	169,413,885	179,346,145	185,000,000
October	170,733,069	177,734,493	190,795,668	197,500,000
November	176,000,649	182,077,497	198,032,715	202,500,000
Total (11 mos.)	\$1,807,268,659	\$1,918,089,168	\$2,027,552,394	\$2,097,250,000
December	188,146,705	194,985,134	202,000,000	-----
Total (year)	\$1,995,415,364	\$2,113,074,302	\$2,229,552,394	-----
Net Earnings—				
January	\$66,974,941	\$73,746,891	\$79,013,279	\$92,000,000
February	61,555,164	66,907,757	74,296,576	86,000,000
March	60,696,920	65,412,739	72,811,146	85,000,000
April	59,471,359	64,907,729	68,971,324	83,000,000
May	54,993,907	61,194,779	67,732,911	82,500,000
June	55,699,751	59,167,096	67,537,149	79,000,000
July	49,238,806	53,980,280	62,260,333	71,000,000
August	49,844,522	53,651,164	61,809,794	73,000,000
September	56,930,481	61,897,207	68,235,698	80,000,000
October	60,878,181	65,259,727	73,679,561	83,000,000
November	65,844,729	70,214,468	81,363,806	92,000,000
Total (11 mos.)	\$642,128,761	\$696,239,837	\$777,702,577	\$906,500,000
December	73,023,848	78,937,417	91,000,000	-----
Total (year)	\$715,152,609	\$775,177,254	\$868,702,577	-----

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, Jan. 10 1930.

Weather conditions continue to interfere with trade in this country. In the eastern part, especially along the Atlantic States from Maine to Florida, it has been unseasonably warm. In New York the temperature has reached 66 degrees, the highest ever known on a given date in January. But by 4 o'clock this afternoon it was down to 33 degrees and the outlook is for colder and more seasonable weather. In the West on the other hand there have been great storms, rain, sleet and snow and very severe temperatures. California had snowfalls. Even in Oklahoma there has been zero weather, and 26 degrees as far south as San Antonio, Texas, with 14 degrees at Dallas. In Montana it was 40 degrees below zero. Naturally such weather interferes with the sale of seasonable goods. Post-holiday special sales have, however, helped to reduce stocks of various goods in the retail field. Wholesale and jobbing trade for the Spring tends to improve where it is not affected by unseasonable temperatures. Meanwhile it is a regrettable fact that collections continue to be slow. Curiously enough, that has been the case for many months past. It was noticeable even

before the panic in the stock market in the Autumn. Favorable reports come from the automobile trade. Steel production has increased and in some directions there is a fair business. But prices for sheets, bars and strip have admittedly been irregular. There has been some easing of prices in such steel from time to time to facilitate business. Structural steel has been rather quiet. Coal has had a fairly satisfactory week, considering the mildness of the weather in parts of the country. Smokeless grades of bituminous have declined.

Wheat has declined some five cents owing to an unsatisfactory export demand coincident with large American stocks. Russia has been offering wheat to England and this has had some effect seemingly beyond what was justified, for the offerings were not large. It is believed that Russia has not more than 20,000 tons of wheat to sell for export. There were some fears that the acreage will be materially increased at the northwest. Corn has been steady, with a good cash demand. And oats have not changed much, being steadied by corn and also at times by an excellent cash demand. Rye has declined two to five cents and it is stated to-day that Russia has just sold 1,600,000 bushels of

rye to Scandinavia. It is regrettable that American rye has been practically shut out of the European market by competition of foreign producers. Provisions have been firmer. Lard is noticeably higher than a week ago. Cotton shows practically no net change in prices for the week. The dullness of the export trade, the slowness of the sale of spot cotton even to American mills and the sluggishness of speculation have prevented any net advance of consequence. The other day, however, prices suddenly ran up 30 to 35 points on intimations that the new National Selling Agency with a capital of \$30,000,000 would begin to function on next Monday. This new federal corporation seems to have large powers and the South hopes that it will be of material assistance to the farmer. At the same time the Federal Farm Board has let the South plainly understand that if it over-plants cotton this Spring it will not get the benefit of loans of 16 cents a pound on the basis of $\frac{7}{8}$ -inch middling. The Cotton Textile Merchants Association reports the sales of standard cloths in December as 24% above production. Coffee shorts have had another severe lesson in an advance for the week of $\frac{3}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ cents, Santos coffee leading the advance. To be exact it is up 103 to 144 points. Rio has rather lagged behind somewhat, with a rise of 77 to 93 points. Brazilian prices for coffee have advanced and Exchange on London is also higher. Moreover there is persistent talk to the effect that Brazil will obtain a new loan in London. Just how large it will be is uncertain. Sugar has been irregular advancing on the near months but on the other hand has declined eight points on July. Prompt raws ended at 2 1-32c. a decline for the week of 1-32c. in a small market. But refined has advanced to 5.20c.

Rubber found falling prices the line of least resistance. The net decline for the week is about $1\frac{1}{4}$ cents, with continued heavy shipments from the Far East, dullness of trade and fears that the consumption in December was very small. Rubber manufacturers express optimistic sentiments as regards future business, but the significant point is that they are not buying. Hides have advanced with a rather better business. Lumber operations in the Pacific Northwest are more or less restricted at this time. There seems to be no improvement in the hardwood trade in the Central Valley. Unfinished cotton cloths were quiet, and some print cloths have sold down $\frac{1}{4}$ c touching $6\frac{3}{4}$ c for 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch 64x60s. But some mills do not accept this price. Sheetings have been dull but fairly steady. Fine and fancy cotton cloths have been quiet but firm. Finished cotton goods have been rather slow of sale. So have woolens and worsteds. Prices on part wool blankets for the 1930 season are in some cases reduced as much as 8% and in some instances even more. Raw silk has been quiet but firm here. There is a better business in silk and rayon goods. More activity is noticeable in the leather trade. Good reports come from Chicago and Grand Rapids of the January furniture sales there. Of course building is at a low stage at this time of the year. Employment at Detroit since the middle of December has increased 5% and since the beginning of the year there has been a further increase. Department store sales showed a decrease in December. The tendency of money rates has been downward. With more reasonable weather it looks as though trade in general throughout the United States would improve, not rapidly but gradually along conservative lines.

The stock market was irregular with less covering to-day but brisk trading in some of the specialties. The technical position had been affected by heavy covering during the week. Money was 4 to $4\frac{1}{2}$ % during the week. Brokers' loans dropped \$72,000,000. Bonds at times were active and higher but to-day quieter awaiting several large new issues next week. The Mexican dollar has at times been down to about $34\frac{1}{2}$ c. Low exchange affects China's trade and this affects Lancashire and indirectly the American cotton trade. The depression in silver is attributed partly to Japan's going on the gold standard. Japan is to remove the embargo on gold shipments and low money rates are favoring its trade. Spanish exchange has been at the lowest rate seen for many years. Silver is the lowest in a century. Gold exports from this country are expected to let up.

Fall River, Mass., wired that the cotton division of the American Printing Co. re-opened on the 6th inst. after a two weeks shutdown and that about one-third of the machinery of the Bourne Mills was also started. The Bourne mill was said to have been idle for three months or more, due to labor difficulties. The King Philip Mills also resumed operations, after having been closed since Dec. 31, and the Shove Mills re-opened after a two week's shutdown. The

re-opening of these four mills, it is said, will give employment to about 3,000 operatives. Lowell, Mass., wired that the Merrimac Manufacturing Co. and the Booth Mills are to take over the extensive plant of the Pepperell Manufacturing Co. which has been idle for months. The Merrimac and Booth mills have been particularly successful in Lowell notwithstanding the business depression through which the city has passed. Approximately 4,000 people are employed in the two mills. The Merrimac mills make velour, velveteen and cloth used for automobile lining, while the Booth Mills make window curtains, toweling and similar material. Boston wired: "Cotton manufacturers should maintain production more closely to their vote of distribution, Lincoln Baylies, President of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers, said. He also advocated a more wide-spread study of the requirements and the location of potential markets for mill products." Manchester, N. H., reported that the Amoskeag Manufacturing Co. had a much better year than usual in 1929.

Charlotte, N. C. wired that a drastic wage cut, amounting to an average of 20% or a reduction in the weekly payroll of about \$1,000 has been put into effect at the Piedmont Mill at Gastonia, according to employees. The mill is owned and operated by the Goldberg Bros. who also operate three other mills in Gastonia and two in Bessemer City. On the other hand G. R. Spencer, general superintendent of the Goldberg Mills, denies that there has been a wage cut except in the case of a few overseers. Spartanburg, S. C. wired that a more optimistic feeling prevails there and that while no large orders are being placed inquiries for goods are more numerous and an improved business is expected. Tifton, Ga. wired that the Tifton cotton mills resumed operations last week after a holiday shutdown, and are expected to continue to run regularly throughout this year, depending on orders received and the condition of the industry. The mills operated through 1929 with only two weeks lost, and it is hoped that this record will be equalled this year.

F. W. Woolworth & Co's sales for December amounted to \$44,153,396, a decrease of 2.63 from December 1928. Sales for the entire year of 1929 amounted to \$303,033,894, an increase of 5.47% over last year. Montgomery, Ward & Co's sales for December amounted to \$35,799,316, an increase of 12% over December 1928. Sales for the entire year amounted to \$291,530,621, an increase of 25.4% over preceding year. Sears, Roebuck & Co's sales for December amounted to \$54,219,540, an increase of 27.8% over December 1928. Sales for the entire year amounted to \$443,452,640 an increase of 27.8% over the preceding year. S. S. Kresge Co's sales for December amounted to \$24,242,016, an increase of 2.42% over December 1928. Sales for the entire year of 1929 amounted to \$156,327,735, an increase of 6.08% over last year.

World production of Ford cars and trucks during 1920 totalled 1,951,092 units, an increase of 1,132,358 or 138% over 1928, the Ford Motor Co. announced. Of the 1920 production 1,709,945 cars and trucks were produced in the United States, 87,796 by the Ford Motor Co. of Canada, Ltd. and 153,351 in other foreign plants, officials of the company stated.

On the 6th inst. the temperature here was 32 to 48 degrees. Overnight it was 26 to 36; at Boston, 8 to 66 at Montreal, 32 to 38 at Philadelphia, 18 to 28 at Portland, Me., 42 to 48 at Chicago, 42 to 54 at Cincinnati, 42 to 50 at Cleveland, 38 to 48 at Detroit, 46 to 54 at Kansas City, 18 to 14 at St. Paul, 44 to 54 at St. Louis, 1 below to 4 above at Winnipeg. It was announced on the 6th inst. that a severe cold wave was moving from the Northwest to the North Atlantic seaboard and was due to reach New York Tuesday night or Wednesday. Zero temperatures prevailed on the 6th inst. over Montana, the Dakotas, Northern Wyoming and Northwest Minnesota. Prince Albert reported a temperature of 36 degrees below zero.

New York on the 7th inst. had 59 degrees which was 25 degrees above normal, and the warmest in 23 years. At the same time blizzards and icy winds covered the wide area bounded by the Gulf of Mexico, the Pacific Coast, the Great Lakes and the Mississippi. No part of the West, not even lower California and the region bounding the Gulf, escaped the cold wave of the 7th inst. The western slope of the Rocky Mountains was covered by more than a foot of snow. Missouri, Kansas, Wyoming, Colorado and Northwest Texas were deep in drifts left by a blizzard and zero weather. Temperatures below zero occurred in Minnesota, Wisconsin,

Nebraska, the Dakotas and Illinois. Chicago which had been enjoying a breath of spring had a drop of 40° degrees. All over the West sleet and ice crippled transportation, interrupted wire communication and brought suffering. Fog and rain in the southerly portions of Texas delayed air service. In Glasgow, Montana, the official thermometer broke after the mercury had dropped to 40 degrees below zero. Rio Janeiro had a heat wave and a temperature of 92 degrees. China has the severest winter in many years; 15,000 people have lost their lives because of it.

On the 8th extraordinary weather continued here when the temperature reached 64 degrees, a new high record for that date. In Boston it was 56, the warmest for years there. New Yorkers went to seaside resorts. Even at Manchester, N. H., it was 60 degrees. The ice in Vermont which usually remains solid until Spring was breaking up at some points. Memphis, Tenn. and New Orleans, La., Weather Bureaus issued flood warnings. Memphis reported more than six inches of rain in 24 hours. Between Cairo, Ill. and Vicksburg, Miss., the river was three feet higher than normal and still rising, streets in Memphis were flooded. Small streams in Kentucky, Missouri and in the Mississippi delta overflowed their banks and poured the excess down numerous courses to the Mississippi. There was a forecast for cold weather in the South on the night of the 8th and snow and sleet for Texas. Arkansas, Tennessee and Kentucky, southern mail planes were grounded by storms. Melted snows caused swollen creeks and rivers in Southern Ontario to rise to flood stages. Yet strange to say in the Far West unprecedented snows and a bitter cold wave threatened citrus crops, blocked mountain roads, greatly delayed air-mail schedules and marooned several parties in their summer bungalows on high elevation. Over the Great Plains and the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains there was hail and sleet. Snow fell in many parts of California, even in the warm citrus belt, and on the Mojave Desert, where snow is rare. Orchard owners used smudges to save their crops as the thermometer dropped to 25 degrees. Rain fell in San Diego and the foothills near the city were covered with snow. At Phoenix, Arizona, it was 32 degrees to the amazement of the Indians. On the 9th inst. it was 50 to 66 degrees here, the highest on record for that date. It was springlike. Overcoats were discarded. It was unseasonably warm from Maine to Florida. Colder weather had been predicted day after day. It did not come. It was naturally colder towards nightfall. But even then it was unseasonably mild. Buffalo and Mississippi Valley had high water. The Alleghany River was very high. In the Central West the Winter's worst blizzard left snow 18 inches deep. In Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas and Colorado, there was extensive damage to property as well as some loss of life. At Boston it was 36 to 56 degrees; Chicago, 24 to 26; Cincinnati, 38 to 58; Cleveland, 28 to 30; Detroit, 20 to 22; Kansas City, 10 to 14; Milwaukee, 14 to 24; St. Paul, 8 below zero to 4 above; Montreal, 8 above to 14 above; Omaha, 4 to 8 above; Philadelphia, 54 to 68; Phoenix, 32 to 56; Portland, Me., 22 to 44; Portland, Ore., 24 to 32; Seattle, 24 to 32; St. Louis, 22 to 32; Winnipeg, 34 to 16 below.

To-day it was colder with 33 degrees recorded at 4 p. m. a drop of 33 degrees in 24 hours. There were snow flurries in some parts of the city and a sprinkle of rain. Floods occurred in Vermont. The forecast here was for cloudy and much colder weather to-night and fair and colder to-morrow with strong northwest winds.

Emory W. Clark of First National Bank of Detroit Says That Upon Resumption of Upward Trend Industry Will Reach Unprecedented Heights.

Industry and trade, upon their resumption of an upward trend, are destined to reach unprecedented heights, in the opinion of Emory W. Clark, Chairman of the Board of the First National Bank in Detroit, set forth in a statement issued Jan. 5 appraising the outlook. Mr. Clark expresses his views as follows:

"The United States has, since the World War, developed contacts with foreign nations, studied and learned their requirements. Transportation difficulties, storage warehouses and customs delays have been overcome; the financial problems have been simplified and there is now no long-time credit involved.

"This groundwork and understanding have progressed in nearly every line of trade to an extent that is difficult to measure. Where heretofore our producers were seeking the how and where to reach the world markets, they are now an open book. When we look about we realize how well the United States is prepared and equipped to supply these foreign markets. Ten years ago, shortly after the World War, progressive commerce boards in the larger cities were deeply concerned, sending questionnaires and committees through the country to learn if the overbuilt capacity of our

great industries would not threaten stagnation in the building industry for some years to come. We have been building and plowing the earnings of our efforts back into the more efficient plants ever since, and no doubt will continue to do so in the future. This is true from Maine to California, and from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico.

"Look at what has been taking place in Michigan, for example. During the last five years the Detroit Edison Co. has increased its capital investment by upwards of \$120,000,000; the Michigan Bell Telephone Co. by some \$75,000,000; Consumers' Power Co. by \$65,000,000 odd; the Pere Marquette RR. by \$16,000,000. Industrially, the fixed assets of General Motors are up during the period by \$266,000,000. These, with other figures, show that the added assets in Michigan of the utilities exceed \$280,000,000; of the railroads, \$19,000,000, and of industrial enterprises, \$342,000,000.

"Analyze for a moment what the expenditure of such vast sums of money has brought about—opportunity for more employment, better service with the accompanying time saving, improved living conditions, greater efficiency, lower costs and broader markets. The mobilization of money, as never before, is a larger factor in bringing about this great development that is taking place about us so continuously and gradually that its significance is not always appreciated."

Mr. Clark concludes his statement by declaring that he had been very much impressed by the opinion of Professor David Friday that we cannot look for much improvement in the trend of industry during the next six months but that improvement should follow shortly thereafter. He also finds merit in the view that while the profits of all corporations will fall correspondingly during the depression period, they will, because of an accumulation of earnings, be able to maintain their dividends on the higher levels of 1929, if they choose to do so.

President Hoover Reports Encouraging Results in Efforts to Increase Construction and Improvement Work—Expenditures of Nearly 5 Billion Dollars Planned for Public Works and Public Utility Development in 29 States.

President Hoover on Jan. 4 reported encouraging results in the campaign undertaken to increase construction and improvement work. He made known that incomplete returns from 16 States, and partial returns from 13 additional States indicate estimates of expenditures in 1930 by public utility and telephone groups of \$2,100,000,000; outlays by railroads for construction and betterments of \$1,050,000,000 and expenditures for public works, including those of the Federal Government, of \$1,500,000,000, these items representing a total of \$4,700,000,000. The President's announcement in the matter follows:

"Our drive for increase in construction and improvement work to take up unemployment is showing most encouraging results, and it looks as if the work undertaken will be larger for 1930 than for 1929.

"The Department of Commerce now has complete returns from the Governors of 16 States covering public works to be undertaken in 1930 by the State, municipal and county authorities. They have partial returns from 13 more States.

"The total so far reported, and including the Federal Government, is about \$1,550,000,000, and in nearly all cases larger than for 1929. The surveys are coming in daily and should be completed by mid-January.

"The preliminary estimate of the railroads for construction and betterments for 1930 was \$1,050,000,000, and for the public utilities \$2,100,000,000, including the telephones. The total of these items so far is \$4,700,000,000.

"This does not include the balance of the State, municipal and county work, nor the building construction, nor the industrial and factory improvements, which latter are now under survey by the special business committee.

"The steel companies inform me this morning that the effect of the drive is already showing in their orders, which are beyond their expectations."

U. S. Chamber of Commerce Finds Increased Confidence in Meeting Present Year's Problems.

In its weekly organ "The Week's Work," issued Jan. 4, the United States Chamber of Commerce, says:

Business, as reflected in reports received from the members of the National Business Survey Conference Committee since the Conference met in Washington on Dec. 5, including special reports for the end of the year period, discloses no loss of the momentum it had on Dec. 5 and indicates that plans are being made with confidence to meet the problems of 1930. Since the Conference met on Dec. 5 there has been an absence of developments which would justify concern. The developments of this 4-week period have been calculated to increase confidence as to what lies ahead.

On the side of production, industry generally shows a disposition to base its programs on anticipated normal business activities during the new year. In the field of distribution the reports reveal an active end-of-the-year season which closes with inventories low and the usual spring pick-up expected. Staple lines of consumer goods maintain reasonably normal levels and in some cases show advances. Construction and related supply and equipment industries wait to some extent upon the arrangement of credit facilities but look forward to expanding building and improvement programs with the arrival of favorable conditions.

A more graphic portrayal of business conditions will, it is expected, be afforded by reports summarizing actual accomplishments in typical industrial and trade lines during the year now closing and at the same time indicate, by comparison with preceding years, the general business trend with a greater degree of accuracy. With this information before it the executive committee of the Conference will probably meet some time in the present month to consider, from a general viewpoint, further steps that may be taken to maintain the national business equilibrium.

Unemployment Viewed as Coming Problem in U. S.—Experts at Washington Meetings Warn of Increase in Jobless in Coming Decade.

Unemployment will be the greatest problem before the United States in the next decade, according to experts of the American Economic Association and American Statistical

Association, who discussed it at their closing meetings in Washington Dec. 30. The New York "Times" account in reporting this, said:

In a review of the economic situation at the close of the decade since the World War, Robert B. Warren of Case, Pomeroy & Co., New York City, told the American Statistical Association that "unemployment, now the nightmare of five out of every ten Europeans, has never been a problem for a sufficiently long period in the United States to influence our political thought, but it is doubtful if this blissful state will continue."

In the past decade, he said, the United States has had constant appeals for "a vague something known as farm relief." Due to improved technique, and the rationalization of industry, Mr. Warren foresaw a more or less chronic state of industrial unemployment in the next 10-year period with an accompanying demand by the workingman for social insurance or other other forms of relief, similar to appeals for government aid for the unemployed in Europe.

Nadler Blames "Mass Production."

The outstanding feature of the economic life of society in the past decade, he continued, was the loss by the individual of control over his own economic salvation.

"France is the only country in Europe untroubled by unemployment," Professor Marcus Nadler of New York University told the Statistical Association. Increased production in the past decade is the outstanding phase of European recovery from the war, he said. The existence of unemployment "on a scale unknown in the pre-war period" he attributed to the adoption of the American methods of mass production.

Effects of Stock Market Disturbances as Reflected in Labor Turnover—Figures of Bureau of Labor Statistics.

American industry is "staging a comeback" from the effects of the recent disturbances in the stock market, and those industries which were the worst hit are making the strongest return, it was stated orally Jan. 3 by Ethelbert Stewart, Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor. This is learned from the *United States Daily* of Jan. 4, which added:

Nearly all industries were affected by the stock market crash, Mr. Stewart said. Retail trade was an exception, he said, as there is little to indicate how it was affected because of the heavy Christmas buying. Manufacturing suffered the most, particularly the auto and radio industry, but these are again making rapid strides forward, it was stated.

It is impossible to tell yet whether all industries will recover at once from their slumps, but indications are that the stock market disturbances did not have as harmful an effect on industry as it was feared they would, and the outlook for the return of industry to normalcy is quite encouraging, he said.

Mr. Stewart would make no prediction as to when a normal state might again be attained, explaining that industry and business were perhaps in an inflated condition, just as was the stock market, previous to the crash, and that a new basis of comparison might have to be established.

From the same account we take the following:

The effects of the disturbances in the stock market are reflected in preliminary labor turnover statistics for November, just compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mr. Stewart said. These figures show that there was a very decided increase in lay-off rates, with a corresponding decrease in quit rates and a much lower accession rate. These statistics indicate that employers were laying off men in greater numbers, due primarily to the "scare" ensuing from the stock market crash, that men were not quitting their jobs, because work was become scarce, and that employers were not hiring many new workers, Mr. Stewart explained. The monthly net turnover rate dropped from 3.6 per 100 employes on the pay roll in August to 1.9 in November, as compared with 2.9 for November 1928, and 3.1 for the yearly average of 1928, the Bureau's figures show.

In the equivalent annual rate, which is the rate for the month expressed as an annual rate, the net turnover rate for Nov. 1929, is placed at 23.7 in the Bureau's preliminary figures. This is the lowest rate during the two years the Bureau has been compiling labor turnover statistics, a table shows. The rate is compared with one of 42.8 for October, 35.3 for Nov. 1928, and the 1928 annual average of 37.1.

These preliminary figures obtained by the Bureau were furnished by about 70% of the more than 450 companies making reports. These 450 companies employ about 750,000 persons.

The Nov. 1929, lay-off rate, expressed on the equivalent annual basis, was 14.6, an increase of 5.2 points from the October rate of 9.4. The rate for Nov. 1928, was 4.8, while the 1928 average was 6.5, the Bureau's figures show. The quit rate decreased from 28.5 in October to 19.3 in November, while the Nov. 1928, rate was 25.6 and the average rate for 1928 was 25.8.

The discharge rate for November was 3.7, as compared with 4.7 for October, 4.9 for Nov. 1928, and 4.8 for the 1928 average. The separation rate, which is the sum of the quit, discharge, and lay-off rates, was 37.6 in November, 42.8 for October, 35.3 for November 1928, and 37.1 for the average in 1928.

The accession rate, which is obtained by dividing the number of persons hired or rehired into the average number on the pay roll, was 23.7, which is the lowest in the time the Bureau has obtained the figures. For the first time the accession rate fell below the total separation rate, the figures show. The accession rate for October was 46, for Nov. 1928, it was 50.1, and the average for 1928 was 44.5.

The monthly accession rate for November was 1.9, the statistics of the Bureau show. The rate in October was 3.9, while for Nov. 1928, it was 4.1 and the 1928 average was 3.7. The total monthly separation rate was 3.1 in November, as compared with 3.6 in October, 2.9 in November of last year, and last year's average of 3.1.

The quit rate for November, on the monthly basis, was 1.6, while for October it was 2.4, for Nov. 1928, 2.1, and for an average last year, 2.1. The lay-off rate increased from 0.8 in October to 1.2 in November. It was 0.4 in Nov. 1928, and last year's average was 0.5. The discharge rate for November was 0.3, the Bureau's monthly table shows. For October, for Nov. 1928, and for last year's average it was 0.4.

R. S. Hecht of Hibernia Bank & Trust Company of New Orleans Looks for Satisfactory Business Conditions in 1930 as Year Progresses.

The belief that "the business barometers show a gradually rising and favorable reading, and that business in 1930 will

finish better than it starts" is expressed by R. S. Hecht, President of the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans, who in its annual report to the stockholders of the institution, issued Dec. 31, also has the following to say in surveying the outlook for 1930:

It is always difficult to make predictions regarding the future course of business, but it seems even harder than usual just now to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion as to what the coming year is likely to have in store for the business world.

Fundamental economic conditions are undoubtedly sound, and the main factors upon which the progress and prosperity of the country rest appear to be satisfactory and presage a favorable outlook for 1930.

If we, nevertheless, expect a moderate recession in business as compared to recent high levels during the first and probably the second quarter of the year, the explanation is largely to be found in the state of mind of our people, so many of whom suffered severe losses in the recent crash. However, the memory of man is proverbially short, and the average American is not given to bemoaning his losses but rather to looking hopefully forward to new and constructive activity.

It is not likely, therefore, that the present let-down in business will be either very severe or of long duration. Especially will this be true if the very definite efforts being made by the President and many business leaders to accelerate public and private building and to maintain general confidence prove successful. For it is hard to become pessimistic over the business outlook in this country so long as our people are generally employed at high wages and adding many billions to the savings of the nation each year, thus insuring a continuance of our national purchasing power.

These thoughts, and our confidence in the continued growth of the United States, lead us to the conclusion that, although business may have a somewhat slower pace for the first few months of 1930, especially in the so-called luxury lines, we shall find at the close of the year that net results will have been quite satisfactory.

With reference to the business of the Hibernia, President Hecht states that "from an earning standpoint the year has been a satisfactory one, for interest rates have been relatively high most of the year." Mr. Hecht goes on to say:

As a result, our earnings for 1929 exceeded those of 1928, and after making the usual provision for losses we have again paid our shareholders dividends aggregating 20% per annum out of the earnings of the bank and the Securities Co., and passed a substantial amount to undivided profit account.

Our deposits are again well in excess of 50 million dollars, but are somewhat less than on Dec. 31 1928, due to the general conditions of the money markets referred to in this report.

During the past summer we have added to the other facilities of our foreign department a completely equipped "Travel Bureau," in charge of an experienced transportation man. We have accepted for this department, among other representations, the general agency of the United States Lines for Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Texas, and are well prepared to take care of all the requirement of our friends and customers who care to be relieved of the details of arranging for their domestic and foreign travel by ship, aeroplane or train.

Our Trust Department, under the guidance of the Trust Estates Committee (a special committee of directors), and the management of experienced officers, continues to make excellent progress, and during the past year has been especially active in the development of life insurance and personal trust business. This branch of our financial service is constantly assuming greater proportions, and constitutes one of the most promising developments of modern trust company service.

The business of the Hibernia Securities Co. continued to show satisfactory progress in the face of very difficult conditions in the investment markets. Two additional offices of very modest proportions were opened during the year, one in St. Louis and the other in Houston. Both offices have already fully justified their creation and will no doubt add materially to the volume of our annual distribution of Southern securities.

The Hibernia Mortgage Co. has just completed the first five years of its existence, and the results of its activities continue to be most satisfactory, even during the present depression of the real estate markets.

Since the splitting up of our shares in 1928 into units of \$25 par value the number of our stockholders has shown a further increase. We now have 851 stockholders, of whom 456 are men, 379 are women, and 16 are corporations and trust estates. The average holding is but 117 of these \$25 shares, with the result that even during the recent debacle in the securities market there has been scarcely any fluctuation in the quotations of our shares on the New Orleans Stock Exchange.

The gratifying results of the past year were made possible by the wholehearted support of our directors, the loyalty and efficiency of our official and clerical staff, and last, but not least, the splendid co-operation received from our shareholders and customers.

Federal Reserve Board's Advance Report on Retail Trade—December 1929 2% Below Same Month in Previous Year.

Department store sales for December were 2% smaller than in the corresponding month a year ago, according to preliminary reports made to the Federal Reserve System by 478 stores located in leading cities of all Federal Reserve districts. Decreased sales were reported by 365 stores and increased sales by 113 stores, says the Board under date of Jan. 8. It adds:

Decreases were reported for nine Federal Reserve districts, increases of 2% for the New York and Richmond districts, and little change for the San Francisco district. The reported decrease in sales in the other districts varied from about 1% in the Cleveland district to more than 6% in the St. Louis, Chicago, and Minneapolis districts. In some districts, particularly in the Middle West, heavy snowstorms were a factor in reducing the volume of Christmas trade.

Percentage changes in total sales between December 1928 and December, 1929 are given by districts in the following table:

Federal Reserve District.]	Percentage of Increase or Decrease in Sales, Dec. 1929 Compared with Dec. 1928.	Number of Stores Reporting—	
		Increase.	Decrease.
United States.....	-1.8	113	365
Boston.....	-1.6	15	73
New York.....	+1.8	12	27
Philadelphia.....	-2.8	6	29
Cleveland.....	-1.3	8	26
Richmond.....	+2.0	19	37
Atlanta.....	-7.0	6	20
Chicago.....	-7.0	10	46
St. Louis.....	-6.1	3	14
Minneapolis.....	-8.2	2	16
Kansas City.....	-3.0	7	17
Dallas.....	-4.6	3	15
San Francisco.....	+0.2	22	45

Note.—The month had the same number of business days (25) this year as last year.

From the National Fertilizer Association Reports Decline in Commodity Prices to Lowest Point Since July 1927.

Commodity prices declined four-tenths of one per cent for the week ended Jan. 4, according to the wholesale price index of the National Fertilizer Association. The index now stands at the lowest point of record for this index, which has been compiled since July 9 1927. The Association, under date of Jan. 6, further states:

The groups that showed the largest declines were fats (largely butter), grains, feeds and livestock; fuel and certain foods. Of the total list 27 items declined and 19 advanced. Six groups declined and only one advanced. An advance of 0.5% occurred in the group of fertilizer materials, due to a slight advance in cottonseed meal and to schedule advances in sodium nitrate and ammonium-sulphate-nitrate.

Based on 1926-1928 as 100 and on 474 quotations the index for the week ended Jan. 4 stood at 94.6; for that ended Dec. 28, 95.0; for that ended Dec. 21, 94.9, and for Dec. 14, 95.0.

"Annalist" Weekly Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices.

The "Annalist" weekly index of wholesale commodity prices stands at 140.2, a decrease of 0.7 point from last week (140.9), and compares with 147.0 last year at this time. In its weekly report the "Annalist" adds:

Price movements were mixed. In the farm products group advances in livestock and eggs were balanced by price losses in grains and cotton, the net being a gain of 0.1 point for the group index. Four groups are lower than last week and three remain unchanged. The largest net losses were in the food products group, where declines in meat, butter, cheese, coffee, lemons and oranges lowered the index 1.7 points; and in the miscellaneous group, where leather and rubber made sharp price dips. The composite index is 4% lower than last year at this time. The average for the four weeks in December shows a gain over November of 0.6 point for the farm products group and losses in all other groups, the composite index being 0.5 point lower. The largest declines were in the textile group, which fell 2.6% during the month.

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

	Jan. 7 1930.	Dec. 31 1929.	Jan. 8 1929.	Dec. 1929.	Nov. 1929.	Dec. 1928.
Farm products.....	137.2	137.1	147.1	138.1	137.5	148.7
Food products.....	143.3	145.0	145.1	145.9	147.2	147.0
Textile products.....	140.1	140.3	155.8	140.8	144.7	156.7
Fuels.....	159.8	159.8	167.0	160.1	161.8	166.0
Metals.....	125.2	125.3	125.4	125.5	125.9	124.3
Building materials.....	150.6	150.6	153.8	151.9	153.6	153.8
Chemicals.....	134.0	134.0	134.6	134.0	134.0	134.6
Miscellaneous.....	120.7	123.9	124.1	124.0	124.9	118.0
All commodities.....	140.2	140.9	147.0	141.3	141.8	147.5

Dun's Report of Failures in December.

A higher business mortality during the closing month of a year marks a normal trend, but December's rise in the liabilities was above the average. That was due to an unusual number of large defaults, which swelled the aggregate indebtedness to \$67,465,114. The number of all commercial failures in the United States last month also increased, yet the total of 2,037 reported to R. G. Dun & Co. was less than 5% above the 1,943 failures of December 1928. The expansion in the liabilities over the \$40,774,160 of a year ago was fully 65%, thus affording a sharp contrast to the moderate numerical increase. Nearly 55% of the combined indebtedness last month was accounted for by the insolvencies of large size, and the amount for all defaults was the heaviest of any month in a long period. It has not been equalled, moreover, in any previous December since 1921, when about \$87,500,000 was recorded.

Even with December's pronounced rise in the indebtedness, the aggregate for the year is below that for 1928. Thus, data compiled by R. G. Dun & Co. show \$483,250,196 for the year just ended, whereas in the immediately preceding year the liabilities approximated \$489,600,000. The present total also is under that for 1927, when fully \$520,000,000 was involved. It is also less than in 1924, 1923, 1922, and 1921. The numerical exhibit for 1929 is relatively favorable, with 22,909 commercial defaults comparing with 23,842 in 1928 and 23,146 in 1927. The total for 1928 represented the high point for all years for the fourth quarter of 1929, insolvencies numbering 5,655 were smaller than

in each of the three immediately preceding years, whereas the liabilities of \$150,824,558 were the highest for the fourth quarter since 1923.

Monthly and quarterly failures, showing number and liabilities, are contrasted below for the periods mentioned:

	Number.			Liabilities.		
	1929.	1928.	1927.	1929.	1928.	1927.
December.....	2,037	1,943	2,162	\$67,465,114	\$40,774,160	\$51,062,253
November.....	1,796	1,838	1,864	52,045,863	40,601,435	36,146,573
October.....	1,822	2,023	1,787	31,313,581	34,990,474	36,235,872
Fourth quarter.....	5,655	5,804	5,813	\$150,824,558	\$116,366,069	\$123,444,698
September.....	1,568	1,635	1,573	34,124,731	33,956,686	32,786,125
August.....	1,762	1,852	1,708	33,746,452	58,201,830	39,195,953
July.....	1,752	1,723	1,756	32,425,519	29,586,633	43,149,974
Third quarter.....	5,082	5,210	5,037	\$100,296,702	\$121,745,149	\$115,132,052
June.....	1,767	1,947	1,833	31,374,761	29,827,073	34,465,165
May.....	1,897	2,008	1,852	41,215,865	36,116,990	37,784,773
April.....	2,021	1,818	1,968	35,269,702	37,985,145	53,155,727
Second quarter.....	5,685	5,773	5,653	\$107,860,328	\$103,929,208	\$125,405,665
March.....	1,987	2,236	2,143	39,355,691	54,814,145	57,890,905
February.....	1,965	2,176	2,035	34,035,772	45,070,642	46,940,716
January.....	2,535	2,643	2,465	53,877,145	47,834,411	51,290,232
First quarter.....	6,487	7,055	6,643	\$124,268,608	\$147,519,198	\$156,121,853

FAILURES BY BRANCHES OF BUSINESS—DECEMBER 1929.

	Number.			Liabilities.		
	1929.	1928.	1927.	1929.	1928.	1927.
Manufacturers—						
Iron, foundries and mills.....	14	9	10	\$971,417	\$255,010	\$585,558
Machinery and tools.....	36	21	35	3,954,842	871,173	690,545
Woolens, carpets & knit'g's.....	5	1	6	189,690	58,000	90,900
Cottons, lace and hosiery.....	—	—	2	—	—	312,000
Lumber, carp'ters & coopers.....	112	107	95	6,810,438	9,761,880	8,071,598
Clothing and millinery.....	39	51	49	1,406,495	833,148	1,010,471
Hats, gloves and furs.....	25	17	35	473,965	286,700	472,725
Chemicals and drugs.....	8	10	7	71,723	172,946	1,527,600
Paints and oils.....	3	3	2	24,200	68,900	34,600
Printing and engraving.....	11	11	22	176,840	247,800	208,007
Milling and bakers.....	28	46	55	340,507	611,103	547,498
Leather, shoes and harness.....	18	8	17	1,062,246	236,600	875,040
Tobacco, &c.....	6	6	9	386,723	85,800	2,261,100
Glass, earthenware & brick.....	8	6	13	1,073,255	217,500	5,968,313
All other.....	246	202	240	16,317,738	4,076,112	6,367,410
Total manufacturing.....	559	498	597	\$33,266,079	\$17,782,672	\$29,024,365
Traders—						
General stores.....	102	104	94	\$1,184,209	\$1,531,522	\$1,092,014
Groceries, meats and fish.....	276	332	331	3,216,620	2,771,791	2,708,110
Hotels and restaurants.....	93	88	107	6,186,523	1,778,379	1,337,306
Tobacco, &c.....	17	21	14	152,977	134,305	81,089
Clothing and furnishings.....	184	182	195	2,783,906	2,727,938	3,066,462
Dry goods and carpets.....	76	85	90	1,180,316	1,418,400	1,476,516
Shoes, rubbers and trunks.....	41	45	63	320,684	523,150	452,225
Furniture and crockery.....	65	53	55	2,843,335	1,458,700	690,003
Hardware, stoves and tools.....	44	41	53	793,049	592,535	631,100
Chemicals and drugs.....	8	5	13	873,722	548,400	703,714
Parts and oils.....	8	5	13	89,360	33,800	160,689
Jewelry and clocks.....	24	40	28	512,227	1,340,100	511,773
Books and papers.....	6	5	10	85,800	79,600	125,555
Hats, furs and gloves.....	19	23	24	1,244,278	358,800	621,320
All other.....	307	240	287	7,082,756	3,635,514	3,074,775
Total trading.....	1,344	1,324	1,430	\$28,549,762	\$18,932,934	\$16,732,633
Other commercial.....	134	121	135	5,649,273	4,058,554	5,305,255
Total United States.....	2,037	1,943	2,162	\$67,465,114	\$40,774,160	\$51,062,253

Dun's Index Numbers of Wholesale Commodity Prices.

Monthly comparisons of Dun's index numbers of wholesale prices, based on the per capital consumption of each of the many commodities included in the compilation, follow:

Groups.	Jan. 1 1930.	Dec. 1 1929.	Jan. 1 1929.	Jan. 1 1928.	Jan. 1 1927.
Breadstuffs.....	\$33.801	\$34.292	\$32.673	\$32.390	\$29.455
Meat.....	22.622	22.777	24.620	23.480	19.418
Dairy and garden.....	21.618	22.141	21.690	22.542	24.593
Other food.....	18.238	18.556	19.596	19.451	20.160
Clothing.....	33.297	33.959	35.658	36.039	32.471
Metals.....	20.943	20.997	21.348	21.897	23.647
Miscellaneous.....	35.994	36.247	36.780	37.050	38.014
Total.....	\$186.513	\$188.969	\$192.365	\$192.849	\$187.758

Franklyn Hobbs of Central Trust Co. of Illinois Says Present General Situation Should Make 1930 Measure Up to Average of Period from 1925 to 1929.

According to Franklyn Hobbs, Director of Research of the Central Trust Co. of Illinois, at Chicago, "the general situation as it now exists, enhanced by increasing building and engineering operations, and by some gain in the agricultural income, should make the year 1930 measure up to the average of the period 1925 to 1929, inclusive." Mr. Hobbs adds that "it would seem reasonable to expect real dullness at the opening, some improvement during the spring, a fairly good summer season, and a fall and early winter business equal to that of 1927, at least. With no real business depression in prospect, the stage seems to be set for a fair business in 1930, and a better business in 1931." In his forecast, Mr. Hobbs also says:

The new year is before us, and it begins its career on the most solid foundation business has ever had. Money is available in sufficient quantities and at satisfactory rates for all commercial enterprise. It is gradually becoming available for new construction and engineering projects, at rates which are comparatively low. Inventories of raw materials have been reduced during the year, and even inventories of manufactured goods are somewhat smaller than they were at the close of 1928. Ample labor

is available, yet there is not sufficient unemployment to cause concern. Wages are high, but earnings during the last few years demonstrate the ability of the employer to pay these wages and market his product at a profit. Consumptive demand, which slackened perceptibly with the late October market break, has almost resumed the normal, and buying power for the entire country is now at a higher point than the 10-year average on the first of January.

A determination to make 1930 a good business year seems to be in the air. It will naturally take several months to recover from the shock administered to a small percentage of the population through the decline in the stock market, but it has again been brought home to us that the easy money made in the stock market is seldom turned into cash, and even more rarely is it used to pay the current expenses of the family. Indirectly, all of us will feel the effects of the market decline, although, in actuality, the country has not lost a dollar, and all of the wealth which existed in mid-October remains with us. The misused term "liquidation" seems to have created a general misunderstanding in the public mind. Prices of shares have been liquidated but the shares themselves have not been liquidated. The total sales of shares during the last three months of 1929 was not greater than such sales during two other quarterly periods of 1929, or during the corresponding quarter of 1928. As the shares have not been sold, the majority of holders must be awaiting the return of a normal market, and this fact will hasten the return to normal. Some shares were sold to get money for the final income tax payment, and others have been sold to establish a loss and reduce the income tax to be paid next year. But the total sale of shares for the entire last quarter of 1929 is sufficient evidence that the psychological loss in the market collapse largely exceeded the actual loss of even those people who were unfortunate enough to be numbered among the losers.

The market for bonds has been dull, largely due to the speculative fervor, but there has been a slight but continuous improvement in the demand for bonds as an investment, resulting in an increasing turnover on leading stock exchanges. There now seems to be a growing interest in bonds by the investing public which bids fair to expand during the coming year. This turning to bonds by the rank and file of investors is of particular importance at this time, as a larger part of the financing of the coming year must take the form of interest-bearing securities.

The year 1930 promises a manufacturing output and merchandise turnover equal to the last five-year average; a freight movement above such average; a volume of employment not more than 2% below such average; a total payment of salaries and wages not more than 1% below the average; and, most important, an actual gain in the total of agricultural income. Better prices for raw materials are possible, but the advancing of prices on any form of consumption goods is likely to cause a restriction in demand such as was created through the general attempt at price advancing early in 1921. A resumption of the making of foreign loans may serve to hold up our export volume, and the outflow of gold during the early months of the year should not be sufficiently large as to materially affect our credit structure, the gold exports being partly offset by payments of considerable interest and some principal on the allied debts.

At the close of 1928 our index figure for 1929 business operations was set at 96, working from a base of 100 for 1926. Figures already available for the year 1929 indicate that the volume of business for the year has advanced this index figure one point to 97. Extension of the trend lines show an index of 96 for 1930; of 101 for 1931; and 102 for 1932. This indicates a volume of business for 1930 equal to 1928, and, for 1931, a volume 1% above 1926. Without allowance or readjustment for wars or other calamities, the three-year period 1930 to 1932, inclusive, should witness a volume of business 2% greater than the period 1926 to 1928, inclusive.

H. D. Ivey of Citizens National Bank & Trust Co. of Los Angeles Finds Little Reason for Depression of Prolonged Character—No Lessening of Natural Resources of Country on Which Prosperity Rests.

Surveying the outlook for 1930, Herbert D. Ivey, President of the Citizens' National Trust & Savings Bank of Los Angeles, says:

We look forward into 1930 from the background of the most prosperous year we have known, both locally and as a nation. Industry has operated at high levels of production, distribution and profit. Earnings have been literally distributed through dividends. Generous cash reserves have been built up by many concerns. Perhaps at no time in the past have so many been in position to go forward with ample resources at their command. Many corporations have simplified their financial structure, with corresponding reduction of fixed overhead. Physical properties have, in general, been well maintained. Business seems adequately armed to continue its advance, or fortified to withstand, if need be, a period of depression.

There seems little reason, however, for depression of any serious or prolonged character. It is true that some reaction has been felt in certain lines because of the stock market declines. But the prices of stocks have not been affected in any way the properties they represent. There has been no destruction of the actual wealth back of these stocks. There has been no lessening of the great natural resources of the country, on which in the final analysis our prosperity rests. We have them; we have the means of developing them. And those means have probably never been in better physical conditions, nor under more able management. Our banks are in excellent condition, and have demonstrated only recently the ability to meet a sudden and urgent credit situation in a truly impressive manner.

For the immediate situation one of the most significant and encouraging factors to consider is the report we receive that collections are favorable, particularly in installment buying. When we find individuals in position to take care of the obligations they have assumed toward the future we may feel reasonable confidence in what lies ahead of us. When we consider the announced programs of expenditure by governmental agencies, National, State, and local, by utility companies, by railroads and other great industries, it is evident that there will be put into circulation in 1930 vast sums in the purchase of materials and distributed in wages and salaries.

Perhaps never before has business had occasion or opportunity to realize its united strength. The Washington conferences called by President Hoover, and the statements issued locally throughout the country since those conferences, announcing definitely planned programs, have had so much to do with steadying our confidence in the future. But of all developments of the Washington conferences, the most significant seems to be the advice of President Hoover himself to the country to go to work. That advice, if we follow it, will have as important a bearing on our 1930 prosperity as any other single thing. Because, with our natural resources unimpaired, with tools of gigantic industrialism at hand for developing

wealth, there remains only the need to work, and to practice thrift in our handling of the returns from our work. With our hundred and twenty million people at work, and thrifty, we should see an exhibition of American energy that should insure our prosperity beyond any question.

Chain Store Sales in 1929 Exceed Those of Preceding Year.

Sales of 20 chain store companies in the month of December 1929 amounted to \$182,751,986, an increase of \$18,407,318, or 11.2%, over the corresponding month in the preceding year, according to a compilation by Merrill, Lynch & Co. of this city. The Lerner Stores Corp., Morison Electrical Supply Co. and Neisner Bros., Inc. led all others in point of percentage gain, with increases of 50.79%, 40.6% and 28.3%, respectively. Sears, Roebuck & Co. led all others in point of dollar gain with an increase of \$11,785,367.

Sales of these same 20 chain store companies for the calendar year 1929 totaled \$1,522,019,714, an increase of \$235,193,279, or 18.28%, over the figure for the year ended Dec. 31 1928. A comparative table shows:

	—Month of December—			—Calendar Years—		
	1929.	1928.	Inc.	1929.	1928.	Inc.
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%
Sears, Roebuck	54,219,540	42,434,173	27.8	443,452,640	346,973,915	27.80
F. W. Woolworth	44,153,396	45,440,944	x2.83	303,033,894	287,315,364	5.47
Montgomery Ward	35,799,316	31,951,920	12.0	291,530,621	232,354,738	25.40
S. S. Kresge	24,242,016	24,843,952	x2.42	156,327,735	147,363,022	6.08
W. T. Grant	11,535,827	10,327,813	11.6	65,448,285	54,985,456	19.00
McCrorry Stores	7,295,849	7,217,867	1.08	44,708,877	41,105,324	8.77
Nat'l Bellas Hess	4,866,734	4,985,767	x2.4	48,851,047	44,532,696	9.70
F. & W. Grand						
Isaac Silver	5,127,882	4,749,213	7.97	30,416,858	23,818,091	27.70
McLellan Stores	4,381,312	4,069,259	7.6	23,774,676	18,516,066	28.40
Lerner Stores Corp.	3,383,160	2,243,538	50.79	19,085,302	12,104,191	57.68
Neisner Bros.	2,684,814	2,092,609	28.3	15,087,610	10,292,115	46.60
G. C. Murphy	2,641,658	2,449,581	7.8	15,721,946	12,118,187	29.70
Melville Shoe Corp.	2,423,340	2,621,127	x7.55	25,514,253	22,438,205	13.71
Waldorf System	1,444,065	1,363,236	5.9	16,069,338	14,621,237	9.90
Kline Bros.	706,215	609,665	15.8	4,920,374	3,504,864	40.40
Exchange Buffet	597,082	524,878	13.76	4,352,095	3,842,566	13.26
Winn & Lovett Groc.	527,536	519,739	1.5	6,124,397	5,284,160	15.90
Edison Bros.	413,776	324,726	27.4	3,751,628	2,986,991	25.60
Marbon Elec. Supply	315,809	224,586	40.6	2,250,691	1,382,450	62.80
Kaybee Stores	234,674	193,967	21.0	1,597,447	1,286,797	24.20
Total	182,751,986	164,344,668	11.20	1,522,019,714	1,286,826,435	18.28

x Decrease.

Year Closed With Low Volume of Construction Contracts—High Volume of Contemplated Work—F. W. Dodge Corporation's Review of Building and Engineering Activity During the Year 1929.

Construction contracts recorded during the year 1929 in the 37 Eastern States reached a total of \$5,754,290,500, according to F. W. Dodge Corp. Compared with the total for the record year 1928, this was a decrease of 13%. Commercial and industrial building reached a combined total of \$1,689,200,800 last year, an increase of 11% over 1928; these classes of work usually increase when general business activity and the stock market are on the upswing; public and institutional buildings of all kinds (constituting the remainder of the non-residential classes) amounted to \$901,020,200 last year, representing an 8% decrease from 1928. Non-residential building as a whole had contract expenditures just 3½% above those of 1928. The decline was most severe in residential building, whose 1929 total was \$1,915,727,500, being 31% under the 1928 total. Even public works and utilities, contracts for which kept somewhat ahead of 1928 very nearly to the end of the year, finished with a contract total 7% under that of 1928, or \$1,248,342,000 as compared with \$1,337,930,500.

Although the financial upheaval which reached its climax in late October was in the nature of a removal of serious obstacles to construction improvement, the Dodge "Review" observes, it came too late to aid any improvement in the 1929 construction record, December contracts amounted to only \$316,368,100, which was 37% under the total for December 1928 and 19% under November 1929. The month's record included: \$114,049,800, or 36% of all construction, for residential buildings; \$67,293,400, or 21%, for industrial projects; \$51,821,300 or 16%, for public works and utilities; \$33,392,100, or 11%, for commercial buildings; and \$19,841,800, or 6%, for educational buildings.

A much more promising showing was made, it is stated, in the December record of contemplated projects. New plans reported during the month amounted to \$864,220,600, an increase of 19% over the amount reported in December 1928, and a 20% increase over November 1929. The total of contemplated new work reported in the entire year was \$8,886,017,500. This was 54% in excess of the amount of contracts, a very good indication that the year closes with a considerable volume of unsatisfied construction demand. After saying this, the Dodge "Review" continues as follows:

New York State and Northern New Jersey.

During the closing month of 1929 contracts let in New York State and Northern New Jersey amounted to \$115,187,900. The December total was

off 31% from the preceding month and was 17% less than the total for December 1928. The classes of building found to be most active in the month were the following: \$69,544,000 or 60% of all construction for residential buildings; \$10,324,300 or 9%, for educational buildings; \$9,947,900 or 8%, for commercial buildings; and \$7,507,300 or 7%, for public works and utilities.

New building and engineering work contracted for in the entire year of 1929 amounted to \$1,467,272,600, compared with \$1,814,316,800 for 1928, a decrease of 19%.

Contemplated projects as reported during the past month reached a sum of \$287,813,600. This figure was 25% ahead of November and a further increase of 48% was registered over the December month of 1928.

The New England States.

December construction contracts let in the New England States amounted to \$15,946,000. This figure was 34% under the total for the preceding month and there was a decrease of 43% from the corresponding month of 1928. Analysis of the December building and engineering record showed the following active classes: \$6,020,800 or 38% of all construction, for residential buildings; \$3,672,600 or 23%, for public works and utilities; \$2,894,800 or 18% for commercial buildings; and \$1,545,200 or 10%, for educational buildings.

The year 1929 closed with a total construction volume of \$398,382,400, compared with \$495,581,000 in the year 1928, a decrease of 20%.

New construction work reported in the contemplated stage for December amounted to \$47,938,900, representing increases of 63% over November and 26% over December 1928.

The Middle Atlantic States.

New building and engineering work contracted for in the Middle Atlantic States (Eastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia, and Virginia) during December amounted to \$21,389,900, compared with \$41,363,000, for November and \$51,962,100, for December of 1928. Included in last month's building record were the following important classes of work: \$7,335,800 or 34% of all construction, for residential buildings; \$5,152,200 or 24%, for commercial buildings; \$2,388,200 or 11%, for industrial plants; and \$2,159,100 or 10%, for public works and utilities.

The December contract total brought the amount of construction started in this district during the year up to \$671,500,300, which represents a drop of 15% from the 1928 year total.

Contemplated work reported last month amounted to \$109,917,600. An increase of 35% was recorded over the preceding month's total, but a loss of 19% was noted from the December 1928 record when compared.

The Pittsburgh District.

The Pittsburgh District (Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky) had \$27,332,000 in awarded contracts for new construction work during December. This figure was a little more than 2% over the preceding month's total but was off 30% from the corresponding month of 1928. Last month's construction record included the following items of note: \$9,913,800 or 36% of all construction, for public works and utilities; \$5,898,800 or 22%, for residential buildings; \$3,725,000 or 14%, for industrial plants; and \$3,034,600 or 11%, for commercial construction.

The cumulative total of all construction contracted for in the 1929 year was \$685,535,500 compared with \$723,415,700 during the year 1928, which was a decrease of only 5%.

Contemplated work reported in December amounted to \$71,067,300, which represents a loss of 47% from November total but a decided increase of 71% was registered over December of 1928.

The Central West.

December construction contracts awarded in the Central West (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, Southern Michigan, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Nebraska) shows a substantial increase over November but a decrease from the preceding December. Last month's total, \$97,352,700 in amount, was 13% greater than November 1929 record but was off 19% when compared with the corresponding month of 1928.

The major items in the December construction record were the following: \$64,237,800 or 66% of all construction, for residential buildings; \$47,279,700 or 49%, for industrial plants; \$16,601,800 or 17%, for public works and utilities; and \$6,104,600 or 6%, for commercial buildings.

Last month's contract total brought the amount of new construction work started in the Central West during the 1929 year up to \$1,681,835,800, compared with \$1,934,774,900 for the year 1928, a decrease of 15%.

New contemplated projects reported in December reached a total of \$249,768,700 representing rated increases of 48% over November and 16% over the December 1928 total.

The Northwest.

In the Northwest (Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Northern Michigan) the December contract record amounted to \$6,866,900. A decline of 31% was recorded from the preceding month's total but a decided increase of 79% was noted over the corresponding month of 1928. According to active classes, the December construction record showed the following totals: \$4,429,900 or 65% of all construction, for public works and utilities; \$1,223,600 or 18%, for industrial plants; \$653,100 or 10%, for residential buildings; and \$451,400 or 7% for commercial buildings.

Contracts awarded for the entire year of 1929 amounted to \$94,504,500 and when compared with the 1928 record (\$80,190,700) shows an increase of 18%, this being the only territory to register an increase in 1929.

The December total for contemplated work was \$8,119,700 against \$18,137,500 for November 1929 and \$9,136,300 for December 1928.

The Southeastern States.

New building and engineering contracts let in the Southeastern States (North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana) for December amounted to \$20,221,600. This figure was 9% below the preceding month's record and 40% off from December 1928 figure.

The most important items in the past month's construction record were the following: \$5,514,700, or 27% of all construction, for residential buildings; \$4,585,100 or 23%, for public works and utilities; \$3,364,500 or 17%, for industrial plants; and \$2,762,300 or 14%, for commercial buildings.

The total volume of new construction contracted for in this district for the year 1929 amounted to \$537,459,400, representing decrease of only 4% from the 1928 year.

The volume of work reported as contemplated in December totaled \$58,760,300 which was a gain of 37% over the amount reported in November 1928 and a slight increase of 3% over the December 1928 record.

Texas.

The State of Texas had \$12,071,100 in construction contracts awarded in the final month of 1929, compared with \$12,938,200 for November and \$16,953,400 for the December 1928 record. Included in last month's building record were: \$3,024,200 or 25% of all construction, for commercial

buildings; \$2,951,700 or 24%, for public works and utilities; \$2,569,500 or 21%, for residential buildings; and \$1,324,900 or 11%, for religious and memorial buildings.

December brought Texas construction total for the year 1929 up to \$217,800,000, compared with \$231,408,800 in the year 1928, which was a decrease of only 6%.

In contrast to other figures the contemplated new work reported during the past month was more than double the amount reported during the preceding month, indicating a favorable prospect for increased building next year.

December contemplated work amounting to \$30,834,500, compared with \$13,927,100 for November and \$32,636,700 for December 1928.

Decline in New York State Factory Employment in December.

December witnessed further widespread seasonal losses in employment in New York State factories when forces fell almost 4% after a 2% drop in November. This seasonal movement was larger than usual and was exceeded only by the heavy decline in 1920, according to Industrial Commissioner Frances Perkins. The latter's survey further states:

In many years, factories have enlarged forces in December. It is impossible to determine to what extent the break in the stock market this Fall accentuated the seasonal change. No single month has shown such a large drop in employment since the late Spring of 1924 when business suffered a recession after 1923.

Monthly reports from over 1,500 factories in New York State furnish the basis for these statements. The firms were selected to represent the various industries situated in the State and employ approximately one-third of all factory workers.

The December loss brought employment one point below last year and only slightly below two years ago. This marks the first time in a year that factories have not held greater forces than for the same month in the previous year. Ever since March, improvement has been shown over both 1927 and 1928.

Factory Employment Gained During 1929.

The year of 1929 as a whole marked an advance of four points over 1928 and stood somewhat above 1927. The general index of employment for 1929 was 98, based on the three-year average of 1925-27. Except for the decline after the Fall peak, factory labor did not undergo any severe fluctuations from month to month.

The general improvement this past year formed part of the upward trend apparent after the middle of 1928. Factories curtailed forces throughout 1926 and 1927 until they reached a low point in July 1928. Advance that Fall put a check to the declining index of employment. Hence the year of 1929 opened with fairly bright prospects.

Rapid gains in the Spring months placed employment in March above any since March two years ago. Factories sustained forces during the Summer and made widespread advances in the Fall. As a result, the volume of employment in October rose above the Spring peak and exceeded any for nearly three years. However, seasonal declines in November and December wiped out all the advances during 1929 so that the year closed on a slightly lower level than it opened at in January.

Rising pay rolls accompanied the upward movement in forces. In fact, average weekly earnings for factory workers in 1929 were greater than ever before, with two high points established. The record wage in September reached the peak of \$30.47 and topped that of \$30.35 in March. Meanwhile the cost of living figures for New York State have shown a downward trend since late 1925. On the assumption that the dollar has remained fairly stable in value in recent years, this means that the factory worker has received not just greater money wages, but actually greater buying power.

December Slackening Seasonal and Widespread.

The fairly general seasonal losses of November broadened to include practically every industry in December. Most of the industries cut forces over 1% and several made reductions of more than 10%. No industry showed an upward trend. The very limited small gains that appeared resulted from irregular changes. In general, the reduction came from a definite slackening in all industry, not confined to any particular group of industries or large concerns. Over half of the industries reported larger declines at this season than in the past six years.

All of the metals showed general losses with some below a year ago. Many of them were gaining in the previous December. Iron and steel mills cut forces for the fourth month. Monthly reductions since Spring placed the automobile industry 15 points below a year ago. Large cut appeared in many machinery and electrical apparatus firms. Instrument and appliance firms lost the November gain.

Seasonal slackening continued in all of the clothing industries with reductions on a larger scale than in 1928 or 1927. December generally marks an upward turn in men's clothing shops. Conditions continued dull in the shoe factories although a few firms partly replaced their reduced forces. Furriers and glove and bag makers slackened more severely this year.

Larger losses than usual in all of the textiles contrasted with general gains last year. Silk and wool usually begin to pick up at this time. Cotton mill forces were noticeably lower than in several years as a result of monthly curtailment all through 1929.

The chemical industry registered its first real loss in a year of constant growth. The photographic and miscellaneous chemicals were instrumental in this gain with forces enlarged every month. Glass firms did not increase employment as usual, but lost along with stone and clay concerns.

General cuts among all the foods made December a duller month than regularly. Flour, feed and cereals recorded a gain due to one firm. Printing, paper and paper goods were fairly irregular in moving downward.

Employment fell rapidly in piano and other musical instrument firms, due to general as well as a few large cuts. Some strength was indicated this Fall when forces were maintained after constant losses since late 1928. Other wood firms lost ground.

Decline in Wholesale and Retail Trade in Atlanta Federal Reserve District—Income of Farmers From Cotton Crop in 1929 Expected to Exceed That of 1928.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta thus summarizes conditions in its district in its "Monthly Review," dated Dec. 31:

The final estimate by the United States Department of Agriculture places the cotton crop produced in the six States of the Sixth Federal Reserve

District during the 1929 season at 5,949,000 bales, larger by 25% than the crop produced in these States during the previous season. The price of cotton during recent weeks has been 2 to 2½c. per pound less than that prevailing a year ago. In view of the larger crop, however, it seems probable that the income of farmers from the cotton crop in these parts will be greater than for the 1928 season. Most of the other crops raised in these States, except white potatoes and fruits, were greater than those produced last year.

Sales of merchandise at both wholesale and retail during November, reflected in figures reported confidentially to the Federal Reserve Bank, declined by more than the usual seasonal amount compared with the month before, and were in smaller volume than in November last year. Retail trade averaged 5.3% less than a year ago, and wholesale trade showed a decline of 7.8% as compared with November 1928. Savings deposits held by 75 reporting banks in all parts of the district declined ½ of 1% in November compared with October, and were 8.1% less than in November last year. Debits to individual accounts at 26 reporting cities of the Sixth District declined 12% compared with October and were 4.9% smaller than in November 1928. Debits in this district nearly always decline from October to November, the decrease last year being 3.5%. Loans and investments of weekly reporting member banks in selected cities of the district declined between Nov. 13 and Dec. 11, and were less than a year ago, and this is also true of discounts by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta for all member banks in the district. Demand deposits of all member banks in the district increased, but time deposits declined in October as compared with the preceding month, and both were smaller than a year ago. There was an increase in the number of commercial failures in the district, but a decrease in liabilities in November compared with October, and with November last year. Activity in the building and construction industry, as reflected in building permit statistics reported by 20 cities, and in statistics of contracts awarded in the entire district reached, in November, the lowest level indicated in available figures. Production of cotton cloth and yarn by mills in the district reporting to the Federal Reserve Bank was smaller in November than in October, and output of cloth showed a decrease compared with November last year, but production of yarn was slightly larger. Output of pig iron and of coal in Alabama was somewhat less than in November last year.

Further detailing conditions in wholesale and retail lines, the Bank says:

Retail Trade.

Retail distribution of merchandise in the Sixth [Atlanta] District, as reflected in sales figures reported confidentially to the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta by representative department stores located in 22 cities of the district declined in November, and were in smaller volume than in November of any of the preceding four years. Stocks of merchandise increased slightly over those on hand a month earlier, but were smaller than a year ago.

November sales by 42 reporting department stores in the district declined an average of 7.4% compared with sales in October, the decrease being shared by all reporting cities except New Orleans. A review of figures for the past nine years shows that in this district department store sales have each year decreased from October to November, and the average decline during this period of years has been 7.0%. The decrease this year, while only a little larger than the average for the preceding nine years, is the largest since 1925, when November sales were 13.7% less than in October. November sales this year averaged 5.3% smaller than in November last year. Cumulative sales for the 11 months of the year, compared with the same part of 1928, were larger at Atlanta but smaller at other reporting points, and averaged 2.0% less for the district. Stocks of merchandise on hand at the end of the month averaged less than 1% larger than for October, and were 4.2% smaller than for November 1928. The rate of stock turnover for November was the same as for November last year, but for the year through November it was slightly less than for that period of 1928. Accounts receivable at the end of November were 1.8% larger than for October, and 1.5% larger than for November last year, and collections during the month were 8.7% greater than in October, and 1.4% larger than in November 1928. The ratio of collections during November to accounts receivable and due at the beginning of the month, for 32 firms, was 32.7%; for October this ratio was 32.8%, and for November last year it was 33.2%. For November, the ratio of collections against regular accounts outstanding for 32 firms was 34.8%, and the ratio of collections against installment accounts for nine firms was 17.4%. Detailed comparisons of reported figures are shown in the accompanying table.

Wholesale Trade.

Distribution of merchandise at wholesale in the Sixth [Atlanta] District, as reflected in sales figures reported confidentially to the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta by 120 wholesale firms in eight different lines, declined in November and was in smaller volume than a year ago. Stocks of merchandise increased slightly compared with October, and also as compared with November 1928, but accounts receivable and collections showed decreases compared with both of those months. Wholesale trade statistics for this district have always shown that the high peak of wholesale trade is reached in October, and that sales decline in November and December, as the larger part of buying by retailers for fall and holiday business has, by that time, already been done. The decrease in sales from October to November this year, however, is larger than has been shown for any other year except 1925, during the past nine years, and is almost half again as large as the average for the nine-year period. According to some of the reports, bad weather during November exerted an adverse influence on sales volume for the month. Percentage comparisons of combined figures for all of the reporting lines are shown in the table:

	Nov. 1929 Compared With Oct. 1929.	Nov. 1928.
Sales	-16.6	-7.8
Stocks on hand	+0.2	+1.1
Accounts receivable	-2.4	-1.2
Collections	-10.1	-5.3

Gradual Improvement in Business in Early Months of New Year Looked For by National Association of Credit Men.

Gradual improvement of business during the early months of 1930 is foreseen by the National Association of Credit Men, whose January bulletin was sent to members on Jan. 6. Reiterating his statement made a month ago, that real business is good and is going to be better, Dr. Stephen I. Miller, Executive Manager of the Association, says that the

most favorable factor in the present situation is the improved purchasing power of the farmer. Dr. Miller states:

"According to Department of Agriculture figures crops raised in the United States this year were worth about \$85,000,000 more than last year in spite of a decrease of about 5% in total production. Grain and cotton were down, but yields from fruits, vegetables and sugar were larger. The farmer is apparently going into 1930 with improved purchasing power, which will mean much to both wholesale and retail trade, as well as to manufacturers of equipment.

"Money and credit continue under wholesome control. Brokers' loans are down to the lowest level reached since September, 1927. The stock market adjustment is continuing in good order, and thus far without causing a really conspicuous failure."

Improvement in automobile manufacture as the spring advances is expected by the Association to react favorably on other lines. It is noted that the Ford Company is now on a schedule of 4,500 cars a week, and that makers of the lower priced models are, on the whole, more active than manufacturers of the higher priced cars. The bulletin includes a survey of trade and credit conditions in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland. Manufacturers and wholesale houses in these states reported a negligible decrease in sales from the same month a year ago, when business was said to be booming.

Business in Richmond Federal Reserve District Below Seasonal Volume but Some Trade Barometers Favorable.

Business in the Richmond Federal Reserve district in November and early December was probably not up to seasonal volume, although some of the trade barometers were quite favorable says the Dec. 31 Monthly Review of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, which further reports:

On the whole, there seems to be indications of a moderate recession from the high level of earlier months this year, but the recession was not serious. Liquidation of agricultural loans proceeded seasonally, but perhaps at a somewhat slower rate than in most years. Member banks reduced their rediscounts at the Reserve Bank, although the reduction from country banks was not in proportion to the reduction of rediscounts of the city institutions. Federal Reserve note circulation rose during the past month, to meet the demand for cash needed for crop marketing and the holiday trade. Time deposits and other savings deposits declined last month, as usually occurs at that season of the year, but demand deposits in reporting member banks increased somewhat. Debits to individual accounts during the four weeks ended Dec. 11 were less than debits during the preceding four weeks, an unusual development, and in addition were lower than during the corresponding four weeks of 1928 in a majority of the reporting cities and in the total for the district. This may be accounted for, at least in part, by the lessened activity in security dealings. Business failures in the Fifth district in November were less numerous and liabilities were 78% lower than in November 1928, a much more favorable showing than the National comparison, which revealed liabilities 28% greater in November 1929 than in November 1928. Labor is only moderately employed, and on the whole the outlook for steady employment during the next few months appears more doubtful than in earlier months this year. Daily production of bituminous coal in November was less than in November 1928, and total production of last month declined rather more than seasonal average in comparison with the October output. Textile mills operated less extensively than in November 1928, and there was some curtailment of work to four days per week, but the recession in operations was less marked than the average for the Nation. Retail trade in department stores in the Fifth (Richmond) district was better than in November 1928 in the largest cities, but on the whole was poorer in the smaller cities and stores. Wholesale trade in November compared unfavorably with that of November a year ago in every line reported upon. Crop returns were quite spotted, but considering the district as a whole production of most crops was up to the production of 1928. Prices for cotton, the leading money crop, are much lower this year than in 1928, and returns to the growers will be considerably below the returns last year. Tobacco prices have averaged somewhat lower this year than last, but increased production this year probably about balanced the lower prices.

Wholesale and retail trade in the Richmond Federal Reserve District is reviewed as follows by the Bank:

Wholesale trade in the Fifth [Richmond] Federal Reserve District was relatively poor in November, a large majority of 68 reporting firms in five leading lines showing smaller sales than in either October this year or November 1928. Part of the decrease in comparison with October was seasonal, but the decline was greater this year than usual, and the decline in comparison with sales in November 1928 reflected an actual decrease in business done this year. The November sales in dry goods and hardware were particularly unfavorable in comparison with sales in November last year. In total sales since Jan. 1, drugs is the only line which shows an increase over sales in the first 11 months of 1928, and even in drugs the increase was less than 1%. Dry goods shows the biggest decline for the 11 months of this year, part of which may be due to slightly lower prices for some classes of textiles.

Stocks carried by the reporting firms were larger in groceries and drugs at the end of November than a year earlier, but dry goods and shoe stocks were smaller than on the earlier date. Dry goods and drug stocks increased during November but grocery and shoe stocks decreased in comparison with stocks on hand on Oct. 31 1929.

The percentages of collections in November to accounts receivable on the first of the month were lower in all lines than the percentages in October, and were also lower in all lines except drugs than the percentages in November 1928.

Retail trade in the Fifth Federal Reserve District showed some interesting developments in November. Reports from 30 representative department stores, scattered throughout the district showed sales averaging higher than sales in November last year, but practically all of the gain was in Baltimore, Washington and West Virginia stores. The Baltimore stores reported increases averaging 12.1%, an exceptional increase in view of stock figures averaging 6.4% less than those of a year ago. Some of the Washington stores did almost as well as the Baltimore stores, but two firms which reported lower figures in November than in November 1928 brought Washington's average increase down to 6-10 of 1%. However, the record of the stores included in the Other Cities group is quite unfavorable, 11 of the 15

stores reporting lower figures for November this year. Of the 4 stores in this group which gained in sales last month, 3 were in West Virginia. Of the 30 reporting stores in the District 19 show larger total sales for the 11 months of 1929 than for the corresponding period last year.

Stocks carried by the reporting stores are generally less this year, 20 of the 30 stores reporting lower selling values at the end of November 1929 than on November 30 1928. Most of the stores showed a seasonal increase in stock on hand during November this year, in comparison with stocks on hand at the end of October.

The rate of stock turnover in the Fifth District has been more rapid this than during the first 11 months of 1928, except in Washington where the figure is slightly lower. Averaging all the stores together, stocks have been turned 2.969 times this year prior to November 30, in comparison with only 2.820 times in the corresponding 11 months last year.

Collections in the district in November averaged better than in either October this year or November 1928, and this is also true of the Baltimore stores. The Washington collections were better in November than in October, but not up to those of November last year, while collections in the Other Cities stores in November showed a decline from those of October but were better than collections in November last year.

Building Operations in Atlanta Federal Reserve District—Index Number for November 25.2 Compared With 33.9 for October.

Building conditions in the Atlanta Federal Reserve District are indicated as follows in the Dec. 31 "Monthly Review" of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

Building.

The volume of building, evidenced by building permits issued at 20 regularly reporting cities of the Sixth [Atlanta] District for the construction of buildings within their corporate limits, and by total contracts awarded in the district as a whole, declined further in November to the lowest level indicated in available statistics.

Building permits issued during November at these 20 cities declined 25.7% compared with the month before, were approximately half as large as for November 1928, and were smaller than for any month in this series of figures which goes back to the beginning of the year 1920. Increases over November 1928 were reported from Anniston, Montgomery, Miami, Augusta, Columbus, Macon, Alexandria and Chattanooga, and from Lakeland and Miami Beach whose figures are not included in the totals, or used in computing the index numbers, because not available over a long enough period. The index number for November is 25.2, compared with 33.9 for October, and with 50.6 for November last year, based upon the monthly averages for the three-year period 1923 to 1925 inclusive as represented by 100. Index numbers for Atlanta, and for cities of the district in which branches of the Federal Reserve Bank are located, are shown on the last page of this Review. The cumulative total of permits issued at these 20 cities during the 11 months of 1929 is \$69,643,705, a decrease of 27.8% compared with the total of \$96,405,621 for the same months last year.

According to statistics compiled by the F. W. Dodge Corp., total building and construction contracts awarded in the 37 states east of the Rocky Mountains during November amounted to \$391,012,500, a decline of 12% compared with the month before, and a decrease of 17% compared with the total for November 1928. In November \$113,522,800, or 29% of all construction, was for residential building; \$101,769,200, or 26%, was for commercial building; \$72,361,000, or 19%, was for public works and utilities, and \$39,673,900, or 10%, was for industrial construction. For the 11 months of 1929 contract awards have totaled \$5,437,922,400, a decrease of 12% compared with the total of \$6,195,529,800 for the corresponding months of last year.

Contracts awarded in the Sixth District during November amounted to \$12,567,637, a decrease of 27.9% compared with the total for October, and 32.2% smaller than for November last year. Total awards during the 11 months of the year, however, amounted to \$316,790,000, an increase of 3.4% over the same part of 1928.

In the table are shown building permits issued in November at reporting cities of the district, compared with the same month last year.

	November 1929.		November 1928.		Percent Change in Value.
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	
Alabama—Anniston	24	\$35,650	7	\$10,600	+236.3
Birmingham	361	393,104	460	909,357	-56.8
Mobile	96	54,885	58	359,056	-84.7
Montgomery	160	121,390	187	117,534	+3.3
Florida—Jacksonville	280	193,011	335	453,273	-57.4
Miami	383	415,259	251	105,374	+294.1
Orlando	41	55,955	102	79,910	-30.0
Pensacola	118	49,414	83	50,347	-1.9
Tampa	153	47,445	238	211,939	-77.6
Lakeland*	6	5,850	6	1,900	+207.9
Miami Beach*	116	445,529	55	277,340	+60.7
Georgia—Atlanta	226	359,442	347	1,791,029	-79.9
Augusta	376	66,278	154	48,739	+36.0
Columbus	34	83,405	41	59,158	+41.0
Macon	142	70,762	78	40,795	+73.5
Savannah	15	41,492	33	130,275	-68.2
Louisiana—New Orleans	100	277,492	148	562,015	-50.6
Alexandria	60	50,473	54	23,769	+112.3
Tennessee—Chattanooga	284	192,100	232	122,446	+56.9
Johnson City	6	11,735	28	75,650	-84.5
Knoxville	74	207,486	111	332,324	-37.6
Nashville	131	105,777	187	214,374	-50.7
Total 20 cities	3,064	\$2,832,591	3,134	\$5,697,964	-50.3
Index number		25.2		50.6	

* Not included in totals or index numbers.

Slowing Down in Industry in Dallas Federal Reserve District Offset by Heavy Buying at Retail Stores—Decline in Building Activity.

A slight slowing down in business and industry during November was reflected in reports from correspondents in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District, it is stated by the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, which, however, says that "offsetting to some extent the decreased activity in other fields was the heavy buying at department stores in larger centers in preparation for the Christmas holidays." In its Jan. 1 "Monthly Business Review," the Bank further summarizes conditions as follows:

The November sales of these firms showed a gain of 1% over both the previous month and the corresponding month last year. Distribution of merchandise at wholesale reflected a substantial decline from the previous month, due in part to the seasonal falling off in the closing month of the fall season, and was considerably less than in November 1928. The valuation of building permits issued at principal cities reflected a substantial decline, being 37% less than in the previous month and 39% below that a year ago. The production, shipments, and new orders for lumber, likewise, showed a large decline. While the production and shipments of cement were smaller than the heavy volume in October, they were larger than a year ago.

The business mortality rate in this district reflected an improvement during November even though the trend of failures is usually upward at this season. Both the number of insolvencies and the aggregate indebtedness were smaller than in the previous month and the indebtedness of defaulting firms was less than in the same month last year. While the number of failures was slightly larger than in November 1928 there has been only one month since that date when failures were fewer than in the past month.

Debts to individual accounts at banks at larger centers were 13% less than the record volume in October, but exceeded those in the corresponding month last year by 5%. The daily average of combined net demand and time deposits of member banks in the Eleventh District, after showing a seasonal increase in September and October, reflected a slight decline in November. The total of these deposits for the month was \$891,591,000 as compared to \$900,260,000 in October and was considerably smaller than actual deposits on Dec. 12 1928. The loans and investments of member banks in selected cities showed a considerable decline during November but were slightly larger than a year ago. Federal Reserve Bank loans to member banks on Nov. 30 were only slightly lower than a month earlier, but they had declined to \$19,601,350 on Dec. 14, which was \$12,676,928 less than on Oct. 31. On that date, however, they were \$2,536,195 greater than on the corresponding date in 1928. There is still a heavy demand for short-term investments, as is evidenced by the fact that subscriptions to the United States Treasury certificates of indebtedness, dated Dec. 16 and bearing 3½% interest, were \$28,452,000 against which allotments of \$14,900,500 were made.

Agricultural operations during the month were retarded as a result of unfavorable weather conditions. Nevertheless, farmers are proceeding as rapidly as possible with the harvesting of remaining crops and the preparation of the soil for next year's crops. The rains have left a good subsoil season in the ground and have been beneficial to small grains. These crops are now mostly up to a good stand and making rapid growth. While livestock are going into the winter in fair to good condition, their condition is not so good as a month earlier or a year ago.

Regarding building operations the Bank says:

Building.

As reflected in the valuation of permits issued at principal cities, construction activity in the Eleventh [Dallas] Federal Reserve District was decidedly less in November than in October or the corresponding month last year. The valuation of permits issued at these centers, amounting to \$5,308,963 as against \$8,889,467 in the previous month and \$8,692,371 in November 1928, was smaller than in any previous month of the current year. Of the 14 reporting centers, it will be observed that only four cities reported increases over October while only three showed gains over November 1928. The valuation of permits issued during the eleven months of the current year was 4.7% below that during the same period of the previous year.

Conditions in Pacific Southwest as Viewed By Security—First National Bank of Los Angeles.

The year 1929 was a moderately prosperous one in Los Angeles and in Southern California, generally, despite the financial readjustment that took place during the latter part of the year, according to the Monthly Summary of Business Conditions in the Pacific Southwest territory compiled by the Department of Research and Service of the Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles made available Jan. 2. It is stated that many of the factors contributing to the economic structure of this region show increases during 1929 compared with 1928. Check transactions (one of the best single measures of business activity), increased 13.4% in Los Angeles during the year compared with the preceding year. Check transactions during the period from Jan. 1 to Dec. 24 1929, compared with the corresponding period of 1928, recorded increases in six of seven smaller Southern California cities for which figures are available, as follows: Santa Barbara, 14.5%; Long Beach, 13.4%; San Bernardino, 8.4%; San Diego, 4.4%; Bakersfield, 2.4%; and Pasadena, 9-10 of 1%. Fresno showed a decline of 3.9% in bank debits during the year.

The summary continues in part:

Activity in the industrial and manufacturing field, as measured by sales of electrical energy for industrial use, was approximately 20% greater during 1929 than during 1928. Petroleum production established a new high figure during the year, exceeding the former high record output in 1923 by about 11%. The petroleum industry, however, has suffered from over-production, although recent attempts to bring about a better balance between supply and demand have proved partly successful. The building industry operated at a slightly lower level during 1929 compared with 1928.

Agriculture experienced a good year in Southern California during 1929 despite the fact that the yields of many crops were smaller than in 1928. Prices of agricultural products in general were higher during 1929 than in the previous year, which more than made up for the smaller yields. Although separate figures for Southern California are not available, preliminary figures for the State as a whole show that the total farm value of 28 of the leading crops increased 12.6% during 1929 compared with 1928, thereby indicating that the agricultural purchasing power has been well sustained. Of the 28 leading crops for which data are available, 7 showed increases in production, and 19 recorded increases in the value of production during 1929 compared with 1928. Farm prices for 22 of the 28 leading California crops were higher during 1929 than in 1928. A disturbing factor in the agricultural situation in Southern California, however, is the lack of seasonal rainfall which has been keenly felt for some time.

Distribution and trade were carried on at satisfactory levels during the year. Commerce through the Los Angeles harbor during 1929 showed increases of approximately 11.0 and 13.0% in tonnage and value, respectively, over the figures for 1928. Trade at both retail and wholesale has been carried on at good levels throughout the year. Sales of new passenger automobiles during the first 11 months of 1929 compared with the same period in 1928 increased 37.4% in Los Angeles and 40.2% in Southern California. A large part of these increases has been due, however, to increased sales of low-priced automobiles.

Banking.

The banking situation in Los Angeles during the four weeks period ending Dec. 18 1929, was changed only slightly from that of the preceding four weeks, according to figures of banks which are members of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. Total deposits of these banks on Dec. 18 were \$5,000,000, or 7-10 of 1% greater than on Nov. 20. When the total deposit figures are segregated according to kinds of deposits, increases occurred in savings and "all other" deposits, and a decrease was noted in commercial deposits during the current four weeks period.

The demand for credit has been steady during December. Total loans of reporting member banks on Dec. 18 were 2 1-3 million dollars, or 2-5 of 1% less than on Nov. 20. Loans on securities have tended steadily downward since Oct. 2, the figure for Dec. 18 being nearly 18 million dollars, or 11.6% less than on the former date, and 3 1/4 million dollars, or 2.4% less than on Nov. 20. All other loans increased nearly one million dollars, or 1-5 of 1%, in the period from Nov. 20 to Dec. 18.

Investment holdings of reporting member banks in Los Angeles on Dec. 18 were held at approximately the same level reported on Nov. 20. A segregation of the total holdings shows that during the current four weeks period ending Dec. 18, holdings of Government securities increased 3 1-3 million dollars, or 2.8%, while holdings of other bonds, stocks and securities decreased slightly more than 3 1-3 million dollars, or 3.8%.

Outlook for Buying Power on Pacific Coast as Viewed by Silberling Research Corporation.

According to the Silberling Reports (dated Dec. 28), "the decline in general business and buying-power on the Pacific Coast has thus far been much less severe than in many other sections of the country. It is added that "our index, however, has fallen below normal and continuance of a downward direction through the first half of 1930 appears definitely assured. It will probably not reach as low a position with reference to the normal trend of growth as in some sections where the peak of prosperity this year was carried to exceptionally high and unsound levels." The Silberling Research Corp. goes on to say:

It is important to recognize the effect of industrial curtailment on local conditions. When a recession affects an important basic manufacturing industry it is likely to bring about recession in every area where the industry operates. This is of course less true of lines which cater to strictly localized demand, such as laundries or some building materials. But in the main the effects of curtailment are transmitted very broadly and promptly; local concerns will now feel the influence of keener competition through the fact that national organizations will in many cases seek to make up for the relatively more severe reduction in buying-power elsewhere by forcing their products more actively on the Coast. This can only mean that this is a time for more than the usual alertness and keen study of marketing and sales problems and opportunities.

Several important Coast industries deserve a special word of comment. The petroleum producers and refiners have been operating actively during the summer and fall and have created a situation which can only be balanced by rather drastic curtailment. As this occurs it will remove one influence that has been important in sustaining general activity in this territory. Another line of great importance is building construction and its related material and equipment lines. Residential and commercial building will be restricted for some time to come and Coast industrial construction will probably feel a sharp recession during the spring and summer of 1930. Heavy utility and engineering work will be less affected but, many smaller projects will be postponed or abandoned. The critical situation which for some months has been developing in the fir lumber industry deserves special attention at this time. One bright feature of the Pacific Coast outlook for the year 1930 is the prospect of continued gradual improvement in foreign markets which would serve to sustain shipping and particularly those lines which derive income from export commerce. Now is the time to look carefully into the export market for expansion and competitive opportunities. Another factor in this section of the country which should inspire confidence and help to maintain the flow of trade is the exceptionally strong position of the local banking structure.

As to current business policy the Silberling reports state:

Current Business Policy.

We are facing a general business and trade recession which calls for special scrutiny of sales effort and careful direction of sales promotion toward those areas and those lines of business which offer relatively the least resistance. Sales strategy consists of varying the attack to suit conditions, rather than complaining about the conditions. This is an excellent time to plan ahead and to make those studies of competitive position, marketing areas and quotas which require time and are best undertaken in a quiet period when the rush of routine business is less pressing and distracting. Forward-looking sales executives are studying the new volume issued by the Department of Commerce called the Market Data Handbook of the United States, the finest collection of sales strategy material ever assembled. Get it. Use it.

On the Pacific Coast it will pay to put special emphasis on sales efforts in the following areas during the next six months: San Francisco-West Bay; San Diego; San Joaquin Valley around Fresno; Santa Clara Valley around San Jose.

There will be advantages in stressing the following lines as prospective buyers of your products or service: advertisers; commercial and investment bankers; chemicals and drugs; low-priced wearing apparel; five-and-ten cent stores; public utilities; farm machinery makers; bakeries and meats; dairy products; life insurance; air transport; confectionery.

It will be desirable not to expect too much from the following lines: Building and construction materials; machine tools; automobiles, including parts and accessories; tires and rubber goods; office equipment; oils; hotels; hardware; jewelry; art goods; household products and equipment; textiles other than staples; laundries; metals and mining.

Credit Situation in San Francisco Federal Reserve District—Continued Expansion of Loans of Member Banks.

"The effects upon the banking and credit situation of the readjustments which occurred at the close of October and the beginning of November are still plainly visible in this District," says the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, in its Monthly Review, dated Dec. 20, which surveys the credit situation in the District as follows:

The amount of loans extended by reporting member banks was at record levels on Dec. 18. On the same date the deposits of these banks were still below the figures reached in early October, prior to the heavy transfers of funds to New York which characterized the last days of that month and the early days of November. Borrowing from the Federal Reserve Bank has been rapidly reduced since the middle of November but the reduction was made possible by a combination of special circumstances (which are set forth below) rather than by a change in the condition of member banks.

Although the peak of demand for Reserve bank credit in the District was reached on Nov. 20, there has been a continued expansion of loans of member banks, especially of loans on securities. Most of the increase occurred during the week of Dec. 11-18 and was due to the flotation of a large issue of municipal bonds by the city of San Francisco. On Dec. 18 the amount of these loans as well as of total loans was larger than at any time since the figures have been compiled. Deposits of these banks have also increased (a gain of 23 million dollars of time deposits more than offsetting a loss of 10 million dollars of net demand deposits) but not so rapidly as their loans, and the ratio of total deposits to total loans has declined.

The amount of credit extended by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco increased 25 million dollars between Oct. 30 and Nov. 6. During the following two weeks there was a slight increase in Reserve bank credit outstanding, the peak being reached on Nov. 20, when rediscounts were 116 million dollars and total earning assets 260 million dollars. During the succeeding four weeks member bank borrowings were rapidly repaid and, on Dec. 18, rediscounts were but 64 millions and total earning assets 109 million dollars.

Reduction of member bank indebtedness at the same time that member bank loans were increasing, was made possible chiefly by transfers of funds into the District amounting to 33 million dollars. There is ordinarily a movement of funds into this District during December which seems to be related to the desire of many banks to liquidate indebtedness at the Reserve bank in anticipation of a call by the Comptroller of the Currency for a statement of condition on Dec. 31. The greater part of the funds thus far received have been for the account of banks in Seattle and Spokane with smaller gains to Salt Lake City and Portland. There was a substantial outflow of funds from San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Part of the flow of funds into the District arose indirectly out of member bank purchases of the Dec. 15 offering of Government securities. Banks of this District were allotted 25 million dollars of these 3 1/4% certificates of indebtedness, which were paid for by a deposit credit to the Treasury. But government deposits of reporting banks increased only 13 million dollars during the four-week period, and their investments in United States government securities increased only six million dollars, indicating that a substantial part of their allotment of certificates of indebtedness was for the account of others or was immediately sold. Ordinarily the greater part of such sales are made in markets outside the 12th District and contribute to a gain in funds through the gold settlement fund.

Other factors which contributed to the easier position of member banks during recent weeks include (1) Mint purchases of gold amounting to four million dollars; (2) a decrease of eight million dollars in money in circulation; (3) a net excess of Treasury expenditures over receipts in this District amounting to seven million dollars.

On Dec. 6 the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco reduced its discount rate from 5 to 4 1/2%. On Nov. 26 its buying rate on bankers' acceptances was reduced from 4 1/2 to 4%. (Maturities up to 120 days.) The change in the discount rate placed the San Francisco District upon a parity with the New York, Chicago, and Boston Districts, where the Reserve banks had already reduced their rates. Following the change in rates, member banks increased their sales of local acceptances to this Bank and reduced their rediscounts. No change in interest rates charged to customers by commercial banks has been reported during recent weeks.

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

	Condition			
	Dec. 18 1929.	Dec. 11 1929.	Nov. 20 1929.	Dec. 19 1928.
Total bills and securities	109,000,000	112,000,000	160,000,000	136,000,000
Bills discounted	64,000,000	72,000,000	116,000,000	65,000,000
Bills bought	31,000,000	28,000,000	32,000,000	54,000,000
United States securities	14,000,000	12,000,000	12,000,000	37,000,000
Total reserves	253,000,000	277,000,000	227,000,000	245,000,000
Total deposits	183,000,000	183,000,000	187,000,000	190,000,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation	190,000,000	186,000,000	183,000,000	172,000,000
Ratio of total res. to dep. & Federal Res. note liabilities combined	75.9	74.8	61.5	67.6

An interesting development of the past month has been the unusual and non-seasonal decline in the volume of money in circulation in the District amounting to 12 million dollars. This decline took place notwithstanding an increase of six millions in Federal Reserve note circulation during the same period, as shown on the chart at the bottom of this page. The divergent movements of these two series, which usually fluctuate together, was due to heavy redemptions of United States currency, unfit for further circulation, and the substitution of Federal Reserve notes of the old series (large size) for this currency which was redeemed. A reduction in the amount of money in circulation may indicate that the volume of cash sales of goods and services is declining and (or) that currency is passing from person to person at a faster rate and thus doing more work.

Review of Meat Packing Industry by Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago—Increase in Number of Workers—Decline in Wages.

From the Monthly Business Conditions Report, dated Dec. 31, of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, we take the following regarding the meat packing industry:

November production at slaughtering establishments in the United States slightly exceeded that of the preceding month and of a year ago. Employment, as recorded by payrolls at the close of the period, increased 3.3% in number of workers and with one less working day showed a decline of 8.3% in hours worked and of 3.3% in total earnings as compared with October. Inquiry for packing-house products was restricted to some extent by the

usual heavy consumption of poultry at this season; trade in domestic markets was good for most pork products and rather draggy for beef and veal. Lamb moved slowly at the beginning of the month but an improved demand was evidenced later. November sales billed to domestic and foreign customers by 55 meat packing companies in the United States showed a seasonal recession of 12.9% in total value from October, and aggregated 3.3% less than for the same month last year. Domestic demand ranged between fair and good at the beginning of December. Inventories at packing plants and cold-storage warehouses in the United States decreased on Dec. 1 from the beginning of November but were in excess of last year and the 1924-28 average for the month. Stocks of pickled pork, frozen pork, beef, lamb, and miscellaneous meats, however, increased over the preceding period and holdings of dry salt pork and of lamb decreased from a year ago. Chicago prices of beef changed little in November from a month previous; pork, lard, and veal declined slightly, while lamb and mutton advanced. Quotations for pork products and for lamb and mutton strengthened early in December. Shipments for export totaled a little larger than in October; several of the individual companies experienced a decline. Foreign trade remained about on a level with October; some improvement was found in the United Kingdom. Dec. 1 inventories already abroad, including stocks in transit to European countries, were less than on November 1. Prices averaged close to Chicago parity; a few commodities were at a premium.

Union Trust Co. of Cleveland Sees Improved Sentiment in Automobile Industry.

"Improved sentiment has appeared in the automobile industry, and present indications are that the trade is beginning to turn the corner toward moderate improvement," says the Union Trust Co., Cleveland. "The industry is now looking forward to the January motor show," says the bank in its magazine *Trade Winds*. "Meanwhile order for steel, parts and other materials are showing some increase. The rate of improvement will depend upon developments in the trade in the coming year. It does not appear likely that the situation will justify an immediate upswing to high peaks of production."

The bank estimates the replacement demand for cars and trucks in the United States and Canada during 1930 at 3,000,000 units and total output at somewhat, though not greatly, below 5,000,000 units, as against approximately 5,600,000 produced in 1929. The bank says:

"Most automobile companies are planning their schedules for the resumption of operations on a gradually increasing scale early in 1930. The majority are not expecting to reach the peaks of 1929 activity in the coming year, although one large company is reported to be preparing for a substantially larger output.

"The coming motor shows are expected to give an indication of the trend of demand for next year. No dramatic changes in design and engineering are known to be in the making, but some interesting developments are indicated.

"One factor on which the automobile industry is pinning its hope for 1930 is a further growth in the number of 'two-car' families. The increasing efficiency and finer appearance of small low-priced cars is making their use more common in well-to-do-families to supplement the larger cars."

However, the new high standards of the lower priced cars are making it increasingly hard to sell high-grade used cars at a profit. It also reports announcements by the heads of a number of leading automobile companies that they will keep output closely in line with retail requirements, so as not to force dealers to resort to the uneconomical sales methods largely prevailing in former years. The bank adds:

"Recently there has been a recession in exports of automobiles compared with preceding months. This recession in exports has resulted partly from reduced sales abroad and partly from the growing tendency on the part of American producers to acquire production facilities in foreign countries. The first factor came about partly as a result of the high money rates in this country, which caused a virtual drying up of loans to Europe, thus affecting the purchasing power of foreign borrowers and buyers.

"The building of plants abroad by American automobile manufacturers may be expected to have some influence upon exports from this country. However, this may not be as great as expected by some, because of the fact that many of the foreign plants are merely assembling plants and the various parts for cars in the main are shipped from the United States to these assembling plants."

Increase in Crude Rubber Exports from Malaya.

Total exports of crude rubber from Malaya during December amounted to 48,513 tons, against 46,279 tons in November and 66,763 tons exported in December 1928, according to cables received by the Rubber Exchange of New York on Jan. 3. Shipments from Malaya to the United States during December were 32,559 tons, compared with 28,545 tons in November and 48,538 tons in December a year ago. Shipments to the United Kingdom totaled 7,927 tons in December, against 9,361 tons in November and 8,164 tons in December 1928.

Consumption of Crude Rubber at Year's Lowest Figure in December.

Owing to the year-end shut down for inventory, consumption of crude rubber by manufacturers fell to the year's lowest figures during December. Members of the Rubber Exchange on Jan. 2 estimated consumption for the month at between 24,000 and 25,000 tons. This compares with 27,659 tons consumed during November, and with 31,232 tons during December last year. Consumption for the year 1929 is placed at a little over 470,000 tons, compared

with 441,337 tons during 1928 and with 371,027 tons consumed during 1927. The heaviest months of consumption were April, May and June, when the totals were, respectively, 47,521 tons, 49,233 tons and 43,228 tons.

Current Lumber Orders Again Ahead of Production in Second Holiday Week.

Despite increase in production of softwoods during the second of the holiday weeks, lumber orders continued in excess of the cut for both hardwoods and softwoods, according to a summary of telegraphic reports from 800 mills to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association for the week ended Jan. 4 1930. Shipments also maintained a similarly favorable relation. The total production of these mills was 237,699,000 feet. For Christmas week, 789 mills reported only 183,218,000 feet combined production. For the week preceding, combined reports of 805 mills gave total cut as 320,007,000 feet. Orders reported by the 800 mills for the week ended Jan. 4 were 106% of production, as compared with 110% during Christmas week. Shipments were 108% of production, as compared with 109% a week earlier. Unfilled orders at 498 softwood mills on Jan. 4 were the equivalent of 20 days' production, which may be compared with an equivalent of 19 days' reported by 509 mills on Dec. 28. Four hundred and seven identical softwood mills gave production for the first week of this year as 9% less, shipments 9% less, and orders 7% under the volume for the first week of last year; for hardwoods, 192 identical mills reported production 33% less, shipments 31% less and orders 28% less than for the same week last year.

Lumber orders reported for the week ended Jan. 4 1930, by 602 softwood mills totaled 225,322,000 feet, or 5% above the production of the same mills. Shipments as reported for the same week were 232,275,000 feet, or 8% above production. Production was 215,599,000 feet.

Reports from 222 hardwood mills give new business as 25,902,000 feet, or 17% above production. Shipments as reported for the same week were 23,813,000 feet, or 8% above production. Production was 22,100,000 feet. The Association's statement further shows:

Unfilled Orders.

Reports from 498 softwood mills give unfilled orders of 914,034,000 feet on Jan. 4 1930, or the equivalent of 20 days' production. This is based upon production of latest calendar year—300-day year—and may be compared with unfilled orders of 509 softwood mills on Dec. 28 1929, of 875,473,000 feet, the equivalent of 19 days' production.

The 354 identical softwood mills report unfilled orders as 773,666,000 feet, on Jan. 4 1930, as compared with 923,201,000 feet for the same week a year ago. Last week's production of 407 identical softwood mills was 168,325,000 feet, and a year ago it was 184,186,000 feet; shipments were respectively 183,753,000 feet and 201,316,000 feet; and orders received 176,301,000 feet and 188,586,000 feet. In the case of hardwoods, 192 identical mills reported production last week and a year ago 20,472,000 feet and 30,435,000 feet; shipments 22,056,000 feet and 32,127,000 feet; and orders 23,189,000 feet and 32,196,000 feet.

West Coast Movement.

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wired from Seattle that new business for the 212 mills reporting for the week ended Jan. 4 totaled 128,930,000 feet, of which 51,539,000 feet was for domestic cargo delivery, and 21,830,000 feet export. New business by rail amounted to 44,182,000 feet. Shipments totaled 136,114,000 feet, of which 56,881,000 feet moved coastwise and intercoastal and 28,453,000 feet export. Rail shipments totaled 39,401,000 feet and local deliveries 11,379,000 feet. Unshipped orders totaled 595,525,000 feet, of which domestic cargo orders totaled 282,571,000 feet, foreign 149,418,000 feet and rail trade 163,536,000 feet. Weekly capacity of these mills is 247,537,000 feet. For the 52 weeks ended Dec. 28, 137 identical mills reported orders 1% over production and shipments were 1% below production. The same mills showed an increase in inventories of 7.2% on Dec. 28, as compared with Jan. 1.

Southern Pine Reports.

The Southern Pine Association reported from New Orleans that for 145 mills reporting, shipments were 4% below production, and orders 10% below production and 5% below shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 52,101,000 feet (previous week 37,884,000 at 151 mills); shipments 55,125,000 feet, (previous week 31,290,000); and production 57,658,000 feet, (previous week 28,106,000). The three-year average production of these 145 mills is 70,749,000 feet. Orders on hand at the end of the week at 115 mills were 148,806,000 feet. The 136 identical mills reported a decrease in production of 12%, and in new business an increase of 4%, as compared with the same week a year ago.

The Western Pine Manufacturers Association of Portland, Oregon, reported production from 71 mills as 17,431,000 feet, shipments 15,903,000 and new business 25,185,000 feet. Fifty-four identical mills reported a decrease in production of 7%, and in new business of 6%, in comparison with the corresponding week of last year.

The California White and Sugar Pine Manufacturers Association, of San Francisco, reported production, Jan. 1 to 4, incl., from 13 mills as 1,873,000 feet, shipments 3,727,000 and orders 4,307,000 feet. The same number of mills reported a decrease in production of 70% and in orders of 30%, when compared with a year ago.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers Association, of Minneapolis, Minn., reported production from 9 mills as 1,430,000 feet, shipments 5,628,000 and new business 4,155,000. The same number of mills reported a decrease in production of 59% and in new business of 24% in comparison with last year.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association, of Oshkosh, Wis., reported production from 24 mills as 3,386,000 feet, shipments 1,336,000 and orders 1,159,000. The same number of mills reported production and orders 18% less than that reported a year ago.

The North Carolina Pine Association of Norfolk, Va., reported production from 114 mills as 10,229,000 feet, shipments 9,575,000 and new business 5,629,000. Forty-two identical mills reported a 3% decrease in production and a 19% decrease in new business, compared with last year.

The California Redwood Association, of San Francisco, reported production from 14 mills as 7,377,000 feet, shipments 4,866,000 and orders 3,856,000. The same number of mills reported a 38% increase in production, and a 38% decrease in orders, in comparison with the same period a year ago.

Hardwood Reports.

The Hardwood Manufacturers Institute, of Memphis, Tenn., reported production from 198 mills as 16,588,000 feet, shipments 20,675,000 and new business 23,744,000. Reports from 168 identical mills showed production 41% less, and new business 23% less, than that reported last year.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association of Oshkosh, Wis., reported production from 24 mills as 5,512,000 feet, shipments 3,138,000 and orders 2,158,000. The same number of mills reported an increase of 7% in production, and a decrease of 56% in orders, when compared with a year ago.

CURRENT RELATIONSHIP OF SHIPMENTS AND ORDERS TO PRODUCTION FOR THE WEEK ENDED JAN. 4 1930.

Association.	Production M. Ft.	Shipments M. Ft.	P. C. of Prod.	Orders M. Ft.	P. C. of Prod.
Southern Pine:					
Week—145 mill reports	57,658	55,125	96	52,101	90
West Coast Lumbermen's:					
Week—212 mill reports	116,215	136,115	117	128,930	111
Western Pine Manufacturers:					
Week—71 mill reports	17,431	15,903	91	25,185	144
California White and Sugar Pine:					
Week—13 mill reports	1,873	3,727	199	4,307	230
Northern Pine Manufacturers:					
Week—9 mill reports	1,430	5,628	394	4,155	291
No. Hemlock & Hardwood (softwoods)					
Week—24 mill reports	3,386	1,336	39	1,159	34
North Carolina Pine:					
Week—14 mill reports	10,229	9,575	94	5,269	55
California Redwood:					
Week—14 mill reports	7,377	4,866	66	3,856	52
Softwood total:					
Week—602 mill reports	215,599	232,275	108	225,322	105
Hardwood Manufacturers Inst.:					
Week—198 mill reports	16,588	20,675	125	23,744	143
Northern Hemlock and Hardwood:					
Week—24 mill reports	5,512	3,138	57	2,158	39
Hardwoods total:					
Week—222 mill reports	22,100	23,813	108	25,902	117

West Coast Lumbermen's Association Weekly Report.

According to the West Coast Lumbermen's Association, reports from 224 mills show that for the week ended Dec. 28 1929, orders and shipments exceed production by 12.40% and 23.03%, respectively. The Association's statement follows:

WEEKLY REPORT OF PRODUCTION, ORDERS, AND SHIPMENTS.

224 mills report for week ending Dec. 28 1929.

(All mills reporting production, orders and shipments.)

Production	85,579,393 feet (100%)
Orders	96,189,203 feet (12.40% over production)
Shipments	105,285,523 feet (23.03% over production)

COMPARISON OF CURRENT AND PAST PRODUCTION AND WEEKLY OPERATING CAPACITY (308 IDENTICAL MILLS).

(All mills reporting production for 1928 and 1929 to date.)

Actual production week ended Dec. 28 1929	96,551,523 feet
Average weekly production, 52 weeks ended Dec. 28 1929	202,256,946 feet
Average weekly production during 1928	205,670,779 feet
Average weekly production, last three years	212,574,720 feet
* Weekly operating capacity	298,551,834 feet

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

WEEKLY COMPARISON (IN FEET) FOR 224 IDENTICAL MILLS—1929.

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

	Dec. 28.	Dec. 21.	Dec. 14.	Dec. 7.
Week Ended—				
Production (feet)	85,579,393	163,699,872	164,066,239	174,114,125
Orders (feet)	96,189,203	154,825,100	158,526,901	131,043,612
Rail	43,556,357	56,642,685	46,718,596	54,633,740
Domestic cargo	35,097,935	68,535,785	70,432,511	37,033,865
Export	10,384,177	20,111,676	28,463,677	25,597,541
Local	7,150,734	9,534,954	12,912,117	13,778,466
Shipments (feet)	105,285,523	130,024,838	144,610,598	133,972,507
Rail	35,832,190	45,602,113	41,275,729	45,738,279
Domestic cargo	39,905,901	51,650,146	61,612,898	47,712,080
Export	22,396,707	23,237,625	28,809,854	26,743,682
Local	7,150,734	9,534,954	12,912,117	13,778,466
Unfilled orders (feet)	606,611,093	622,003,003	600,290,931	592,498,853
Rail	160,124,896	154,458,730	143,057,131	137,739,438
Domestic cargo	287,877,124	293,224,285	278,311,260	275,367,485
Export	158,609,043	174,319,988	178,922,540	179,301,935

112 IDENTICAL MILLS.

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

	Week Ended Dec. 28 '29	Average 52 Weeks Ended Dec. 28 '29	Average 52 Weeks Ended Dec. 29 '28
Production (feet)	49,211,848	108,524,403	113,614,962
Orders (feet)	63,739,450	105,972,155	115,909,206
Shipments (feet)	58,119,151	107,182,351	115,124,541

DOMESTIC CARGO DISTRIBUTION WEEK ENDED DEC. 21 '29 (113 MILLS).

	Orders on Hand Be- gin'g Week Dec. 21 '29.	Orders Received	Cancel- lations.	Ship- ments.	Unfilled Orders Week Ended Dec. 21 '29.
	Feet.	Feet.	Feet.	Feet.	Feet.
Washington & Oregon (95 Mills)—					
California	72,555,107	21,596,497	811,771	14,541,782	78,778,051
Atlantic Coast	138,331,280	34,714,807	567,662	25,835,771	146,642,654
Miscellaneous	7,568,324	186,525	None	1,448,994	6,305,855
Total Wash. & Oregon	218,434,711	56,497,829	1,379,433	41,826,547	231,726,560
Brit. Col. (18 Mills)—					
California	2,217,940	125,000	61,000	556,000	1,725,940
Atlantic Coast	21,047,295	6,045,767	16,000	2,975,617	24,101,445
Miscellaneous	6,330,000	None	None	665,000	5,665,000
Total Brit. Columbia	29,595,235	6,170,767	77,000	4,196,617	31,492,385
Total domestic cargo.	248,029,946	62,668,596	1,456,433	46,023,164	263,218,945

Automobile Price Changes Announced.

The Hudson Motor Car Co. is offering its new Hudson eight-cylinder models at a lower average list than the former six-cylinder line. The range on the new cars is \$1,050 to \$1,650, showing reductions of \$25 to \$95 on popular models, compared with prices of \$1,095 to \$1,500 on the former six. The new coach is \$1,050; coupe, \$1,100; standard sedan, \$1,150; brougham, \$1,295; touring sedan, \$1,250; sun sedan, \$1,335, and seven-passenger sedan, \$1,650.

The new Essex models which have been increased in size, show advances of \$25 to \$40 compared with former models, and range from \$735 to \$995, compared with \$695 to \$895 on the 1929 line. Coupe is \$735; four-passenger coupe, \$750; coach, \$765; standard sedan, \$825; touring sedan, \$875; brougham, \$895, and sun sedan, \$995.

The De Soto Straight Eight, an entirely new car, was shown this week for the first time at Grand Central Palace by the De Soto Motor Corp., as a companion car to the De Soto Six, which established a record for first-year sales. Factory list prices of the new straight eights are: Standard sedan, \$995; business coupe, \$965; roadster, \$985; deluxe coupe, \$1,025; deluxe sedan, \$1,065, and touring car, \$1,035. The present De Soto Six will be continued in the line, and together with the straight eight will be offered by De Soto dealers this year.

New Oakland V-type eight, introduced by the Oakland Motor Car Co in seven models, is priced as follows: Roadster \$1,025; coupe, \$1,045; two-door sedan, \$1,065; phaeton, \$1,075; sport coupe, \$1,115; four-door sedan, \$1,145; custom sedan, \$1,195. Prices of new series Pontiac Big Six, presented in seven models, are: Coupe, \$745; roadster, \$765; phaeton, \$765; two-door sedan, \$775; four-door sedan, \$825; custom sedan, \$875. Price range of \$745 to \$875 for new line compares with range of \$745 to \$895 on preceding models.

The Graham-Paige Motor Corp. announces prices on the following 1930 models of Graham cars:

On five-passenger four-door sedans the factory list price follows: Standard Six, \$995; Special Six, \$1,225; Standard Eight, \$1,445; Special Eight, \$1,595; Custom Eight, formerly Model 827, \$2,025; Custom Eight, formerly Model 837, \$2,455.

Prices of the other models are as follows:

Standard Six Coupe, \$965; coupe with rumble seat, \$995; roadster, \$995; phaeton, \$1,015; cabriolet, \$1,065.

Special Six, two-door sedan, \$1,125; coupe, \$1,195; coupe with rumble seat, \$1,225; roadster, \$1,125; phaeton, \$1,245; cabriolet, \$1,295

Standard Eight coupe with rumble seat, \$1,445; Special Eight coupe with rumble seat, \$1,595.

Custom Eight, 127-in. wheelbase, four-passenger coupe, \$2,025; two-passenger coupe, \$2,225; roadster, \$2,225; cabriolet, \$2,245; phaeton, \$2,295.

Custom Eight, 137-in. wheelbase, town sedan, \$2,455; seven-passenger sedan, \$2,525; limousine, \$2,595; LeBaron limousine sedan, \$2,540; LeBaron limousine, \$2,800; LeBaron town car, \$2,625.

The Durant Motor Corp. announces the following prices on 1930 models:

	3 Speed 614 Models.	4 Speed 617 Models.
Business coupe	\$785	\$995
Standard coupe, rumble seat	815	1,025
Standard sedan	845	1,065
Deluxe coupe	945	1,155
Deluxe sedan	975	1,195
Sport roadster	945	1,155
Sport phaeton	960	1,185

Substantial price reductions on the new 1930 Chevrolet sixes were announced last week by W. S. Knudsen, President and General Manager of the Chevrolet Motor Co. Mr. Knudsen stated:

Base price of \$525, current in 1929, will be cut to \$495 for the new 1930 series with parallel reductions all along the line of passenger and commercial cars.

The new low price on an immeasurably improved product was made possible because of Chevrolet's record volume in 1929 when 1,350,000 cars were built. Economies of precision manufacture, plus savings effected by quantity purchase of raw materials, made possible lower production costs which are now being passed on to the consuming public.

Lawrence P. Fisher, President of the Cadillac Motor Car Co. has announced prices on the new Cadillac V 16, f.o.b. Detroit as follows: Roadster, \$5,350; convertible coupe, \$5,900; five passenger club sedan, \$5,950; seven-passenger imperial, \$6,525; all-weather imperial phaeton, \$6,650, and town brougham, \$9,500. There are 50 models and body types in the new 16-cylinder line with Fleetwood custom coachwork and priced within the foregoing range.

The Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co. entered 1930 with a brilliant array of straight eights, introducing cars of new dimensions and a notable group of mechanical developments, including a more powerful engine and a silent gear-shift. A new and slightly smaller model of somewhat lower price (\$2,595 at Buffalo), will serve to extend the Pierce-Arrow line

so that it covers all price brackets of the fine-car field. Aside from special custom body models, the product will be built in 18 body styles and in four lengths of wheelbase. Five models—an ultra-smart town car, a seven-passenger enclosed drive limousine, an unusually commodious seven passenger sedan, a convertible coupe, and a big seven-passenger touring car—comprises Group A, with prices at the factory ranging from \$3,975 to \$6,250. In Group B, powered by a 125 h.p. engine, are offered a five-passenger sedan, a club sedan, a chauffeur-driven Club Berline, a five-passenger Victoria coupe, a seven-passenger sedan, and a seven-passenger enclosed drive limousine, all mounted on a 139-inch wheelbase chassis. On a 134-inch chassis are offered a roadster, a smart four-passenger phaeton with tonneau cowl and windshield, a four-passenger touring car and a convertible coupe. Prices range from \$2,975 to \$3,675 at the factory. In Group C, whose wheelbase is 132 inches, Pierce-Arrow has created a five-passenger sedan. Companion cars of this group are a five-passenger club brougham and a two-passenger coupe with rumble seat. The engine has 115 h.p. Prices at the factory range from \$2,595 to \$2,750.

The new line of Dodge Brothers six-cylinder cars are priced at \$835 for the business coupe, \$855 for the coupe with rumble seat, \$865 for sedan, \$875 for the phaeton and \$935 for the convertible coupe. Prices of the new eight-cylinder models range from \$1,095 for the roadster to \$1,195 for the convertible coupe with rumble seat.

Raw Silk Imports in 1929 Totaled 661,611 Bales, An Increase of 95,233 Bales as Compared With 1928—Inventories Reach New High Figure.

According to the Silk Association of America, Inc., imports of raw silk in the year ended Dec. 31 1929, amounted to 661,611 bales as against 566,378 bales in the previous year, an increase of 95,233 bales. Imports during the month of Dec. 1929 were 58,479 bales, as compared with 62,885 bales in the preceding month and 44,128 bales in Dec. 1928. Approximate deliveries to American mills in the year 1929 exceeded the total for the preceding year of 571,010 bales by 48,737 bales. Approximate deliveries amounted in December last to 44,159 bales as against 45,026 bales in the corresponding month in 1928 and 50,562 bales in November 1929. Stocks of raw silk at Jan. 1 1930 amounted to 90,772 bales, a new high record, and compares with 76,452 bales at Dec. 1 1929, and 48,908 bales at Jan. 1 1929. The Association's statement shows:

RAW SILK IN STORAGE JAN. 1 1930.

(As reported by the principal warehouses in New York City and Hoboken.)				
Figures in Bales—				
	European.	Japan.	All Other.	Total.
Stocks Dec. 1 1929	1,490	56,043	18,919	76,452
Imports month of December 1929 x	1,348	47,913	9,218	58,479
Total amount avail. during December	2,833	103,956	28,137	134,931
Stocks Jan. 1 1930 z	1,728	65,271	23,773	90,772
Approximate deliveries to American mills during December y				
	1,110	38,685	4,364	44,159

SUMMARY.

	Imports During the Month x			Storage at End of Month z		
	1929.	1928.	1927.	1929.	1928.	1927.
January	58,384	46,408	48,456	49,943	47,528	52,627
February	43,278	44,828	33,991	46,993	41,677	43,758
March	48,103	50,520	38,600	45,218	40,186	33,116
April	47,762	36,555	46,486	39,125	35,483	31,749
May	49,894	52,972	49,264	39,898	42,088	35,527
June	54,031	45,090	42,809	47,425	41,127	37,024
July	46,795	38,670	47,856	42,596	38,866	43,841
August	65,516	62,930	59,819	48,408	50,975	56,618
September	59,970	47,286	52,475	55,104	50,464	58,986
October	66,514	48,857	51,207	64,129	49,381	62,366
November	62,885	48,134	36,650	76,452	49,806	52,069
December	58,479	44,128	44,828	90,772	48,908	53,540
Total	661,611	566,378	552,441			
Average monthly	55,134	47,198	46,037	53,839	44,707	46,768

	Approximate Deliveries to American Mills y			Approximate Amount in Transit Between Japan and New York End of Month.		
	1929.	1928.	1927.	1929.	1928.	1927.
January	57,349	52,420	48,307	31,000	25,000	17,700
February	46,228	50,679	42,860	30,000	23,500	19,000
March	49,878	52,011	49,242	29,000	19,200	21,700
April	53,855	41,258	47,853	30,700	28,500	25,000
May	49,121	46,367	45,486	28,000	24,000	22,900
June	46,504	46,051	41,312	21,200	17,600	26,600
July	51,624	40,931	41,039	34,100	32,300	29,000
August	59,704	50,821	47,042	41,600	27,500	28,400
September	53,274	47,797	50,107	39,000	25,600	21,500
October	57,489	49,940	47,827	49,000	31,200	18,500
November	50,562	47,709	46,947	41,000	22,800	26,900
December	44,159	45,026	43,357	38,000	42,500	33,500
Total	619,747	571,010	551,379			
Average monthly	51,646	47,584	45,948	34,383	26,642	24,225

x Imports at New York during current month and at Pacific ports previous to the time allowed in transit across the Continent (covered by Manifests 305 to 334, inclusive). y Includes re-exports. z Includes 1,104 bales held at railroad terminals at end of month. Stocks in warehouses include National Raw Silk Exchange certified stocks, 3,890 bales.

Production, Sales and Shipment of Cotton Cloth in December.

Statistical reports of production, sales and shipments of standard cotton cloths during the month of December, 1929, were made public Jan. 9 by the Association of Cotton Textile Merchants of New York. The figures cover a period of four weeks, says the Association, which adds:

Production during the four weeks of December amounted to 243,735,000 yards, or at the rate of 60,934,000 yards per week.

Sales during December were 302,934,000 yards, or 124.3% of production. Shipments during the month were 214,148,000 yards, equivalent to 87.9% of production.

Stocks on hand at the end of the month amounted to 461,013,000 yards, representing an increase of 6.9% during the month.

Unfilled orders on Dec. 31 were 431,018,000 yards, representing an increase of 25.9% during the month.

These statistics on the manufacture and sale of standard cotton cloths are compiled from data supplied by 23 groups of manufacturers and selling agents reporting through the Association of Cotton Textile Merchants of New York and the Cotton-Textile Institute, Inc. The groups cover upwards of 300 classifications or constructions of standard cotton cloths and represent a large part of the production of these fabrics in the United States.

Production Statistics, December 1929.

The following statistics cover upwards of 300 classifications or constructions of standard cotton cloths, and represent a very large part of the total production of these fabrics in the United States. This report represents all of the yardage reported to our Association and the Cotton-Textile Institute, Inc. It is a consolidation of the same 23 groups covered by our reports since October 1927. The figures for the month of December cover a period of four weeks:

December, 1929 (4 Weeks)	
Production was	243,735,000 yds.
Sales were	302,934,000 yds.
Ratio of sales to production	124.3%
Shipments were	214,148,000 yds.
Ratio of shipments to production	87.9%
Stocks on hand Dec. 1 were	431,426,000 yds.
Stocks on hand Dec. 31 were	461,013,000 yds.
Change in stocks	Increase 6.9%
Unfilled orders Dec. 1 were	342,232,000 yds.
Unfilled orders Dec. 31 were	431,018,000 yds.
Change in unfilled orders	Increase 25.9%

Report of Finishers of Cotton Fabrics for November—Revised Figures for October.

Along with the November statistics, by Federal Reserve Districts, on production and shipments of finished cotton goods, collected and compiled monthly by the National Association of Finishers of Cotton Fabrics, and furnished to the Federal Reserve Board, the Association makes public a revised report for October. Both the November and revised figures for October were made available Dec. 31. The November figures, furnished by 25 (out of 52) members of the national association, are shown in the following table:

Federal Reserve District.	Total.*	White Goods.	Dyed Goods.	Printed Goods.
Total finished yards billed during mo.:				
No. 1—Boston	36,467,146	10,391,477	11,581,358	9,480,231
No. 2—New York	10,635,509	3,313,809	687,568	2,447,865
No. 3—Philadelphia	10,098,752	5,933,847	4,164,905	—
No. 5—Richmond	5,270,909	4,411,205	859,704	—
No. 8—St. Louis	2,324,296	2,324,296	—	—
Total	64,796,612	26,374,634	17,293,535	11,928,096
Total gray yardage of finishing orders received:				
No. 1—Boston	32,006,336	11,513,938	11,894,222	8,598,176
No. 2—New York	11,831,334	5,165,624	3,402,886	441,348
No. 3—Philadelphia	8,399,114	5,063,892	3,335,222	—
No. 5—Richmond	5,405,372	4,365,022	1,040,350	—
No. 8—St. Louis	1,403,707	1,040,350	—	—
Total	59,045,863	27,512,183	19,672,680	9,039,524
Number of cases finished goods shipped to customers:				
No. 1—Boston	21,355	4,585	3,570	2,665
No. 2—New York	7,037	2,486	622	—
No. 3—Philadelphia	5,533	3,862	1,671	—
No. 5—Richmond	3,310	494	—	—
No. 8—St. Louis	1,845	1,845	—	—
Total	39,110	13,272	5,863	2,665
Number of cases finished goods held in storage at end of month:				
No. 1—Boston	19,366	4,269	3,091	3,149
No. 2—New York	7,966	3,157	852	—
No. 3—Philadelphia	7,670	820	291	—
No. 5—Richmond	2,857	—	—	—
No. 8—St. Louis	775	775	—	—
Total	37,634	9,021	4,234	3,149
Total average percentage of capacity operated:				
No. 1—Boston	54	x51	74	—
No. 2—New York	55	x48	75	—
No. 3—Philadelphia	53	x53	—	—
No. 5—Richmond	52	x52	—	—
No. 8—St. Louis	90	x90	—	—
Average (five districts)	55	x52	75	—
Total average work ahead at end of month expressed in days:				
No. 1—Boston	4.2	x2.6	10.8	—
No. 2—New York	3.0	x2.0	0.5	—
No. 3—Philadelphia	2.8	x2.8	—	—
No. 5—Richmond	3.8	x3.8	—	—
No. 8—St. Louis	9.6	x9.6	—	—
Average (five districts)	3.9	x2.8	10.3	—

*Includes in certain instances figures for plants reporting totals only. x Figures for white goods and dyed goods combined.

The revised October figures for 25 (out of 52) members of the national association, comparable with the figures for November 1929, are shown in the following table:

Federal Reserve District.	Total.*	White Goods.	Dyed Goods.	Printed Goods.
Total finished yards billed during month:				
No. 1—Boston	44,180,330	12,544,744	14,658,267	11,465,557
No. 2—New York	13,180,520	5,544,753	1,134,704	2,838,413
No. 3—Philadelphia	11,283,526	7,627,785	3,655,741	—
No. 5—Richmond	7,314,488	5,615,276	1,699,212	—
No. 8—St. Louis	2,362,298	2,362,298	—	—
Total	778,321,162	33,694,856	21,147,924	14,303,970
Total grey yardage of finishing orders received:				
No. 1—Boston	41,768,751	14,192,386	16,989,726	10,586,639
No. 2—New York	12,331,660	75,863,146	72,878,138	7913,150
No. 3—Philadelphia	12,218,833	7,100,275	5,118,558	—
No. 5—Richmond	5,643,040	4,497,373	1,145,667	—
No. 8—St. Louis	3,250,443	3,250,443	—	—
Total	775,212,727	34,903,623	26,132,089	11,499,789
Number of cases finished goods shipped to customers:				
No. 1—Boston	24,819	5,695	4,193	3,741
No. 2—New York	77,770	2,791	979	—
No. 3—Philadelphia	6,751	4,750	2,001	—
No. 5—Richmond	3,618	535	—	—
No. 8—St. Louis	1,959	1,959	—	—
Total	744,917	15,730	7,173	3,741
Number of cases finished goods held in storage at end of mo.:				
No. 1—Boston	17,894	4,184	2,973	3,058
No. 2—New York	77,354	2,781	1,094	—
No. 3—Philadelphia	7,563	856	278	—
No. 5—Richmond	2,824	—	—	—
No. 8—St. Louis	820	820	—	—
Total	736,455	8,641	4,345	3,058
Total average percentage of capacity operated:				
No. 1—Boston	66	x63	82	—
No. 2—New York	60	x47	97	—
No. 3—Philadelphia	65	x65	—	—
No. 5—Richmond	58	x58	—	—
No. 8—St. Louis	131	x131	—	—
Average (5 districts)	65	x62	87	—
Total average work ahead at end of month expressed in days:				
No. 1—Boston	4.6	x2.7	12.0	—
No. 2—New York	72.3	7x1.6	73.6	—
No. 3—Philadelphia	2.6	x2.6	—	—
No. 5—Richmond	3.3	x3.3	—	—
No. 8—St. Louis	12.9	x12.9	—	—
Average (5 districts)	3.9	2.8	711.6	—

* Includes in certain instances figures for plants reporting totals only.
 x Figures for white goods and dyed goods combined. r Revised.

Transactions in Grain Futures During December on Chicago Board of Trade and Other Markets.

Revised figures showing the volume of trading in grain futures on the Board of Trade of the City of Chicago, by days, during the month of December, together with monthly totals for all "contracts markets," as reported by the Grain Futures Administration of the United States Department of Agriculture, were made public Dec. 7 by the Grain Exchange Supervisor at Chicago. For the month of December 1929 the total transactions at all markets reached 1,924,079,000 bushels, compared with 1,012,457,000 bushels in the same month in 1928. On the Chicago Board of Trade the transactions in December 1929 amounted to 1,651,884,000 bushels against 860,524,000 bushels in December 1928. Below we give the details for December, the figures representing sales only, there being an equal volume of purchases:

VOLUME OF TRADING.
 Expressed in Thousands of Bushels, i.e. (000) Omitted.

December 1929.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.	Flax.	Total.
1 Sunday							
2	70,063	10,999	4,327	1,626	—	—	87,015
3	*85,198	12,852	4,968	1,545	—	—	104,563
4	69,668	9,874	3,040	2,296	—	—	84,878
5	63,218	7,377	2,328	1,454	—	—	74,377
6	67,228	8,666	3,872	2,137	—	—	81,903
7	54,413	6,058	1,411	1,787	—	—	63,667
8 Sunday							
9	74,805	7,651	2,119	2,856	—	—	87,431
10	57,915	7,327	2,690	1,895	—	—	70,327
11	72,783	9,361	3,587	1,803	—	—	87,554
12	63,665	8,669	3,958	2,102	—	—	78,394
13	45,503	5,697	2,230	1,140	—	—	54,570
14	57,843	7,952	2,560	1,546	—	—	69,901
15 Sunday							
16	56,803	6,783	2,358	1,483	—	—	67,427
17	44,867	5,358	1,865	1,927	—	—	54,017
18	33,181	3,964	1,459	619	—	—	39,223
19	46,909	5,343	1,649	627	—	—	54,528
20	70,689	8,888	2,491	1,800	—	—	83,868
21	55,911	7,172	1,920	1,126	—	—	66,129
22 Sunday							
23	38,416	4,882	1,932	1,628	—	—	46,858
24	54,930	5,342	1,690	912	—	—	62,874
25 Holiday							
26	41,244	4,161	1,308	462	—	—	47,175
27	33,802	4,307	754	707	—	—	39,570
28	38,598	5,752	2,043	1,383	—	—	47,776
29 Sunday							
30	42,247	7,333	1,537	1,419	—	—	52,536
31	36,079	6,203	1,340	1,721	—	—	45,343
Chicago Board of Trade	1,375,978	178,469	59,436	38,001	—	—	1,651,884
Chicago Open Board	39,142	5,259	230	—	—	—	44,631
Minneapolis C. of C.	94,622	—	5,047	2,821	3,898	1,045	107,433
Kansas City Bd. of Trade	70,654	13,816	—	—	—	—	84,470
Duluth Board of Trade	20,349	—	—	4,050	44	820	25,263
St. Louis Merch. Exch.	1,963	256	—	—	—	—	2,219
Milwaukee C. of C.	3,435	2,107	702	148	—	—	6,392
Seattle Grain Exchange	1,060	—	—	—	—	—	1,060
Portland Grain Exch.	1,127	—	—	—	—	—	1,127
Los Angeles Grain Exch.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
San Francisco C. of C.	—	—	—	—	100	—	100
Total all markets Dec. '29	1,608,330	199,407	65,415	45,020	4,042	1,865	1,924,079
Total all markets Dec. '28	517,037	419,909	43,199	26,541	2,881	2,890	1,012,457
Total Chic. Board Dec. '28	417,146	384,587	37,592	21,199	100	100	860,524

* High.

"OPEN CONTRACTS" IN FUTURES ON THE CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE FOR DECEMBER 1929.

("Short" side of contracts only, there being an equal amount open on the "long" side.)

December 1929.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Total.
1 Sunday					
2	183,241,000	34,562,000	42,058,000	23,272,000	283,133,000
3	182,731,000	35,029,000	42,341,000	23,094,000	283,195,000
4	183,532,000	35,503,000	*42,517,000	23,117,000	284,669,000
5	184,633,000	35,406,000	42,106,000	22,985,000	285,130,000
6	185,503,000	34,946,000	41,325,000	22,898,000	284,672,000
7	185,524,000	34,973,000	41,252,000	22,849,000	284,598,000
8 Sunday					
9	188,052,000	*356,75,000	41,396,000	23,582,000	288,705,000
10	189,228,000	35,290,000	41,589,000	23,355,000	*289,462,000
11	189,150,000	34,864,000	41,493,000	23,415,000	288,962,000
12	188,060,000	35,387,000	40,912,000	*23,724,000	288,083,000
13	187,665,000	34,760,000	40,795,000	23,575,000	286,795,000
14	188,453,000	33,995,000	40,817,000	23,315,000	286,580,000
15 Sunday					
16	*189,627,000	34,802,000	40,627,000	23,158,000	286,214,000
17	188,240,000	35,155,000	40,095,000	23,071,000	286,561,000
18	188,330,000	35,325,000	40,211,000	22,961,000	286,827,000
19	188,485,000	35,326,000	40,164,000	22,893,000	286,868,000
20	187,312,000	34,877,000	40,261,000	22,611,000	285,061,000
21	184,597,000	34,687,000	40,053,000	22,274,000	281,611,000
22 Sunday					
23	183,987,000	34,063,000	40,257,000	21,873,000	280,180,000
24	*180,854,000	33,889,000	40,207,000	21,518,000	276,468,000
25 Holiday					
26	184,072,000	33,106,000	39,783,000	21,322,000	278,283,000
27	183,524,000	32,494,000	40,017,000	21,040,000	277,075,000
28	185,081,000	32,145,000	39,931,000	20,838,000	277,995,000
29 Sunday					
30	184,866,000	30,620,000	39,443,000	17,580,000	272,509,000
31	184,194,000	x30,189,000	x39,392,000	x17,123,000	x270,898,000
December 1929	185,959,000	34,283,000	40,762,000	22,298,000	283,302,000
December 1928	128,515,000	78,736,000	28,548,000	10,366,000	246,165,000
November 1929	202,549,000	35,650,000	44,710,000	24,615,000	307,524,000
October 1929	238,356,000	42,787,000	47,666,000	19,395,000	348,204,000
September 1929	227,863,000	46,419,000	47,772,000	15,000,000	337,054,000
August 1929	218,044,000	46,908,000	42,208,000	12,377,000	319,627,000
July 1929	172,889,000	48,567,000	33,220,000	7,975,000	252,651,000
June 1929	129,161,000	51,210,000	15,376,000	9,334,000	205,081,000
May 1929	128,261,000	64,897,000	19,095,000	8,696,000	210,949,000
April 1929	146,314,000	68,315,000	25,671,000	8,971,000	249,271,000
March 1929	144,719,000	78,542,000	27,320,000	8,510,000	259,091,000
February 1929	127,350,000	79,574,000	26,288,000	9,343,000	242,555,000
January 1929	118,503,000	68,491,000	25,896,000	8,783,000	221,643,000

* High. x Low.

Wheat Prices not Unduly Depressed after Harvest According to Food Research Institute of Stanford University.

With regard to an investigation made by it the Food Research Institute of Stanford University says:

The statement is frequently made that wheat prices are usually depressed much more than they should be in the period of heavy farm marketing just after harvest. This view is widely accepted, and has given rise to agricultural discontent, and to criticism of wheat dealers and of the entire wheat marketing system and to much of the expectation of substantial gains from large-scale co-operative marketing, or from governmental price stabilization.

A recent investigation by the Food Research Institute of Stanford University, California, suggests that this view is quite unfounded. During the 15 pre-war and 7 post-war years covered by the investigation, the post-harvest depression of wheat prices in the United States was insufficient to yield gains from storage adequate to cover the storage costs of many, if not of most dealers. Farmers, with lower costs of storage than most dealers, could have profited by holding wheat for sale in the spring months only by a wise selection of the years in which to hold. If it be admitted that much wheat must sometimes be stored by dealers in terminal markets and that they should not be called upon to store the wheat at a loss, the post-harvest depression during those years cannot be regarded as excessive.

The post-harvest depression of wheat prices, commonly viewed as uniform from year to year, is in fact highly variable and is restricted to cash prices. There is no real evidence of a tendency to post-harvest depression of prices of Chicago wheat futures. The tendency to post-harvest depression of cash prices is a tendency to depression of cash prices relative to prices of futures. This tendency varies widely from year to year, depending largely on the stocks of wheat remaining from the previous year and on the size of the current crop. In some years cash prices during the immediate post-harvest period are slightly elevated, relative to prices of futures. In other years the depression is double the average.

The publication referred to above is "The Post-Harvest Depression of Wheat Prices," published as No. 1, Vol. VI, of Wheat Studies of the Food Research Institute, Stanford University, California, November 1929.

Tobacco Retailers Ask Law Fixing Prices—Also Want Licensed Clerk in Every Shop as Part of Plan to Stop Price-Cutting.

According to the New York "Times" of Jan. 8, proposals intended to provide remedies for certain evils in the retail tobacco industry, so far as the small dealer is concerned, and to combat the menace to him of the large chain store merchants, who have been waging a cigarette price war, were outlined on Jan. 7 before the Independent Retail Tobacco-conists' Association at the Hotel Pennsylvania by Benjamin Gortlitz, President. The paper from which we quote contained the following additional information:

The first remedy suggested would be an amendment of the Federal law, under which various brands of cigars are now classified only broadly, to group all manufactured tobacco products according to a strict price scale at which they should be sold. This would standardize the industry, according to Mr. Gortlitz, and prevent cut-rate selling.

The second remedy would be to require every retail merchant of tobaccos to employ as a clerk in each of his shops at least one man licensed by a commission to be formed by the retailers after passing an examination as to the quality of tobacco products. This, it was urged, would compel every shop to pay the salary of an experienced employee, which, it was alleged, many of the chain organizations are not doing now.

It was also proposed that some plan be devised whereby the minority stockholders in chain tobacco stores or tobacco manufacturing concerns

might sue their corporations when the latter are not paying dividends as a result of selling at non-profitmaking prices. This plan, it was suggested, would directly affect the large merchants who operate on a scant margin basis.

In framing the proposals Mr. Gortlitz was assisted by Joseph H. San and Joseph Schottland, legal counsel. It was said that immediate steps would be taken in an effort to obtain legislative action on the suggestions.

Annual Election of New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange, Inc. to be Held on Jan. 16.

The nomination of Benjamin B. Peabody to succeed Frank C. Lowry as President of the New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange was announced on Jan. 6, when the nominations for officers and vacancies on the Board of Managers were posted. Mr. Peabody, who has been a member of the Exchange since 1912, served as Vice-President for two years and is a member of the firm of T. Barbour Brown & Co. H. H. Pike, Jr. of H. H. Pike & Son, was named for Vice-President to succeed Mr. Peabody, and C. H. Middendorf was re-nominated for Treasurer.

Those named for the Board of Managers for two-year terms were: E. L. Lueder, re-nominated; Jerome Lewine, William H. English, Jr., Thomas B. Smith, David E. Fromm and Harold L. Bache. Frank C. Russell, Secretary of the Exchange, was re-nominated as a member of the board for a one-year term. Designations for the nominating committee were: Carl H. Stoffregen, Richard T. Harriss, Louis Seitz, George R. Siedenbug and Frank G. Henderson.

The annual election will take place on Jan. 16.

Petroleum and Its Products—Kettleman Hills Shut-down Endangered—Deeper Proration Cut May Be Required in Oklahoma City Pool—Believe Crude Production in Texas Will Climb Despite Proration Extension.

Property owners threaten the Kettleman Hills shut-down through their unwillingness to forfeit profits from their land, it is indicated in late reports from that flush field. The property owners and operators of the Petroleum Securities Felix 1 have frustrated proration plans as far as this well is concerned, and it is to be completed. E. D. Reiter, Chairman of the Kettleman Hills conservation committee, reported the failure of his committee to win the Felix group over to a co-operative basis.

In the umpire's report for Santa Fe Springs, covering the period from Jan. 1 to 15, it is announced that as new wells have been completed there it became evident that the operators with small properties or minor production who were not completing wells were placed at a disadvantage. Their production under strict application of the curtailment figures is threatened with a reduction that amounts to a point of inequity in some cases.

Operators in the Oklahoma City pool have found it necessary to revise their proration percentage for January, making the cut in production approximately 50%, instead of the 40% originally planned. This is because the performance of the big wells has made it practically impossible, under the system of alternately opening and shutting in half of the wells at a time, to hold to the level of 84,000 barrels daily as fixed by the Corporation Commission in its order prorating the flush and semi-flush fields throughout Oklahoma. As a matter of fact the actual production in the Oklahoma City Pool averaged around 100,000 barrels during the first few days of 1930. In order to agreeably effect the added 10% reduction the operators have decided to adopt a straight five-day on and five-day off program. This method will eliminate five days of overlap, when both groups would have been in production at the same time, as provided for in the original plan.

The southwestern section of the industry is becoming worried over the situation in Texas, where crude oil production is mounting steadily despite prorating. New wells are coming in at a fast rate, offsetting whatever benefits are accruing through curtailment on older fields.

Crude prices have held unchanged throughout the past week.

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

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

REFINED PRODUCTS—INSTITUTE DIRECTORS ADOPT PRICE POSTING RESOLUTION—U. S. TO INVESTIGATE GASOLINE PRICE-FIXING ON PACIFIC COAST—COMPETITIVE COMPANIES FOLLOW LEAD OF STANDARD OF NEW JERSEY IN READJUSTING GASOLINE PRICES—BUYING SLACK.

Directors of the American Petroleum Institute, meeting here Thursday, Jan. 9, approved a uniform plan for organization of three divisions within the institute and adopted a resolution authorizing, under specified competitive conditions the suspension of requirements for posting prices of commercial accounts at gasoline stations in certain States.

The uniform plan sets up rules for organization and direction of separate divisions of production, refining and marketing. General committees for each division will formulate supplemental rules and a standing committee is to correlate them.

The price posting resolution provides that the local State code committees, with approval of the national committee on interpretation of the code, be authorized to approve the meeting of competition and suspension of requirements for posting commercial account prices in States, or areas thereof, where the definition of commercial accounts in rule 21 of the national code of practices for marketing refined petroleum products, is not now being observed. The resolution emphasized, however, that no change now be made in the code definition of, or provisions for, commercial accounts, as to do so would be to give national application to an effort to meet local conditions.

The United States Department of Justice will start its investigation of alleged price-fixing of wholesale and retail gasoline on the Pacific Coast on Monday, Jan. 13. This investigation is predicated upon the theory that big companies are using the marketing code of ethics as a pretext for controlling the smaller refiners. Monday the Federal Grand Jury in San Francisco is to hear the charges against 33 major petroleum companies operating in the West, who are charged with violating the Clayton anti-trust statute by price-fixing agreements.

H. R. Kingsbury, President of the Standard Oil Co. of California, takes the stand that the investigation, which he believes is pointed at the marketing code, will tend to hamper efforts of the industry to curb over-production of crude oil. Mr. Kingsbury, speaking in behalf of his company, which is included in these against whom the charges have been brought, in his official statement, said in part:

"The situation presents the disconcerting aspect of one department of the Government challenging the legality of an action taken at the request of another department. It appears that the investigation will relate to the adoption of a code of marketing ethics by the oil industry.

"The National code of marketing ethics was framed after two years of public effort on the part of the American petroleum industry for the purpose of securing uniformly fair practices in the oil industry and to promote the principles of conservation in a business in which the Federal Administration has shown so much interest. The proposed code was submitted by the American Petroleum Institute to the Federal Trade Commission and brought to the attention of the Department of Justice later.

"The Federal Trade Commission approved the code after it had made certain amendments thereto and the code was then signed by oil companies throughout the United States at the request of the Federal Trade Commission. It is surprising that the legality of the code should now be subjected to investigation and attack by the Department of Justice."

Meanwhile, there has been a slight let-up in buying activity in the Eastern markets during the past week. Few gasoline contracts are being placed, the trade hesitating after the action of the Standard of New Jersey in readjusting their basis prices so that buyers nearest the refineries benefit through the elimination of freight charges for gasoline delivered to other localities, the charges for which were formerly pro-rated on a statewide basis. Other companies have fallen in line with the new policy, and the prices established through the inauguration of this system will be met.

Domestic heating oils are holding fairly steady, with consumption meeting expectations, but not exceeding them by any means. The alternate spells of warm weather which have been noted in the Eastern territory throughout the Winter has not served to benefit distributors. Marine fuel oils are in slightly better demand, with the price holding at \$1.05 for Grade C bunker oil at refineries, and \$2 for Diesel, same basis.

Kerosene demand is fair, with 41-43 water white holding at 7 3/4 cents a gallon, tank car basis, at refineries.

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

NY (Bayo'ne) \$.98 1/2 @ \$.98 1/2	Arkansas	\$.06 3/4	North Louisiana	\$.07 1/4
West Texas	California	\$.08 1/4	North Texas	\$.06 3/4
Chicago	Los Angeles, export	\$.07 1/2	Oklahoma	\$.07
New Orleans	Gulf Coast, export	\$.08 1/4	Pennsylvania	\$.09 1/2

Gasoline, Service Station, Tax Included.

New York	\$.18	Cincinnati	\$.18	Minneapolis	\$.182
Atlanta	.21	Denver	.16	New Orleans	.195
Baltimore	.22	Detroit	.188	Philadelphia	.21
Boston	.20	Houston	.18	San Francisco	.215
Buffalo	.15	Jacksonville	.24	Spokane	.205
Chicago	.15	Kansas City	.170	St. Louis	.16

Kerosene, 41-43 Water White, Tankcar Lots, F.O.B. Refinery.			
NY (Bayonne) \$.07 3/4 @ \$.08 Chicago \$.05 3/4 New Orleans \$.07 3/4			
North Texas05 1/2 Los Angeles, export.05 1/2 Tulsa06 1/2			
Fuel Oil, 18-22 Degree, F.O.B. Refinery or Terminal.			
New York (Bayonne) \$1.05 Los Angeles \$.85 Gulf Coast \$.75			
Diesel 2.00 New Orleans95 Chicago55			
Gas Oil, 32-36 Degree, F.O.B. Refinery or Terminal.			
New York (Bayonne) \$.05 1/4 Chicago \$.03 Tulsa \$.13			

Petroleum Institute Directors Adopt Price Posting Resolution.

Directors of the American Petroleum Institute, meeting in New York on Jan. 9, approved a uniform plan for organization of three divisions within the institute and adopted a resolution authorizing under specified competitive conditions the suspension of requirements for posting prices of commercial accounts at gasoline stations in certain states. The foregoing is from the New York "Journal of Commerce," which added:

The uniform plan sets up rules for organization and direction of separate divisions of production, refining and marketing as authorized by the board at the annual meeting in Chicago last December. General committees for each division will formulate supplemental rules and a standing committee will correlate them. The new divisions are designed to provide adequate departmental organization whereby institute activities directly related to production, refining and marketing more generally may be participated in by members. At the same time they will permit independent consideration of specific problems relating to any branch and assure better and closer co-operative relationships between members engaged in similar branches.

The resolution provides that the local State code committees, with approval of the national committee on interpretation of the code, be authorized to approve the meeting of competition and suspension of requirements for posting commercial account prices in States, or areas thereof, where the definition of commercial accounts in Rule 21, national code of practices for marketing refined petroleum products, is not now being observed. The resolution further provides that no change now be made in the code definition of, or provisions for, commercial accounts, because to do so would give national application to an effort to meet local conditions.

The committees on commercial accounts, which met yesterday and which submitted the resolution today in a report signed by Henry M. Dawes, the Pure Oil Co., Chicago, as Chairman, said it understood the rule referred to now is being observed in these States:

Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Montana, Utah, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Minnesota, Kansas, North Dakota, Wyoming, Nevada, California, Colorado, Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

The report added, however, that there is divergence of opinion on the question of allowing commercial accounts in any form at service stations and as to what restrictions should be imposed. Differences in local conditions and previous practices, it was explained, might make any rules of universal and permanent application adopted now impractical and unfair in some sections. The committee recommended that the subject be given further study with a view to forming a general policy consistent with public obligations as well as private interest and capable of universal application.

Crude Oil Production Continues at Higher Rate Than a Year Ago.

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended Jan. 4 1930 was 2,652,300 barrels, as compared with 2,607,700 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 44,600 barrels. Compared with the output for the week ended Jan. 5 1929, of 2,591,050 barrels per day, the current figure represents an increase of 61,250 barrels. The daily average production east of California for the week ended Jan. 4 1930 was 1,951,800 barrels, as compared with 1,918,300 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 33,500 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production, by districts:

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION.
(Figures in barrels)

Week Ended—	Jan. 4 '30.	Dec. 28 '29.	Dec. 21 '29.	Jan. 5 '29.
Oklahoma	675,900	647,550	635,650	719,750
Kansas	114,250	113,800	111,950	97,100
Panhandle Texas	100,500	102,600	110,800	59,750
North Texas	88,150	88,100	89,650	88,200
West Central Texas	54,100	54,000	54,400	54,150
West Texas	338,100	341,200	344,350	354,600
East Central Texas	23,200	23,550	23,550	21,450
Southwest Texas	76,200	74,950	70,450	37,100
North Louisiana	38,300	38,000	38,850	36,400
Arkansas	60,400	60,600	61,950	80,200
Coastal Texas	138,750	138,850	140,900	114,350
Coastal Louisiana	20,750	19,750	22,500	22,050
Eastern (not incl. Michigan)	129,100	128,200	126,800	110,350
Michigan	14,950	14,550	14,550	2,900
Wyoming	56,400	49,300	52,550	57,600
Montana	10,000	10,200	10,500	9,400
Colorado	5,400	5,400	5,450	7,500
New Mexico	7,350	7,700	8,350	3,600
California	700,500	689,400	710,600	714,600
Total	2,652,300	2,607,700	2,633,800	2,591,050

The estimated daily average gross production for the Mid-Continent field, including Oklahoma, Kansas, Panhandle, North, West Central, West, East Central and Southwest Texas, North Louisiana and Arkansas, for the week ended Jan. 4 was 1,569,100 barrels, as compared with 1,544,350 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 24,750 barrels. The Mid-Continent production, excluding Smackover (Arkansas) heavy oil, was 1,527,050 barrels, as compared with 1,502,650 barrels, an increase of 24,400 barrels.

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

	—Week Ended—			—Week Ended—	
	Jan. 4.	Dec. 28.		Jan. 4.	Dec. 28.
Oklahoma—	21,300	21,250	Southwest Texas—	9,000	9,100
Allen Dome	3,450	3,550	Laredo District	10,600	10,700
Asher	22,200	23,300	Luling	28,250	28,850
Bowlegs	18,050	18,650	Salt Flat		
Bristow-Silek	17,500	17,200	North Louisiana—	4,650	4,650
Burbank	7,800	9,850	Haynesville	5,200	5,200
Carr City	7,650	7,700	Urania		
Cromwell	31,250	30,650	Arkansas—	5,150	5,550
Earlsboro	3,800	4,500	Champagnolle	5,650	5,700
East Seminole	39,450	38,550	Smackover (light)	42,050	41,700
Little River	13,900	16,250	Smackover (heavy)		
Logan County	7,900	8,200	Coastal Texas—	14,400	16,900
Maud	14,400	15,150	Barbers Hill	9,850	10,100
Mission	99,300	79,050	Hull	11,750	11,800
Oklahoma City	11,100	10,550	Pierce Junction	8,600	8,900
Sasakwa	47,650	49,950	Raccoon Bend	18,400	18,100
St. Louis	7,850	8,050	Spindletop	11,900	12,300
Searight	22,400	24,500	Sugarland	6,200	6,200
Seminole	8,750	8,850	West Columbia		
Tonkawa			Coastal Louisiana—	1,900	2,000
Sedgewick County	24,150	23,800	East Hackberry	1,650	1,750
Panhandle Texas—			Old Hackberry	3,500	3,050
Carson County	9,400	9,200	Sulphur Dome	4,200	4,300
Gray County	64,200	65,800	Vinton		
Oklahoma County	25,600	26,300	Wyoming—	34,500	27,500
North Texas—			Salt Creek		
Archer County	18,300	18,200	Montana—	6,500	6,800
Wilbarger County	30,050	29,600	Sunburst		
West Central Texas—			California—	9,000	9,000
Brown County	9,600	9,500	Domiguez	26,800	24,800
Shackelford County	9,300	9,300	Elwood-Goleta	41,500	41,500
West Texas—			Huntington Beach	22,500	22,500
Crane & Upton Counties	43,000	43,900	Inglewood	11,000	9,400
Howard County	37,600	37,300	Kettleman Hills	104,000	105,000
Pecos County	144,000	143,800	Long Beach	77,000	77,000
Reagan County	17,000	17,000	Midway-Sunset	167,700	161,200
Winkler County	87,000	89,450	Santa Fe Springs	28,500	28,500
East Central Texas—			Seal Beach	51,500	51,500
Corsicana-Powell	6,500	6,750	Ventura Avenue		

Weekly Refinery Statistics for the United States.

According to the American Petroleum Institute, companies aggregating 3,481,200 barrels, or 95.4% of the 3,650,900 barrel estimated daily potential refining capacity of the plants operating in the United States during the week ended Jan. 4 1930 report that the crude runs to stills for the week show that these companies operated to 70.9% of their total capacity. Figures published last week show that companies aggregating 3,514,200 barrels, or 95.5% of the 3,678,700 barrel estimated daily potential refining capacity of all plants operating in the United States during that week, but which operated to only 72.3% of their total capacity, contributed to that report. The report for the week ended Jan. 4 1930 follows:

CRUDE RUNS TO STILLs, GASOLINE AND GAS AND FUEL OIL STOCKS
WEEK ENDED JAN. 4, 1930. (FIGURES IN BARRELS OF 42 GALLONS.)

District.	P. C. Potential Capacity Report.	Crude Runs to Stills.	P. C. Oper. of Total Capac. Report.	Gasoline Stocks.	Gas and Fuel Oil Stocks.
East Coast	100.0	3,184,700	75.1	5,998,000	7,431,000
Appalachian	91.6	529,000	64.5	1,282,000	805,000
Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky	98.6	2,028,600	81.6	5,483,000	3,505,000
Okla., Kansas, Missouri	87.7	1,844,800	65.0	3,604,000	3,277,000
Texas	90.7	3,779,000	76.5	6,590,000	13,757,000
Louisiana, Arkansas	96.8	1,120,300	61.1	2,161,000	4,499,000
Rocky Mountain	93.3	291,300	30.0	2,273,000	973,000
California	99.3	4,500,300	72.1	14,826,000	109,770,000
Total Week Jan. 4	95.4	17,278,000	70.9	42,217,000	144,017,000
Daily average		2,468,300			
Total week Dec. 28	95.5	17,789,200	72.3	41,960,000	145,152,000
Daily average		2,541,300			
Texas Gulf Coast	100.0	3,007,100	81.6	5,579,000	10,792,000
Louisiana Gulf Coast	100.0	759,600	73.6	1,877,000	3,818,000

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

Tin Restriction in Great Britain—Companies Heed Recommendations of Tin Producers Association and Cut Their Production.

The first steps to curtail tin production in accordance with the recommendations of the Tin Producers Association have been taken by British producers, according to cablegrams received in New York on Jan. 6. The Geevor Tin Mines, Ltd., a company operating in Cornwall, England, was first to put the restriction plan into effect, according to the cablegram, which added that it was understood on the best authority that within the next few days similar announcements would be made by large mining companies in other parts of the British Empire. The output of the Geevor mines in 1927-1928 was 649 tons of black tin, 495 tons in 1926-1927, and 436 tons in 1925-1926.

The recommendations of the Tin Producers Association, recently adopted, called for suspension of mining operations for 7 clear days in both January and February and for suspension also from Saturday night to Monday morning each week during 1930. Suspension of a week in March also may be recommended later. From the London "Financial News" of Dec. 16 we quote the following regarding the restriction plans:

Details of the plan for the restriction of output of tin are now issued by the Tin Producers' Association (Inc.). These involve a reduction in work.

ing hours and a complete closing down of all operations for two, and possibly three, weeks during the first quarter of the coming year.

The official statement is as follows:
 "In order to restore the balance between supply and demand, and to reestablish the industry upon a sound and permanent footing, the Council have unanimously recommended to all members of the Tin Producers' Association that:

Throughout 1930 all mining operations shall cease from 10 p. m. on every Saturday until 6 a. m. on the following Monday.

Further, all mining operations shall cease for one week of 7 clear days in January 1930, also for one week of 7 clear days in February 1930, and—if it be deemed necessary—also for one week of 7 clear days in March 1930.

"The above recommendations are specifically applicable only to the East, but a similar ratio of curtailment is recommended in the case of Nigeria and other tin-producing countries upon a basis more exactly suited to the particular conditions obtaining in those fields.

"In the circular communicating the recommendations to members, the Council state their conviction that the prudent and conservative regulation of the industry, while retarding the production of tin not presently required to meet the world's consumptive needs, will also prevent any excessive rise in price, which, it is most strongly felt, could only be regarded as directly inimical to the interests of all concerned."

December Slab Zinc Production Exceeds Shipments—Inventories Reach New High Figure.

According to the American Zinc Institute, Inc., there were produced a total of 48,590 net tons of slab zinc, as compared with 47,620 tons in the preceding month and 50,591 tons in December 1928. Shipments in December 1929 amounted to 34,389 tons, of which 11 tons were shipped from plants for export. This compares with 51,692 tons shipped in the corresponding month in 1928 and 41,675 tons in November last. Stocks at Dec. 31 1929, totaled 77,272 net tons, a new high figure, as against 63,061 tons at Nov. 30 1929, and 45,441 tons at Dec. 31 1928.

Metal sold, not yet delivered, at the end of December 1929 amounted to 18,370 net tons; total retort capacity at the end of December, 121,841 tons; the number of idle retorts available within 60 days, 59,390; the average number of retorts operating during December, 54,371; the number of retorts operating at the end of December, 57,375. A comparative table shows:

PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS AT END OF PERIOD. (Figures in Short Tons.)					
Month of—	Pro- duction.	Domestic Shipments.	Exports.	Total Shipments.	Stocks End of Mo.
1929.					
December	48,590	34,378	11	34,389	77,262
November	47,620	41,636	39	41,675	63,061
October	50,938	47,117	67	47,184	57,116
September	53,285	46,287	1,468	47,755	53,363
August	55,290	50,610	969	51,579	47,333
July	54,441	46,570	681	47,251	44,122
June	52,953	47,973	1,874	49,847	36,932
May	56,958	56,614	1,106	57,720	33,826
April	54,653	56,558	1,469	58,027	34,588
March	55,471	56,287	1,862	58,129	37,962
February	48,154	51,057	1,895	52,952	40,420
January	49,709	47,677	2,055	49,732	45,418
Total in 1929	628,062	582,744	13,496	596,240	-----
1928.					
December	50,591	49,625	2,067	51,692	45,441
November	50,260	48,698	1,088	49,786	46,562
October	50,259	50,126	1,980	52,106	46,068
September	49,361	44,103	1,759	45,862	47,915
August	52,157	47,050	2,901	49,951	44,416
July	50,890	49,510	3,638	53,148	42,210
June	50,825	49,780	1,802	51,582	44,468
May	53,422	49,818	3,138	52,956	45,225
April	53,493	46,517	3,746	50,263	44,759
March	55,881	51,856	3,786	55,642	41,529
February	50,042	46,754	4,134	50,888	41,290
January	52,414	45,771	5,231	51,002	42,163
Total in 1928	619,595	579,608	35,270	614,878	----
1927.					
December	52,347	46,483	4,433	50,916	40,751
November	49,217	44,374	1,746	46,120	39,320
October	50,185	46,602	1,637	48,239	36,223
September	47,735	44,038	4,007	48,045	34,277
August	49,012	49,739	4,009	53,748	34,587
July	47,627	46,359	4,893	50,252	39,329
June	49,118	43,122	4,784	47,907	43,858
May	51,296	45,560	4,898	50,458	42,046
April	51,626	44,821	1,876	46,697	41,208
March	56,546	45,107	5,098	53,205	36,271
February	51,341	43,555	4,760	48,315	32,938
January	56,898	45,884	2,989	48,873	29,912
Total in 1927	613,548	549,644	45,040	594,684	----

Copper and Lead Demand Improves—Zinc Prices Lower on Unfavorable December Statistics—Tin Shows Little Change.

Demand for copper from domestic consumers in the first week of the new year showed a fair degree of improvement and while the tonnage sold was not so impressive, the volume was larger than for any week since the middle of September, reports *Engineering & Mining Journal Metal and Mineral Markets*. Most of the business booked, it is stated, was for January and February shipment. The improvement in buying was in line with expectations, and with fabricators approaching the point where February consumptive requirements will have to be purchased, the sales curve is expected to move up over the remainder of the month. The report goes on to say:

The lead market has resumed the mid-December activity and all sellers report excellent business at unchanged prices of 6.25 cents, New York, and 6.10 cents, St. Louis. Demand has been well divided between January and February, with good tonnages going to the cable, ammunition, mixed metal

and oxide and white lead manufacturers. Producers, in general, have already sold their expected January production, so further orders must be filled from stock, which is adequate for the purpose.

The unfavorable statistics for December, coupled with an indifferent demand, brought out a lower price level for zinc. Some business went through as low as 5.25 cents St. Louis, but all sellers were not eager to quote at this level. In fact, most of the business placed during the week was at prices ranging from 5.375 cents to 5.40 cents. Sentiment in the market seemed to improve toward the close.

Although the price of tin shows no tendency to go above 40 cents, the situation covering this metal gives evidence of improving. Demand for prompt has been very good, with a considerable improvement reported in orders from the automobile industry.

Large Loss in December Pig Iron Output.

Contraction in pig iron operations, which set in during November, was even more drastic in December, according to the "Iron Age" of Jan. 2. The daily rate, which declined 8.3% in November, fell 13.7% during December. For the first time in many months, if not for any month, no furnaces were blown in and 20 were shut down last month. This followed a net loss of 26 furnaces in November. The net loss of 46 furnaces in the last two months contrasts with a net loss of 86 furnaces in April and May of 1924. The net loss in the last two months of 1929 was equalled by the loss in May, 1924, of 46.

Production of coke pig iron in December was 2,836,916 gross tons or 91,513 tons per day for the 31 days. This contrasts with 3,181,411 tons for November or 106,047 tons per day for 30 days. The net loss for December was 14,534 tons in the daily rate or 13.7%. The December daily rate is not only the smallest for 1929 but is the smallest since December 1927, when it was 86,960 tons. A year ago, or in December 1928, the daily rate was 108,605 tons. The "Age" further reports:

Operating Rate on Jan. 1.

Decline in operating rate at the beginning of the month was not so large as on Dec. 1. The 157 furnaces blowing on Jan. 1 had an estimated operating rate of 88,250 tons compared with 98,450 tons as the estimated rate of the 177 furnaces active on Dec. 1. The decline on Jan. 1 was 10,200 tons per day in operating rate as against 15,150 tons per day on Dec. 1.

There were 20 furnaces blown out or banked during December with none blown in. Of these, independent steel companies accounted for 11, the Steel corporation for three and merchant producers for six. There were thus 14 steel-making stacks shut down.

The Year's Total Record.

With coke pig iron production at 42,285,769 tons for 1929, a new year's total was recorded. This is 5.5% larger than the former high record of 40,059,308 tons in 1923 and exceeds the 1928 total by 11.7%.

Large Loss in Steel-Making Iron.

There was a large loss in steel-making iron in December—15,124 tons per day or 18.5% from November. The November loss from October was 10,368 tons per day or 11%. Merchant iron made a small gain.

At 28,564 tons the December ferromanganese output was the fourth largest last year. The November output was 28,255 tons and the high for the year was 33,363 tons in June.

Twenty Furnaces Shut Down.

It has been many years since a month has passed without any furnaces being blown in. This was true of December.

Operations were confined to the blowing out or banking of 20 furnaces last month, as follows: One Lackawanna furnace of the Bethlehem Steel Corp. and one furnace of the Donner Steel Co. in the Buffalo district; the Delaware River furnace in the Schuylkill Valley; one furnace at the Cambria plant of the Bethlehem Steel Corp. in western Pennsylvania; one furnace of the Maryland plant of the Bethlehem Steel Corp. in Maryland; the Ashland furnace of the American Rolling Mill Co. in Kentucky; No. 4 Haseltown furnace of the Republic Iron & Steel Co., one Hubbard furnace of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. and the Cherry Valley furnace in the Mahoning Valley; one Shenango furnace in the Shenango Valley; No. 1 furnace of the Weirton Steel Co. in the Wheeling district; No. 1 furnace of the National Tube Co. in northern Ohio and one furnace of the Central Alloy Steel Corp. in central Ohio; one Joliet and one Gary furnace of the Illinois Steel Co. in the Chicago district and the A furnace of the St. Louis Gas & Coke Co. in Illinois; one Detroit furnace in Michigan and one furnace of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Co. in Colorado, and two furnaces of the Woodward Iron Co. in Alabama.

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

	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.
January	97,384	108,720	106,974	100,123	92,573	111,044
February	106,026	114,791	104,408	105,024	100,004	114,507
March	111,809	114,975	111,032	112,366	103,215	119,822
April	107,781	108,632	115,004	114,074	106,183	122,087
May	84,358	94,542	112,304	109,385	105,931	125,745
June	67,541	89,115	107,844	102,988	102,733	123,908
First six months	95,794	105,039	109,660	107,351	101,763	119,564
July	57,577	85,936	103,978	95,199	99,091	122,100
August	60,875	87,241	103,241	95,073	101,180	121,151
September	68,442	90,873	104,543	92,498	102,077	116,585
October	79,907	97,528	107,553	89,810	108,832	115,745
November	83,656	100,767	107,890	88,279	110,084	106,047
December	95,539	104,853	99,712	86,960	108,705	91,513
12 months' average	85,075	99,735	107,043	99,266	103,382	115,851

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

	1927.	1928.	1929.	1927.	1928.	1929.
Jan	3,103,820	2,869,761	3,442,370	July	2,951,160	3,071,824
Feb	2,940,679	2,900,126	3,206,185	Aug	2,947,276	3,136,570
Mar	3,453,362	3,199,674	3,714,473	Sept	2,774,949	3,062,314
Apr	3,422,226	3,185,504	3,662,925	Oct	2,784,112	3,373,806
May	3,590,940	3,283,856	3,898,082	Nov	2,648,376	3,302,523
June	3,089,651	3,082,000	3,717,225	Dec	2,695,755	3,369,846

½ yr. 19,430,678 18,520,921 21,640,960 Year '26,232,395 37,837,804 42,285,769
 * These totals do not include charcoal pig iron. The 1928 production of this iron was 142,960 gross tons.

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

	Steel Work.	Merchant.*	Total.
1928—January	69,520	23,053	92,573
February	78,444	21,560	100,004
March	83,489	19,726	103,215
April	85,188	21,000	106,188
May	85,576	20,355	105,931
June	81,630	21,103	102,733
July	79,513	19,578	99,091
August	82,642	18,538	101,180
September	82,590	19,487	102,077
October	88,051	20,781	108,832
November	88,474	21,610	110,084
December	85,415	23,290	108,705
1929—January	85,530	25,514	111,044
February	89,246	25,261	114,507
March	95,461	24,361	119,822
April	95,680	26,407	122,087
May	100,174	25,571	125,745
June	99,933	23,915	123,848
July	98,044	24,056	122,100
August	98,900	22,251	121,151
September	95,426	21,159	116,585
October	93,644	22,101	115,745
November	83,276	22,771	106,047
December	68,152	23,361	91,513

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

PRODUCTION OF STEEL COMPANIES FOR OWN USE—GROSS TONS

	Total Pig Iron— Spiegel and Ferromanganese.			Ferromanganese x		
	1927.	1928.	1929.	1927.	1928.	1929.
January	3,243,881	2,155,133	2,651,416	31,844	22,298	28,208
February	2,256,651	2,274,880	2,498,901	24,560	19,320	35,978
March	2,675,417	2,588,158	2,959,295	27,834	27,912	24,978
3 months	7,275,949	7,018,171	8,109,612	84,238	69,530	79,164
April	2,637,919	2,555,500	2,826,028	24,735	18,405	22,413
May	2,619,078	2,652,872	3,105,404	28,734	29,940	25,896
June	2,343,409	2,448,905	2,999,798	29,232	32,088	33,363
Half year	14,876,355	14,675,448	17,040,842	166,939	149,963	160,836
July	2,163,101	2,454,896	3,039,370	25,394	32,909	31,040
August	2,213,815	2,561,904	3,065,874	21,279	24,583	28,461
September	2,090,200	2,477,695	2,862,799	20,675	22,278	27,505
9 months	21,343,571	22,179,943	26,008,885	235,287	230,733	247,842
October	2,076,722	2,729,589	2,902,960	17,710	23,939	31,108
November	1,938,043	2,654,211	2,498,291	17,851	29,773	28,285
December	1,987,652	2,647,863	2,112,704	20,992	28,618	28,564
Year	27,345,888	30,211,606	33,522,840	291,840	312,061	335,799

x Includes output of merchant furnaces.

Steel Ingot Production Lower in December.

The American Iron & Steel Institute in its monthly statement released Jan. 8 reports steel ingot production for December at 2,896,269 tons. This is the smallest total for any month of any year since Sept. 1924. It compares with 3,513,025 tons in November 1929 and with 4,018,208 tons in December 1928. For the 25 working days in December 1929 the average daily production was 115,851 tons. In November 1929, which month contained 26 working days, the average daily output was 135,116 tons and in December 1928, with 25 working days, the average was 160,728 tons per day. At its maximum for the year, the production in May 1929 was 195,302 tons per day, while in June 1929 it was 195,255 tons per day. The monthly figures since January 1928 are shown in the following:

MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF STEEL INGOTS, JANUARY 1928, TO DECEMBER 1929—GROSS TONS.

Reported for 1928 and 1929 by companies which made 94.51% of the Open-hearth and Bessemer Steel Ingot Production in 1928.

Months 1928.	Open-hearth.	Bessemer.	Monthly Output Companies Reporting.	Calculated Monthly Output, all Companies.	No. of Days.	Approx. Daily Output, all Co.'s.	Per Cent. Operation x
Jan	3,273,294	498,691	3,771,985	3,990,902	26	153,496	81.42
Feb	3,300,407	521,250	3,821,657	4,043,457	25	161,738	85.80
March	3,692,648	567,330	4,259,978	4,507,217	27	166,934	88.55
April	3,505,104	564,110	4,069,214	4,305,382	25	172,215	91.35
May	3,394,301	582,128	3,976,429	4,207,212	27	155,823	82.66
June	3,068,257	528,193	3,596,450	3,743,930	25	149,996	76.38
July	3,068,257	528,193	3,596,450	3,743,930	25	149,996	80.75
Aug	3,379,625	569,771	3,949,396	4,178,610	27	154,763	82.10
Sept	3,375,654	544,710	3,920,364	4,147,893	25	165,916	88.01
Oct	3,795,800	599,098	4,394,898	4,649,968	27	172,221	91.36
Nov	3,442,112	590,669	4,032,781	4,266,835	26	164,109	87.05
Dec	3,301,114	496,679	3,797,793	4,018,208	25	160,728	85.26
Total	40,538,657	6,591,217	47,129,874	49,865,185	311	160,338	85.05
1929							
Jan	3,694,218	549,616	4,243,834	4,490,354	27	166,309	84.80
Feb	3,599,224	489,279	4,088,503	4,326,090	24	180,250	91.91
March	4,183,869	596,691	4,780,560	5,055,258	26	194,548	99.20
April	4,026,576	619,851	4,646,427	4,938,025	26	189,924	96.84
May	4,276,186	707,484	4,983,670	5,273,167	27	195,302	99.59
June	3,990,798	622,585	4,613,383	4,881,370	25	195,255	99.58
July	3,922,532	649,950	4,572,482	4,838,093	26	186,080	94.88
Aug	3,988,729	668,023	4,656,752	4,927,258	27	182,491	93.05
Sept	3,627,639	635,593	4,263,232	4,510,879	25	180,435	92.01
Oct	3,619,432	644,528	4,263,960	4,511,650	27	187,098	85.21
Nov	2,797,488	522,672	3,320,160	3,513,025	26	135,116	68.90
Dec	2,376,775	360,489	2,737,264	2,896,269	25	115,851	59.07
Total	44,103,466	7,087,261	51,190,727	54,164,348	311	174,162	88.81

x The figures of "per cent of operation" in 1928 are based on the annual capacity as of Dec. 31 1927, of 58,627,910 gross tons for Bessemer and open-hearth steel ingots, and in 1929 are based on the annual capacity as of Dec. 31 1928 of 60,990,810 gross tons for Bessemer and open-hearth steel ingots.

Increase Shown in Unfilled Steel Orders.

The United States Steel Corp. reports a further increase in the unfilled orders on the books of its subsidiaries, the total for Dec. 31 1929 being given as 4,417,193 tons. On Nov. 30 1929 the figure was 4,125,345 tons and on Dec. 31

1928 3,976,712 tons. The aggregate at the end of 1929 was larger than at the end of any other year since 1925. Below we furnish the figures by months for the past six years. Figures for earlier dates may be found in the "Chronicle" of April 17 1926, page 2126.

UNFILLED ORDERS OF SUBSIDIARIES OF U. S. STEEL CORPORATION

End of Month.	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
January	4,109,487	4,275,947	3,800,177	4,882,739	5,037,323	4,798,429
February	4,144,341	4,398,189	3,597,119	4,616,822	5,284,771	4,912,901
March	4,410,718	4,335,206	3,553,140	4,379,935	4,863,504	4,782,807
April	4,427,763	3,872,133	3,456,132	3,867,976	4,446,598	4,208,447
May	4,304,167	3,416,822	3,050,941	3,649,250	4,049,800	3,628,089
June	4,256,910	3,637,009	3,053,246	3,478,642	3,710,458	3,262,505
July	4,088,177	3,570,927	3,142,014	3,602,522	3,539,467	3,187,072
August	3,658,211	3,624,043	3,196,037	3,542,335	3,512,803	3,289,577
September	3,902,581	3,698,368	3,148,113	3,593,509	3,717,297	3,473,780
October	4,086,562	3,751,030	3,341,040	3,683,661	4,109,183	3,525,270
November	4,125,345	3,643,000	3,454,444	3,807,447	4,581,780	4,031,969
December	4,417,193	3,976,712	3,972,874	3,960,969	5,033,364	4,186,776

Steel Production Gains—Prices Unchanged.

Steel production has taken an upturn after two months of sharp curtailment and the outlook is for further improvement, although it is expected to be gradual, the "Iron Age" states this week in its summary of the iron and steel markets. The "Age" continues:

Finished steel prices have developed numerous irregularities, as well as a few general reductions, but the Pittsburgh scrap market shows added strength, with the heavy melting grade up \$1 a ton to \$16.75, which is \$1.50 a ton above the low point reached Dec. 3.

The betterment in steel demand is due mainly to an increase in the number of specifications rather than in their size. Buyers are still very cautious, and it is too early to determine how much of the tonnage they are now releasing represents replenishment of stocks and how much reflects larger current needs.

Pig iron production in December showed an even sharper decline than had been anticipated. Twenty blast furnaces were put out and none went in, making a net loss of 46 active stacks in the last two months of 1929, comparing with 86 in April and May, 1924, the largest net loss for a similar period in recent years.

Total output for December was 2,836,916 tons, and the daily rate, at 91,513 tons, was the lowest since the final month of 1927. On Jan. 1, with 157 furnaces in blast, the production rate was 88,250 tons daily, against 126,150 tons on June 1 1929, the high point last year, and 110,675 tons 12 months ago.

December steel ingot output, at 2,896,269 tons, or 115,851 tons daily, was at the lowest rate since October 1924. Steel ingot output in December was at the rate of 59% of capacity. January production, according to present indications, may approach 65%. The current average is close to 60%. The two largest producers have reached a 65% rate, and operations in the leading steel centers are estimated at 65% for Pittsburgh, 60 to 65% for Chicago and 50 to 55% at Youngstown.

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

Finished Steel.		Pig Iron.	
Jan. 7 1930, 2.362c. a Lb.		Jan. 7 1930, \$18.21 a Gross Ton.	
One week ago	2.362c.	One week ago	\$18.21
One month ago	2.36c.	One month ago	18.29
One year ago	2.391c.	One year ago	18.46
10-year pre-war average	1.689c.	10-year pre-war average	15.72

Based on steel bars, beams, tank plates, wire, rails, black pipe and black sheets. These products make 87% of the United States output of finished steel.

High.	Low.	High.	Low.		
1929...2.412c. Apr. 2	2.362c. Oct. 29	1929...\$18.71	May 14	\$18.21	Dec. 17
1928...2.391c. Dec. 11	2.314c. Jan. 3	1928...18.59	Nov. 27	17.04	July 24
1927...2.453c. Jan. 4	2.293c. Oct. 25	1927...19.71	Jan. 4	17.54	Nov. 1
1926...2.453c. Jan. 5	2.403c. May 18	1926...21.54	Jan. 5	19.46	July 13
1925...2.560c. Jan. 6	2.396c. Aug. 18	1925...22.50	Jan. 13	18.96	July 7

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

Specifications for finished steel and releases against pig iron contracts have expanded materially in the past week, the "Iron Trade Review" of Cleveland this week says. Demand for practically all products has been heavier than in December, although considerably below the level of last January, continues the "Review," which goes on to say:

This betterment is appraised by most producers as a rebound from the repression of buying over the year-end. Producers generally continue confident of gradual improvement over the first half year, but recognize several conditions precedent to it.

For one thing, consumers still appear determined to avoid commitments, except for actual spot requirements, until the price situation is clarified, and by common consent this clarification approaches. The expectation of consumers that prices would go no higher and might go lower may be justified.

Shading of tin plate has been formally recognized by a reduction of 10 cents a base box, to \$5.25, Pittsburgh. Autobody sheets are off \$2 per ton, to 3.90c, Pittsburgh, while blue annealed plates and sheets have developed a downward range of \$2. Strip steel and wire have been shaded \$1 to \$2 per ton.

Heavy finished steel prices at Pittsburgh, like pig iron in many districts, have yet to withstand the impact of tonnage requirements. There are reports that valley pig iron prices have been shaded, and that \$34 for sheet bars is not strong. Iron and steel scrap, having experienced several months of tobogganing, is an exception to general price softness.

The railroads have started 1930 determined to hold their regained title of premier consumer of finished steel. Including the enlarged Chesapeake & Ohio-Pere Marquette-Hocking Valley program of 11,375 freight cars, 130 locomotives and 55 tenders, about 30,000 freight cars are on active inquiry. Atlantic Coast line closes Jan. 12 on 1,000 cars. Revised figures place 1929 freight car awards at 106,105.

The Burlington, which has just distributed 500 cars and 67,050 tons of rails to western makers, may buy 2,000 more cars. The Nickel Plate is awarding 29,860 tons of rails. Track fastening orders at Chicago have totaled 14,000 tons in the past week, with twice that tonnage on inquiry. Many carriers are placing their first quarter finished steel requirements.

Automotive demand for iron and steel, while somewhat improved over December, still reflects a hesitancy which will not pass until the verdict of the shows on new models is in. Farm implement manufacturers are more generous buyers at Chicago, which has experienced a greater revival of demand than any other district. Building continues seasonally slack, and prospective pipe line work has not yet matured.

Slack automotive and brisk railroad demand contrast markedly in the comparative sluggishness of the sheet, strip and bar markets and the

quickening of plate mills. The Chesapeake & Ohio car and locomotive inquiry alone contemplates the purchase of nearly 150,000 tons of heavy steel, chiefly plates. Sixteen river barges are being placed at Pittsburgh, while in the East the Standard Oil Co. of New York is a heavy buyer. Plate mill operations at Chicago have been stepped up to 70%.

Final statistics on December production of pig iron and steel ingots reveal how drastic was the year-end retrenchment but confirm 1929 as a record. Last month the daily pig iron rate declined to 91,513 tons, the lowest since December, 1927, but the month's output of 2,836,917 tons gives 1929 a total of 42,270,183 tons, compared with 37,831,741 tons in 1928 and the previous record of 40,025,850 tons in 1923. Active blast furnace stacks suffered a net loss of 19 in December, following the dropping of 29 in November, bringing the number active as of Dec. 31 to 157, the fewest since July, 1924.

December averaged 115,851 tons of ingots daily, the lowest rate since October, 1924, but an output of 2,896,269 tons brought the 1929 total of open-hearth and bessemer ingots to 54,164,348 tons, handsly exceeding the previous record, the 49,865,185 tons of 1929. The steel industry averaged an 88.8% operating rate in 1929, contrasted with 85 in 1928.

Chicago this week is averaging 55 to 60% operations. Pittsburgh and Buffalo are at about 60%, and the Youngstown district 65, with independent plants there doing better than Steel corporation units. Finishing mills in all districts are on improved schedules. Steel corporation subsidiaries operate at 66%.

Weakness in sheets and tin plate has depressed the "Iron Trade Review" composite 16 cents, to \$35.72, its lowest since October, 1928. In December the index averaged \$35.95, and last January \$36.24.

There has been considerable improvement in the demand for steel products since the beginning of the current year and this has brought a sharp increase in ingot production, stated the "Wall Street Journal" on Jan. 7. The buying has been even better than many trade authorities had anticipated and is the most encouraging development of the past few months adds the "Journal," which is further quoted as follows:

Whereas orders placed in October and November represented the activity of the railroads in placing contracts for steel rails and equipment, the latest demand has come from general consumers and is in a diversified line of products. This is usually viewed as the most satisfactory business because it reflects general conditions more accurately than if the buying came from one or two consuming quarters only.

It is probable that the increased demand reported by the leading companies represents the replenishing of stocks by consumers who have been out of the market for several months and who permitted the surplus of material in their plants to be depleted to a point which was much below normal in many years.

Inventories taken at the end of the year are believed to have disclosed the necessity of consumers placing contracts for their nearby needs, and this has been the main influence in the better demand which came after the beginning of the current year.

Leading steel trade authorities were hopeful of an improved buying movement before the end of the current month, but it is admitted that few expected the change for the better to come so early in the period. Naturally there is a more cheerful feeling in the industry and this has been responsible for the sharp snap back which has occurred in the operations of steel plants since Jan. 1.

After having been as low as 50% or less during the two holiday weeks, the United States Steel Corp. has brought its ingot production back to around 61%, with indications that by the end of the current week the gradual improvement will result in a rate of between 63% and 65%. Before the holiday shut-downs the corporation was running at 64%.

Independent steel companies also have been showing substantial improvement and are now running in the neighborhood of 58%. This compares with 30% for the two weeks involving the holidays. Before the curtailment prior to Christmas week the independents were at around 60%.

For the entire industry the average is now between 59% and 60%, contrasted with 38% to 39% in the two preceding weeks and 62% before the holiday shut-downs.

At the beginning of last year the Steel Corp. was running at 87% of capacity, with independents around 81%, and the average for the industry was at nearly 84%. In the early days of 1927 the Steel Corp. ran at 73% to 75% with independents between 67% and 68%, and the average for the industry was around 70%.

Preliminary Estimates of Production of Coal and Beehive Coke for the Month of December 1929.

The following preliminary estimates for the month of December, as given in the United States Bureau of Mines report, are subject to slight revisions, which will be issued in the weekly coal report about the 15th of this month. All current estimates will later be adjusted to agree with the results of the complete canvass of production made at the end of the calendar year. The figures as now reported show that about 46,200,000 net tons of bituminous coal were produced in December 1929, an increase of 523,000 tons as compared with the previous month, and 2,117,000 tons more than produced in the month of December 1928. Anthracite production during the month under review showed an increase of 1,544,000 net tons as compared with the corresponding month in the preceding year, and was 1,616,000 tons over the total output for the month of November 1929. The statistical tables as given by the Bureau of Mines are appended:

	Total for Month (Net Tons)	Number of Working Days	Average per Working Day (Net Tons)
<i>December 1929 (Preliminary) a—</i>			
Bituminous coal	46,200,000	25	1,848,000
Anthracite	7,658,000	25	306,000
Beehive coke	341,200	25	13,648
<i>November 1929 (Revised)—</i>			
Bituminous coal	45,677,000	24.8	1,842,000
Anthracite	6,042,000	24	252,000
Beehive coke	413,300	26	15,896
<i>December 1928 (b)—</i>			
Bituminous coal	44,083,000	25	1,763,000
Anthracite	6,114,000	25	245,000
Beehive coke	408,000	25	16,320

a Slight revisions of these estimates will be issued in the Weekly Coal Report about the middle of the month. b Final annual figures.

Bituminous Coal, Anthracite and Beehive Coke Output in 1929 Exceeds That for 1928—Output for Week Ended Dec. 28 1929 Shows Decrease, Owing to Observance of the Christmas Holidays.

Curtailed by the observance of the Christmas holidays, the total production of bituminous coal during the week ended Dec. 28 1929, amounted to 7,675,000 net tons, a decrease of 3,481,000 tons from the revised estimate of 11,156,000 tons for the previous week, but exceeded by 673,000 tons, the output tons reported for the week ended Dec. 29 1928. The production of anthracite totaled 1,276,000 net tons, a decrease of 587,000 tons as compared with the preceding week, but was 370,000 tons over the total for the corresponding week last year.

Estimated production for the year 1929 amounted to 525,358,000 net tons, as compared with 500,745,000 tons in 1928, 517,763,000 tons in 1927 and 573,367,000 tons in 1926. Estimated output of Pennsylvania anthracite for the year 1929 totaled approximately 76,640,000 net tons as against 75,348,000 tons in 1928 and 80,096,000 tons in 1927.

The Bureau of Mines report is as follows:

BITUMINOUS COAL.

The total production of soft coal (including lignite and coal coked at the mines during the week ended Dec. 28—Christmas week) is estimated at 7,675,000 net tons. This compares with an output of 11,156,000 tons in the preceding week which, however, had six full working days. Production during Christmas week in 1928 amounted to 7,002,000 net tons.

The total production of soft coal during the calendar year 1929, including lignite and coal coked at the mines, is estimated at 525,358,000 net tons. This figure represents the total of the Bureau's current estimates for the 52 weeks in the year, and is subject to slight revision. Compared with the output in 1928, as shown by the annual canvass of mines for that year, the 1929 figure indicates an increase of 24,613,000 tons, or 4.9%. Figures for recent calendar years are given below.

1928	500,745,000 net tons	1925	520,053,000 net tons
1927	517,763,000 net tons	1924	483,687,000 net tons
1926	573,367,000 net tons	1923	564,565,000 net tons

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

State—	Week Ended—				Average a
	Dec. 21 '29	Dec. 14 '29	Dec. 24 '27	Dec. 24 '27	
Alabama	377,000	395,000	408,000	335,000	349,000
Arkansas	50,000	50,000	50,000	40,000	25,000
Colorado	263,000	244,000	291,000	196,000	253,000
Illinois	1,435,000	1,492,000	1,519,000	1,562,000	1,535,000
Indiana	408,000	455,000	432,000	401,000	514,000
Iowa	102,000	104,000	106,000	81,000	121,000
Kansas	d	d	65,000	79,000	90,000
Kentucky—Eastern	980,000	1,010,000	898,000	723,000	584,000
Western	316,000	320,000	369,000	365,000	204,000
Maryland	60,000	64,000	66,000	50,000	37,000
Michigan	10,000	16,000	15,000	13,000	21,000
Missouri	85,000	98,000	81,000	117,000	69,000
Montana	80,000	77,000	83,000	93,000	64,000
New Mexico	52,000	56,000	57,000	64,000	56,000
North Dakota	72,000	66,000	68,000	61,000	27,000
Ohio	525,000	523,000	408,000	143,000	599,000
Oklahoma	75,000	84,000	89,000	101,000	58,000
Pennsylvania (bit.)	2,485,000	e2,787,000	2,762,000	2,421,000	2,518,000
Tennessee	130,000	155,000	126,000	86,000	103,000
Texas	13,000	e167,000	17,000	23,000	21,000
Utah	117,000	130,000	154,000	139,000	100,000
Virginia	280,000	293,000	289,000	211,600	193,000
Washington	55,000	56,000	51,000	53,000	57,000
West Va.—Southern b	2,106,000	2,185,000	1,817,000	1,578,000	1,161,000
Northern c	688,000	730,000	706,000	657,000	663,000
Wyoming	132,000	134,000	144,000	194,000	173,000
Other States	57,000	68,000	5,000	7,000	5,000
Total bituminous coal	11,156,000	11,593,000	11,056,000	9,793,600	9,900,000
Pennsylvania anthracite	1,863,000	1,993,000	1,493,000	1,503,000	1,806,000
Total all coal	13,019,000	13,586,000	12,549,000	11,296,600	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." e Revised.

BEEHIVE COKE.

The total production of beehive coke for the country as a whole during the week ended Dec. 28 is estimated at 70,000 tons. This indicates an average of 14,000 tons for the five active days in the week in comparison with a daily average of 13,733 tons for the preceding six-day week. The following table apportions the tonnage by regions.

According to the Connellsville "Courier," the number of ovens in operation in the Connellsville region during the week of Dec. 28 was 20 less than in the preceding week.

Estimated Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons.)

Region—	Week Ended—			1929 to Date a	1928 to Date a
	Dec. 28 1929 b	Dec. 21 1929	Dec. 29 1928		
Pa., Ohio & W. Va.	60,000	72,100	71,200	5,358,300	3,713,200
Ga., Ky., Tenn. & Va.	7,100	6,700	6,400	377,800	393,100
Colo., Utah & Wash.	2,900	3,600	5,900	251,600	239,800
United States total	70,000	82,400	83,500	5,987,700	4,346,100
Daily average	14,000	13,733	16,700	19,378	14,065

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

PENNSYLVANIA ANTHRACITE.

The total production of Pennsylvania anthracite during the week ended Dec. 28 1929—Christmas week—is estimated at 1,276,000 net tons. This is a decrease of 587,000 tons from the output in the preceding six-day week. Production during Christmas week in 1928 amounted to 906,000 tons.

The total of the Bureau of Mines' current estimates of production of Pennsylvania anthracite for the 52 weeks of 1929 amounts to 76,640,000 net tons. This estimate is based on current reports of cars of anthracite loaded by the railroads, including an allowance for colliery fuel and local sales within the anthracite region and for dredge and washery coal. Past experience indicates that the estimate will prove to be within one or 2% of the exact figures as they will later be reported by the company auditors. In 1928, for example, the preliminary estimate was 1.8% higher than the final figures. As it stands, the preliminary estimate for 1929—76,640,000

net tons—shows an increase over the final figure of 75,348,000 net tons reported by the companies for 1928. If the estimate turns out to be a little too high, as it did last year, the apparent gain over 1928 may disappear. The indications, however, seem to justify the statement that production of

Pennsylvania anthracite in 1929 was slightly greater than in 1928. Figures for recent years are given below:

1928	75,348,000 net tons	1926	84,437,000 net tons
1927	80,096,000 net tons	1925	61,817,000 net tons

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve Banks on Jan. 8, made public by the Federal Reserve Board, and which deals with the result for the 12 Reserve banks combined, shows decreases for the week of \$64,800,000 in holdings of discounted bills, of \$73,000,000 in bills bought in open market and of \$25,700,000 in U. S. securities. Member bank reserve deposits increased \$12,000,000 and cash reserves \$94,200,000, while Federal Reserve note circulation declined \$72,900,000 and Government deposits \$5,000,000. Total bills and securities were \$163,200,000 below the amount reported a week ago. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

Holdings of discounted bills declined \$40,600,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, \$15,700,000 at Chicago, \$9,100,000 at Philadelphia and \$6,400,000 at Richmond, and increased \$6,300,000 at Atlanta. The System's holdings of bills bought in open market declined \$73,000,000, of U. S. bonds \$4,500,000 and of Treasury notes \$35,000,000, while holdings of certificates and bills increased \$13,700,000.

Federal Reserve note circulation was \$72,900,000 less than a week ago, all of the Federal Reserve Banks except Minneapolis reporting decreases for the week, the largest declines being: Boston, \$13,500,000; New York, \$10,900,000; Philadelphia and Chicago \$9,200,000 each; Richmond \$8,800,000 and San Francisco \$7,000,000.

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 253 and 254. A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks, together with changes during the week and the year ended Jan. 8 is as follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) During		
	Jan. 8 1930. \$	Week. \$	Year. \$
Total reserves	3,105,130,000	+94,202,000	+322,023,000
Gold reserves	2,929,347,000	+72,296,000	+297,675,000
Total bills and securities	1,384,324,000	-163,193,000	-218,390,000
Bills discounted, total	567,615,000	-64,806,000	-308,932,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obliga'ns	319,217,000	-34,342,000	-238,969,000
Other bills discounted	248,398,000	-30,464,000	-69,963,000
Bills bought in open market	319,167,000	-73,042,000	-157,933,000
U. S. Government securities, total	484,842,000	-25,745,000	+245,600,000
Bonds	72,304,000	-4,513,000	+19,638,000
Treasury notes	180,624,000	-34,980,000	+67,199,000
Certificates of indebtedness	231,914,000	+13,748,000	+158,763,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation	1,836,854,000	-72,869,000	+91,592,000
Total deposits	2,422,299,000	+8,624,000	-29,940,000
Members' reserve deposits	2,367,250,000	+11,987,000	-37,428,000
Government deposits	23,871,000	-4,981,000	+9,763,000

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 shows a decrease of \$72,000,000 bringing the total of these loans on Jan. 8 1930 down to \$3,352,000,000 as compared with \$6,804,000,000 the high record in all time established on Oct. 2 1929, and with \$5,313,000,000 on Jan. 9 1929. The loans "for own account" decreased during the week from \$1,167,000,000 to \$886,000,000 but the loans "on account of out-of-town banks" increased from \$709,000,000 to \$824,000,000 and the loans "for account of others" increased from \$1,548,000,000 to \$1,642,000,000.

CONDITION OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN CENTRAL RESERVE CITIES.

	New York.		
	Jan. 8 1930. \$	Dec. 31 1929. \$	Jan. 9 1929. \$
Loans and Investments—total	7,793,000,000	8,240,000,000	7,255,000,000
Loans—total	5,818,000,000	6,257,000,000	5,404,000,000
On securities	3,029,000,000	3,398,000,000	2,889,000,000
All other	2,789,000,000	2,859,000,000	2,515,000,000
Investments—total	1,976,000,000	1,983,000,000	1,851,000,000
U. S. Government securities	1,083,000,000	1,073,000,000	1,123,000,000
Other securities	892,000,000	911,000,000	728,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	744,000,000	*779,000,000	756,000,000
Cash in vault	59,000,000	61,000,000	59,000,000
Net demand deposits	5,479,000,000	6,028,000,000	5,407,000,000
Time deposits	1,267,000,000	1,235,000,000	1,202,000,000
Government deposits	9,000,000	17,000,000	30,000,000
Due from banks	83,000,000	118,000,000	119,000,000
Due to banks	986,000,000	1,163,000,000	1,017,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank	76,000,000	106,000,000	202,000,000
Loans on secur. to brokers & dealers:			
For own account	886,000,000	1,167,000,000	1,163,000,000
For account of out-of-town banks	824,000,000	709,000,000	1,794,000,000
For account of others	1,642,000,000	1,548,000,000	2,356,000,000
Total	3,352,000,000	3,424,000,000	5,313,000,000
On demand	2,925,000,000	2,981,000,000	4,748,000,000
On time	427,000,000	443,000,000	565,000,000

	Chicago.		
	Jan. 8 1930. \$	Dec. 31 1929. \$	Jan. 9 1929. \$
Loans and Investments—total	1,979,000,000	2,028,000,000	2,073,000,000
Loans—total	1,570,000,000	1,627,000,000	1,618,000,000
On securities	918,000,000	947,000,000	888,000,000
All other	652,000,000	680,000,000	730,000,000
Investments—total	409,000,000	401,000,000	455,000,000
U. S. Government securities	155,000,000	126,000,000	197,000,000
Other securities	253,000,000	275,000,000	258,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	177,000,000	175,000,000	185,000,000
Cash in vault	17,000,000	20,000,000	19,000,000
Net demand deposits	1,252,000,000	1,248,000,000	1,265,000,000
Time deposits	598,000,000	617,000,000	688,000,000
Government deposits	4,000,000	8,000,000	3,000,000
Due from banks	133,000,000	148,000,000	144,000,000
Due to banks	313,000,000	314,000,000	341,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank	13,000,000	37,000,000	57,000,000

* Revised.

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

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

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. 31:

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of weekly reporting member banks in leading cities on Dec. 31 shows increases for the week of \$273,000,000 in loans and investments, \$529,000,000 in net demand deposits and \$64,000,000 in time deposits, and decreases of \$97,000,000 in borrowings from Federal Reserve banks and \$10,000,000 in Government deposits.

Loans on securities increased \$373,000,000 at all reporting banks, \$364,000,000 in the New York District, \$25,000,000 in the Boston District, and \$8,000,000 each in the Philadelphia and Richmond Districts, and declined \$14,000,000 in the San Francisco District, \$9,000,000 in the Dallas District and \$8,000,000 in the Kansas City District. "All other" loans declined \$15,000,000 in the Philadelphia District, \$7,000,000 in the New York District and \$30,000,000 at all reporting banks.

Holdings of U. S. Government securities declined \$47,000,000 in the Chicago District, \$33,000,000 in the Boston District, \$20,000,000 in the New York District and \$117,000,000 at all reporting banks, while holdings of other securities increased \$39,000,000 in the Chicago District, \$9,000,000 in the New York District and \$45,000,000 at all reporting banks, and declined \$6,000,000 in the Boston District.

The principal changes in borrowings from Federal Reserve Banks for the week comprises decreases of \$28,000,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, \$19,000,000 at New York, \$16,000,000 at Cleveland, \$11,000,000 at Boston, \$9,000,000 at St. Louis and \$7,000,000 at Kansas City.

A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of weekly reporting member banks, together with changes during the week and the year ending Dec. 31 1929, follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)		
	Dec. 31 1929.	Dec. 24 1929.	Since Jan. 2 1929.
	\$	\$	\$
Loans and investments—total	23,163,000,000	*+273,000,000	+423,000,000
Loans—total	17,649,000,000	*+344,000,000	+846,000,000
On securities	8,304,000,000	+373,000,000	+486,000,000
All other	9,344,000,000	*-30,000,000	+359,000,000
Investments—total	5,514,000,000	*-71,000,000	-417,000,000
U. S. Government securities	2,593,000,000	*-117,000,000	-414,000,000
Other securities	2,921,000,000	*+45,000,000	-4,000,000
Reserve with Federal Res'v'e banks	1,726,000,000	+23,000,000	-133,000,000
Cash in vault	262,000,000	-29,000,000	-30,000,000
Net demand deposits	14,118,000,000	*+529,000,000	+135,000,000
Time deposits	6,787,000,000	*+64,000,000	-125,000,000
Government deposits	32,000,000	-10,000,000	-85,000,000
Due from banks	1,316,000,000	+194,000,000	-65,000,000
Due to banks	3,150,000,000	+353,000,000	-268,000,000
Borrowings from Fed. Res. banks	405,000,000	-97,000,000	-525,000,000

* Dec. 24 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. 11, the following summary of market conditions abroad, based on advices by cable and radio:

ARGENTINA.

The good condition of the corn crop was maintained by the rains which fell over a large part of the country. The commercial movement is quiet; imports seem to be declining; and money is tight, owing to the demand for funds to move the crops. If the rains continue the business situation should improve in January. Owing to the holidays, yarns are moving slowly, their prices are practically unchanged, but the outlook for January is fairly good.

AUSTRALIA.

Pastoral and dairying conditions in South Australia, Victoria and in large parts of New South Wales have been improved considerably in the past week by further rainfall. The coal strike in New South Wales continues, with no signs of immediate settlement. A new air service between Sydney and Brisbane, Queensland, has been inaugurated. The Entertainment Tax in New South Wales is now operative and is expected to result in the closing of several legitimate theaters or their conversion to talking picture houses. A delegation of Canadian lumber men has arrived in Australia and will endeavor to increase the consumption of Canadian lumber in the Commonwealth market. No application has been made to the Federal Government this year for an export bounty on canned peaches. A three-year continuation of the peanut embargo has been requested by the Queensland peanut pool.

BELGIUM.

The official discount rate of the National Bank of Belgium was reduced to 3½% on Dec. 31. This action is expected to assist industry and the stock market. The benefit to the bourse is anticipated through checking the issuance of securities in view of the cheaper method of obtaining money thus provided. Unofficial money rates have not yet come into line with the official figure but the Caisse de Report is planning lower charges for advances on securities on Jan. 13. Bourse prices are already firmer and the immediate future is viewed more optimistically. The carryover fund of 80,000,000 francs established during the November crisis has now been completely liquidated. A reduction of the transmission tax to 1% and other proposed tax reductions favor industry and have created a considerably brighter outlook.

A slightly steadier trend of the milreis during the week has been recorded the exchange rate averaging 9.100 to the dollar. The Rio money market has been easier. The general situation continues unimproved and additional heavy failures are expected. Exports of coffee through Santos continued light with stocks reported at 1,098,000 bags.

CANADA.

November imports from the United States, \$70,044,000, increased 7% over the valuation recorded in the corresponding month of 1928. This percentage is slightly greater than the increase in total imports, about 6%, in the same comparison. The valuation of exports to the United States in November, \$49,803,000, represents an increase of 15% over the previous year, whereas total exports, declined more than 33% in consequence of smaller shipments of wheat and flour. Retail trade has been comparatively quiet since the holidays, with the usual January clearance sales in evidence. Reports now are to the effect that last minute buying was substantial but current opinion leans to expectation of relatively slack business for the next two or three months. Radio sales have materially exceeded anticipations, and sales of winter sports equipment have been excellent. Heavy rains in British Columbia have relieved the hydro-electric power shortage which threatened to curtail manufacturing operations. At the end of the year, total hydro-electric installations in the Dominion had reached 5,727,600 horsepower, with additions of 1,600,000 horsepower projected for the next 3 year period. The seasonal decline in employment at the beginning of December

was greater than in most of the past ten years, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index which is still slightly above the figure for December 1 1928. The most noteworthy losses registered during November were in construction and manufacturing, the largest recessions having occurred in Ontario and the Prairie Provinces, although all other sections participated. November production figures for the automobile industry substantiate the decline. The output of 9,424 units was the lowest for the year, and 35% under October. Operations are expected to improve toward the end of this month in preparation for spring production. The estimated value of mineral production in Canada for 1929, \$303,876,000 establishes a new high record. Quantity output of copper, 242,401,000 pounds, was 20% higher than in 1928. Nickel, at 109,200,000 pounds, increased 13% and crude petroleum, 1,132,000 barrels, 82%. Bond flotations by Canadian companies during the year are reported to have amounted to \$649,056,000, or 45% more than the 1928 total of \$440,400,000. Government issues absorbed \$118,900,000, municipal issues, \$114,600,000, corporation issues, \$217,491,000 and railroad issues, \$198,000,000. Closing quotations at Winnipeg on Jan. 3 gave No. 1 Northern wheat at \$1.38¾, slightly under the quotation for the week previous. Lake head stock on December 26 aggregated 46,698,535 bushels.

CHINA.

Shanghai business in both imports and exports is at a low ebb. The slackness results from cautiousness produced by recent disturbances and uncertainty regarding future prospects, a lull in trading during the recent holiday and impending holidays and an extremely adverse silver exchange. Collections of the Maritime Customs for the whole of China during 1929 totaled approximately 152,760,000 Haikwan taels, compared with 82,332,100 Haikwan taels in 1928. (Haikwan tael is worth approximately \$0.64.) Shanghai customs collections for 1929 totaled 69,442,000 Haikwan taels, compared with 33,659,000 during 1928. A comparison of collections based on the former 5% tariff rate indicates that the volume of both imports and exports for all China during 1929 increased by approximately 5% over the previous year. All foreign loan and indemnity obligations which are secured on customs revenues are reported to have been met in full, including service upon the reorganization loan. The service of both interest and redemption of all domestic loans secured on cancelled indemnities, and on additional duties, is also reported met or provided for in full.

COLOMBIA.

The downward trend in Colombian business conditions continues. Imports of all commodities continue to show a decline and coffee prices show a sharp reduction. This situation, together with other contributing factors, has further lowered the purchasing power of the people. The revised Government budget for 1930 is \$62,000,000, of which about \$14,000,000 is allotted to public works. Government revenues for November were slightly over \$5,000,000 as compared with \$4,600,000 for October and \$7,200,000 for September. The number of protested drafts is increasing as likewise the number of business failures. During November, 295,819 sacks of coffee were moved to ports, as compared with 210,000 sacks in October, and with 287,000 sacks in November of 1928. An American group started a new radio station in Cali and will probably install stations in other cities at later date. There is a fair demand in Bogota for short-wave radio sets.

INDIA.

All commodity markets reopened after the Christmas holidays with no outstanding features. The November foreign trade of India was slightly lower than for November, 1928. Imports declining from 232,022,000 to 225,000,000 rupees, and exports from 276,575,000 to 268,000,000 rupees. Of the principal items of import, electrical equipment and unbleached cotton piece goods were the only commodities not showing declines. The share of imports into India supplied by the United States was 7% of the total, the same as for November of a year ago.

JAPAN.

Japan's merchandise import excess for the year 1929 will be somewhat under 70,000,000 yen. A dissolution of the Diet, which has adjourned until Jan. 20, is generally believed inevitable in view of the Government party's minority in the lower house. Year and settlements are proceeding smoothly. The bank of Japan loans and note issue are smaller than in 1928.

NETHERLAND EAST INDIES.

The year opens with most importers overstocked in staple lines. Considerable uneasiness is felt regarding the coming Chinese and native new year trades because of the marked decline in purchasing power among Java's Oriental population. A number of dealers are being carried by importers and some failures of smaller dealers are anticipated, if the present trend of business continues.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

A preliminary survey of the year's business indicates that the Colony's total exports increased 34% in 1929 to a post-war record of \$45,000,000 to which newsprint, iron ore, lead and zinc ore, and salt fish were all heavy contributors. No figures are available for imports but customs collections increased 10% during the year, which, on the basis of tariff reductions made in the early months, point to a volume of imports materially higher than in 1928. United States contributions undoubtedly increased, especially in food stuffs, automotive products, wearing apparel, hardware and coal, but the diversion of many orders for U. S. goods to Canadian distributors gives the Dominion a commanding lead in the trade. Relative decreases are noted for both British and Continental suppliers. The volume of Christmas business is considered excellent and prospects for trade and industrial development are good. A generous response has relieved the destitution in the Burin Peninsula which was caused by the tidal wave of Nov. 18.

PANAMA.

The holiday trade was fair. The opening of the dry season with its usual influx of tourist season has caused a more optimistic viewpoint regarding business in the near future. According to a published statement, the President of Panama will continue his economy program throughout the year 1930 and also construct schools and hospitals in the interior of the country. According to the Secretary of the Treasury, plans are under way for the erection of modern customs and warehouses in Panama City. It is stated that over \$2,500,000 was invested in local buildings during 1929.

PERU.

The present unusual exchange situation in Peru has resulted in a tightening of credits and a general restriction of business activities. Large importers and merchants are reported to be limiting import orders to necessities and buying will probably be restricted as long as the present uncertainty in local business continues. The Peruvian budget which was approved by Congress on Dec. 30 1929 totaled Lp. 14,098,719 (approximately \$56,000,000 U. S. currency at present exchange), an increase of some Lp. 90,000 over the original budget bill.

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

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

General business is very slow on account of the holiday season and there are no significant developments to report. The copra market remains firm and receipts continue low while abaca trade is very slow and all prices are nominal. Textile ordering is very light due to the holidays and year-end inventories.

German Reparations Loan Planned at Hague—Germans, French and U. S. Each Expected to Subscribe Fourth of \$200,000,000—Reich Would Then get Aid—Changes in Bank for International Settlements.

From its correspondent at The Hague (Edwin L. James), the New York "Times" reports the following under date of Jan. 9:

While the heads of the delegations are discussing what will happen if Germany fails to carry out the Young plan, the financial experts have begun planning for the first loan in the mobilization of German reparations. After the arrival of banking experts, including Jackson E. Reynolds and Melvin A. Traylor from the United States, the formal consideration of this problem is expected to begin on Monday.

There is a tentative suggestion for a loan of \$200,000,000, which, it will be recalled, is the same amount as the loan with which the Dawes plan started operations. The former Allies have insisted that Germany subscribe part of this loan, which will be based on the unconditional annuities under the Young plan.

It is generally suggested that Germany undertake to subscribe one-fourth and there are indications that the Germans will do so under certain conditions. France is also willing to handle one-fourth, but while it is hoped that it will be possible to float another fourth in America the advice of Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Traylor is awaited before any allocation.

Others Would Subscribe.

England and Italy are expected to take a slice, as well as Holland, while the Swiss also will take part of the issue to be floated by the Bank for International Settlements, which will be situated in their country. It is generally considered that there will be no difficulty in disposing of \$200,000,000 of these bonds and indeed it is to insure the success of the operation that proposed amount has been reduced from \$500,000,000 to \$200,000,000.

Germany has been recently trying to float a loan of about \$70,000,000 for posts and railroads and it will be recalled that negotiations had progressed to some degree with American bankers. Germany was discouraged by England and France from making this loan prior to the conclusion of the Young plan negotiations, and it is now reported that if Germany subscribes one-fourth of the proposed initial reparations mobilization loan French bankers will make the posts and railroads loan to Germany instead of American bankers and on terms said to be more favorable than those offered by New York financial houses.

Due to the large credits held abroad by the Bank of France, this loan could be made to Germany without diminishing the gold held in Paris. In correlation with this suggestion it is to be borne in mind that the French foresee a subscription to their share of the mobilization loan in French rentes, which would mean shifting from the French to the German budget a debt service equal in amount to that so subscribed.

A Question Solved.

It is interesting to note that the much-discussed point as to whether or not a Federal law would be necessary in the United States to permit a bank with an international character to do business in America has apparently been solved by a decision that the world bank will have a Swiss rather than an international personality. The question still remains as to whether the Bank will be able to obtain in the United States certain legal benefits that it will enjoy in the countries which participated officially in framing the Young plan.

The treasury officials working here have made some changes in the Bank plan drafted at Baden-Baden by the financial experts. These alterations, which number 11, are said to be minor, but inasmuch as they are now secret it is difficult to say whether every one will agree that their result will be of a minor character. It is admitted that a good many details regarding the Bank remain to be adjusted, which causes doubt that The Hague conference will be able to complete its labors next week.

In conversations both this morning and this afternoon the chiefs of the delegations made but small progress on the issues of sanctions and a moratorium. There is a suspicion that the Germans think they may benefit by dilatory tactics, considering the desire of the French Premier, Andre Tardieu, to complete the work here prior to his departure for the London Naval Arms Conference.

During the talks to-day Phillip Snowden, the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, was said to have complained strongly against the attitude of the Germans, whom he accused of unnecessarily causing difficulties of detail.

Jackson E. Reynolds Said to Have Declined Presidency of Bank for International Settlements.

That difficulties will be faced in the selection of a President of the proposed Bank for International Settlements was indicated in informed circles on Jan. 6, said the New York "Journal of Commerce," which went on to say:

Jackson E. Reynolds, President of the First National Bank, who left for The Hague conference on Saturday with Melvin E. Traylor of the First National Bank of Chicago, is understood to be desired abroad. He declared on sailing that he would refuse the position. It was stated that Mr. Traylor would prefer to remain in America. Thomas W. Lamont and Owen D. Young, who took part last spring in the drafting of initial plans for the payment of German reparations, it was stated, would not accept the post.

It was indicated that an American is desired to head the bank. The post would be one of extreme importance and would carry with it great prestige. The difficulty will be to find a banker of sufficient authority to fill it who will agree to remain abroad.

The reports from The Hague yesterday that Dr. Julius Curtius, the German Foreign Minister, had declared that American bankers will refuse to guarantee the successful sale of reparations bonds if a military controversy is raised at The Hague conference found no confirmation in local banking circles yesterday.

According to the dispatches from abroad, Dr. Curtius had declared that a consortium of American banks, including the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., the First National Bank of New York and the First National Bank of Chicago had so decreed.

Central Bank for German Industry in Liquidation.

From Frankfort-on-the-Main, Jan. 9, the New York "Journal of Commerce" reports the following:

The Central Bank for German industry is now being liquidated because it has not been able to sell its bond issues in America to raise funds for active operations. Approximately 95% of the par value of the shares is being returned to stockholders as a liquidating dividend.

The Central Bank for German Industry was organized in 1928 by German private and State banking institutions in co-operation with the International Germanic Co., Ltd., of New York. The latter is affiliated with the International Germanic Trust Co. The institution was designed to furnish credit to small industrial concerns out of the proceeds of loans raised by it. The paid-in capital was 10,000,000 reichsmarks, and it was authorized to borrow 10 times its capital for the purpose of making loans.

Berlin Bank for Industrial Shares—Leading German Bankers to Organize for Protection of Market in Time of Stress.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 8 we take the following United Press advices from Berlin:

A group of leading Berlin banks plan to create a permanent organization to support the German stock market in times of stress.

Capital of the "Bank for Industrial Shares" will be increased to 20,000,000 marks from 2,000,000.

Berlin and Dresden banks founded the company during an inflation period, for the same purpose, but the bank has been permitted to become inoperative.

Decision to revive and broaden its functions was made primarily because the consortium of bankers, which sought to prevent a market break last November through purchases of stock in the open market, now finds itself holder of shares worth 60,000,000 marks.

Legal technicalities forbid the group from charging these shares against their own accounts, and the only answer is to organize a company that will assume their ownership.

The industrial share bank probably will eventually become an investment trust, owing to the probability of its holdings becoming so large that it would be dangerous to unload them. Furthermore, the banks have no desire to keep their credit "frozen" for a long period.

Charter of Bank for International Settlements is Problem—Bankers Seek Swiss Law Not Subject to Referendum.

From the New York "Times" of Jan. 4, we take the following:

The task remaining before the experts who drew up the trust agreement and plans for the Bank for International Settlements consists of selecting a building for the institution and fitting it up properly, obtaining a complete personnel, from the head of the bank to the uniformed concierge, and providing for the final transfer of the reparations problem from the hands in which it was placed by the Dawes plan to the institution set up under the Young plan.

It is to undertake this task that Jackson E. Reynolds, President of the First National Bank of New York, and Melvin E. Traylor, President of the First National Bank of Chicago, are sailing to-day on the Berengaria. Where the Committee will meet is not yet known, even to Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Traylor. Possibly its work will be conducted at The Hague, where the delegates of the European powers are now meeting to pass upon the plans drawn up by the American experts and their associates at Baden-Baden last fall.

How soon the bank will be ready for operation remains uncertain. A number of factors will prevent the bank from beginning business before several months have passed. The problem of assembling the personnel and obtaining the equipment will take time. It is not known whether the various governments involved will give their approval to the plans for the bank without requiring amendments.

In addition, time will be required to obtain the type of charter from the Swiss Government which the bank requires. According to the Swiss law, treaties may be passed upon by popular vote and may be terminated, if the people so wish, after 15 years. It is desired to obtain for the International Bank a perpetual charter, which will enable it to continue its work even after the reparations problem has been settled.

Mr. Traylor declined to make any statement regarding the possibility of his heading the International Bank on his arrival here from Chicago yesterday.

The departure for Europe of Messrs. Reynolds and Traylor was noted in our issue of Jan. 4, page 42.

Berlin Halts City Works—Reported as Suspending Construction of 30 Buildings in Financial Crisis.

From the New York "Times" of Jan. 5 we take the following Berlin advices Jan. 4:

In accordance with the new slogan, "Savings First," Berlin's Municipal Council decided to-day to interrupt the construction of 30 public buildings, which include hospitals, school-houses, public baths and libraries. These 30 buildings are, however, less than a third of the number of construction projects for 1930, including several new exhibition halls, administrative buildings, airplane hangars and new subway lines. Buildings which are nearly completed will be finished.

That this vigorous measure was decided upon despite the fact that private contractors threaten to sue the city for damages illustrates Berlin's financial crisis. The press terms it an act of despair and says Berlin will not be able to overcome the crisis without financial assistance from Prussia and the Reich. It is emphasized that the number of unemployed will be greatly increased.

Swiss Loss in Slump Put at \$80,250,200—Trusts Largest Losers from Oct. 15 to Nov. 30 in Wall Street Drop, Geneva Reports.

Geneva advices Jan. 5 were reported as follows in the New York "Times" of Jan. 6:

The official financial figures published here yesterday show that the losses resulting from the recent slump in Wall Street were even heavier in Switzer-

land than was at first estimated. The report says that from Oct. 15 to Nov. 30 the losses on the Swiss stock exchanges amount to \$80,250,200 in transactions totaling nearly \$1,000,000,000.

The principal losers were Swiss trusts connected directly with New York and Chicago. Financial houses follow the trusts, while commercial banks, insurance companies and the hotel business were the least hard hit, though they lost nearly \$250,000 during the six weeks of the depression. American financiers are much interested in Swiss hotels, which have usually paid fair dividends since the war.

The report adds that the losses are likely to show further increases when the final yearly account is compiled at the end of January. The Swiss hope, however, that American visitors to Switzerland will increase next summer, as they are considered the "best spenders."

Removal by Japan of Gold Embargo.

As we have already indicated in these columns, Japan will to-day (Jan. 11) return to a gold basis, the embargo against gold being removed as of to-day. Associated Press advices from Tokio yesterday (Jan. 10) had the following to say in the matter:

Removal of the Japanese gold embargo to-morrow finds Japan confident of success of the venture. Japan has the highest gold cover for currency—94%—of any major country in the world. The Bank of Japan has metal reserves of 1,073,000,000 yen against a note issue of 1,155,000,000 yen.

In addition 304,000,000 yen in specie credits held abroad and 100,000,000 yen credit in New York and London provide total protection equal to 128% of outstanding Bank of Japan notes, or 111% of the Empire's currency which includes Formosan, Korean and fractional notes.

A statement of Finance Minister Inouye says the Wall Street crash made the removal of the embargo possible, since reduced world interest rates resulted and enabled Japan to establish cheap credit with assurance that its own surplus funds would not migrate and handicap domestic industry with high money rates.

References to the removal of the gold embargo appeared in our issues of Nov. 23, page 3247 and Nov. 30, page 3402.

The New York Trust Co. made available yesterday (Jan. 10) an advance copy of a report which it has just compiled on Japan's return to the gold standard. The report will appear later in the month in "The Index" published by the New York Trust Co. It states in part:

By Imperial Ordinance promulgated in November, on Jan. 11, Japan will remove its embargo on the export of gold and stabilize its currency once more upon a gold basis. The event, which crowns the financial policy of the present government, is an important one, not alone in its bearing upon the internal affairs of Japan, but in its international significance. It is of particular interest to the United States on account of the immediate financial operations in the American market which are involved and because of the extensive and growing trade relationships between this country and Japan.

Japan's return to the gold standard, to which she had consistently adhered from 1897 to 1917, has been delayed by a series of extraordinary and unpredictable national calamities: the severe commodity panic of 1920, the earthquake of 1923 which, in addition to its heavy toll of human life, wrought material damage estimated at a total of some 5,000,000,000 yen, and, finally, the financial upheaval of 1927.

Silver Prices Go to New Low Figure.

The price of silver, both in New York and London, has gone new low figures since our item of a week ago (page 42). From the New York "Times" of Jan. 9 we take the following regarding the new low records:

Further weakness in the principal European currencies, a severe slump in the peseta, a drop in the price of silver to the lowest level on record and of the silver currencies of the Far East to the lowest rates in more than ten years featured the foreign exchange markets yesterday.

The price of silver dropped to 20 5-16d. an ounce in London and 43 3/4c. an ounce in New York, showing declines of 3/4 and 1/4, respectively. These are the lowest prices on record for silver.

The Far Eastern currencies have suffered severely with the fall in silver. The rupee and the Hongkong dollar and Peking tael all dropped to the lowest prices in more than ten years. The rupee was quoted at \$0.4831, the Hongkong dollar at \$0.3943 and the tael at \$0.50.

An exception to the downward trend of the Far Eastern currencies was offered by the Japanese yen, which advanced slightly to close at \$0.4912.

An upward movement of the price was indicated on Jan. 9, the figures being those reported in the "Wall Street Journal":

Handy & Harman quote silver: New York, \$0.44 1/4, up 1/4; London, 22 13-16d., up 1/2d.; Mexican dollars, \$0.33, up 1/2.

London: Bar silver 20 13-16d., up 1/2d.; forward, 20 1/2d., up 3/4d.; gold bars, 84s. 11 1/2d., unchanged.

Several Chinese Banks Fail with Fall in Silver Price.

Associated Press advices from Shanghai, Jan. 5, are taken as follows from the New York "Herald Tribune":

The Chinese Republic to-day was confronted with an acute financial problem in the form of depreciated currency as a result of the steady decline in the value of the Chinese silver Mexican dollar, in addition to the grave political uncertainty with which China has been struggling.

This dollar is now worth only 38 cents gold, as compared with 49 cents a year ago. Bankers and financial experts predict that its value will slump as far as 30 cents gold, possibly further.

As a result of this currency decline, which has been unprecedented in the last quarter century, merchants, especially importers, both foreign and Chinese, have felt much hardship due to their commitments being payable in gold. Numerous importers are refusing to accept shipments. This refusal has placed many Chinese banks in a difficult position and failures are predicted.

A dispatch from Peiping stated that five Chinese banks there have failed and that ten others were tottering.

The decline of the value of the silver dollar also has resulted in a sharp upward movement of general prices. Sellers are seeking to recoup losses which are mounting as the dollar declines.

The situation has placed the Nationalist Government in a difficult position in meeting foreign loan obligations. Payments of these require a huge portion of the funds originally allotted to domestic uses in order to offset unfavorable exchange.

T. V. Soong, Minister of Finance of the Nationalist Government, admitted that the currency situation was "very serious." He expressed the belief, however, that the crisis would be surmounted, adding "If China can enjoy peace, allowing trade to flourish, the dollar crisis will disappear. But if more wars eventuate the financial future is obscure."

It is generally considered that the only lasting solution of this crisis will be for China to establish gold as the currency standard. This is considered impossible at present.

Shanghai Raises Prices as Silver Exchange Falls—Import Trade Is Paralyzed—Banks Aiding Merchants.

The New York "Herald Tribune" of Jan. 9 published the following Shanghai cablegram Jan. 8 (copyright):

A price-raising schedule affecting all major imported products, such as foodstuffs, clothing materials and other imported necessities, was adopted to-day by Shanghai importers and local merchants as a result of the meteoric decline of the silver exchange, which to-day reached a new low level.

The Mexican dollar, normally worth approximately 50 cents in American money, was quoted to-day at 33 3/4 cents, which is the lowest quotation in the history of the Shanghai silver exchange.

Importers point out that price-raising is imperative to enable them to meet foreign obligations, which are quoted on a gold currency basis. Banks are carrying many merchants who would otherwise face ruin, meeting their obligations for imported goods contracted for on a gold basis at prices before the silver exchange slump.

The speculations of the last two days as to a panic prevailing in the silver market were not noticeable to-day, despite the further drop in the silver exchange rate.

As a result of the crash in the silver market, Shanghai's import trade is paralyzed, the merchants fearing to contract for goods on a hold price basis in case the silver exchange should continue to tobaggan downhill. The silver crisis is expected soon to affect general living expenses here, resulting in increased wage scales for firms paying in Shanghai dollars.

A cablegram to the New York "Times" from Shanghai Jan. 6 said:

To-day the silver dropped 12 points in the Chinese dollar as against last week's closing. One hundred dollars in gold will now purchase \$276 in Shanghai money, but it requires \$283 in Shanghai money to buy \$100 in gold. The banks have tightened up and refused to sell gold on speculative accounts, which has brought a panic on the Exchange. All the evening newspapers predict that several hundred speculators will probably be wiped out.

Many Businesses Halted.

Nearly all business is at a standstill. Merchants and importers, having postponed buying gold drafts to remit abroad in the hope of an early rise in the price of silver, now find settlements are necessary with silver tremendously depreciated and involving heavy losses to them. Prices already are soaring in China to meet the new situation.

China Debates Abolishing Tael, Adopting Dollar—Eventual Gold Basis Also Discussed—Government's Loss Set at \$5,000,000.

The following Associated Press account from Nanking Jan. 9 is from the New York "Herald Tribune":

The Government held an emergency meeting to-day to consider measures dealing with the chaotic situation created by the slump in silver. According to the official newspaper, the Government is considering abolition of the tael, central China monetary unit, in favor of dollar standards, with eventual adoption of the gold basis.

The same paper reported the following United Press advices from Shanghai Jan. 9:

A loss to the Chinese Government of \$5,000,000 through the decline of silver was announced by the Government's financial experts to-day. The situation has led to the calling of a special meeting of the political council.

Speculation in Gold Prohibited in China.

From the Brooklyn "Daily Eagle" we take the following Associated Press advices from Nanking Jan. 10:

Declaring that the steady slump in silver and the sensational jump in gold bars have seriously affected the country's finances the Council of State to-day decided to prohibit all speculation in gold bars.

The Council has instructed the Ministry of Finance to prepare adequate measures for dealing with the situation.

Concern in Mexico as Silver Tumbles—Government Aid Suggested as Producers Talk of Closing All Their Operations.

From Mexico City Jan. 3 a cablegram to the New York "Times" said:

The gravity of the Mexican silver production crisis was emphasized to-day by Walter Palmer, one of the greatest silver producers in this country and an acknowledged authority on the industry.

The latest quotations on silver in New York are 46 3/4 to 47 1/2 cents a Troy ounce, which are considered disastrously low from the viewpoint of operators in Mexico.

Questioned as to the basic causes of this condition, which affects world finance, for Mexico has produced an average in recent years of 100,000,000 ounces of silver, Mr. Palmer said:

"The basis of the present crisis is a total lack of use of silver for money purposes. China, due to her internal wars, has thrown mountains of silver into the market and India is buying only small quantities. Practically all of the principal nations of the world have gone on a gold basis, so that silver remains without support.

"The only real consumption of silver at the present moment is found in some 60,000,000 ounces per annum used in cinema enterprises for making films. And in that industry all discarded films are subjected to a treatment whereby about 80% of the silver in them is retrieved, so that the real consumption of silver employed works out at around one-fifth or say, 12,000,000 ounces.

"The only remedy I can see," said Mr. Palmer, "is for Mexico to give her silver industry what might be called artificial respiration by coining a certain proportion of its annual production, large enough to enable the mining operators to pay mining wages. In other words, putting into effect a law similar to the Pittman act which was enforced in the United States for a similar transitory period, and in the meantime endeavor to get the co-operation of Canada and the United States and some European countries to make a more extensive use of silver."

Associated Press accounts from Mexico City Jan. 3 stated:

The slump in prices of bar silver in New York and other world markets was said by Jenaro Gracia Cravo, President of the National Mining Chamber, to-day to have brought Mexico to a grave crisis, with several mines in silver-producing regions already laying off men. He predicted that 7,000 miners would be without work within three months if quotations do not improve.

Bartolomeo Vargas Lugo, Governor of the State of Hidalgo, came to the capital to confer with President Emilio Portes Gil on means of meeting the crisis in that State, where he feared it might seriously embarrass the finances of the State Government since its greatest income is derived from silver mining activities.

Other States principally affected by the silver slump are Guanajuato, Jalisco and Zacatecas.

Senator Pittman Suggests Embargo on Importation of Silver.

Associated Press dispatches from Washington yesterday (Jan. 10) stated:

Senator Pittman (Dem.), Nevada, in a statement placed in the Congressional Record to-day expressed the view that the price of silver presented a question of international concern and in his opinion the one remedy for the situation would be an embargo on the importation of silver except for reduction, refining and export purposes.

Senator Pittman also offered to-day his amendment to the tariff bill providing a duty of 30 cents an ounce on silver, now free of duty. "If this is adopted," he said, "the dumping of foreign silver into the United States will be retarded."

Spanish Peseta Rallies After Dropping to New Low Mark.

Low levels were reached by the Spanish peseta this week, which, however, rallied on Jan. 9, as is indicated in the following cablegram on that date from Madrid to the New York "Times":

The peseta dropped again to-day, as uneasiness grew, but it rallied a bit at the close of the market. It is down approximately 55% from par, which is 5.15 to the dollar.

The fact that it is felt abroad that Spain must have gold to meet her debts made it practically impossible to buy foreign currency. It is known that part of the 350,000,000-peseta interior gold loan due on Sept. 22 is unpaid, and another 40% instalment will be due on Jan. 25, making foreign gold dear, a shortage of £2,000 at one time being able to affect exchange to the extent of .10.

All bank notes are issued by the Bank of Spain, and as the metallic guaranty is 60%, it is felt generally that the exchange quotation is much too low.

It is known that Finance Minister Calvo Sotelo feels that the crisis is a personal attack, believing political enemies from the old regime are starting wild rumors in the streets and cafes and exaggerating the political situation to be picked up by newspapers and sent abroad. Talk of Senor Sotelo's resignation continues.

It is understood there will be no immediate shipments of gold abroad, but the government has 100,000,000 pesetas in gold from past customs collections in the Bank of Spain, and is necessary, it is understood, this is to be used in paying part of the debts, the rest to come from further customs collections. It is hoped the pesetas will rally, but in the unlikely event that it falls to 10.25 to the dollar, it is believed the government will go to the length of exporting whatever gold is necessary to better the currency.

Premier Primo de Rivera, in describing the peseta situation to-night, said: "I have read in recent days innumerable technical reports in which all agree that the condition of the peseta is the result of speculation, a banking manoeuvre." Despite the lowering of value to-day, the Premier added that the banking operations to-day were more favorable.

On the previous day (Jan. 8) the "Times" reported the following from Madrid:

As a result of a further startling decline of the peseta, which to-day reached the lowest level since the colonial disasters of 1898, the Government issued a long communique which leaves the situation no better than before. Business leaders are nonplussed at the crash, but the Government blames the adverse trade balance and regrets the interference of foreign banks on the money market.

After announcing that the dictatorship will relinquish its hold soon, the Government states that it will do nothing to check the decline in the exchange value of the peseta.

Premier Primo de Rivera issued to-night a call to the Cabinet Ministers to a special council on Saturday to discuss means of checking the decline of the peseta. As many Ministers are out of town, including Finance Minister Calvo Sotelo, the meeting could not be held to-day.

Associated Press advices the same date (Jan. 8) from Madrid stated:

The renewed sharp slump in the exchange value of the peseta to-day caused a sensation in trade and industrial circles. Some banks refused to transact business in pesetas because of the irregularity of quotations. The peseta was quoted yesterday at a low of 13.2 cents, United States currency, and to-day dropped to 12.5 cents or lower in various cities, including Madrid. Its par value is 19.3 cents.

The Government issued statements counseling calm because of its belief the drop was temporary. Premier Primo de Rivera, in a birthday interview, expressed surprise at the drop, but was optimistic on the future of Spanish exchange. The Government expressed the opinion that more harm was being done by the confusion of the moment than by the actual depreciation. It was pointed out that the reduction in buying of everything excepting necessities from abroad which might be expected to follow might result in a favorable trade balance.

We likewise quote from the "Times" the following from Madrid Jan. 7:

The peseta to-day touched 7.71, the lowest in many years, fluctuating up and down so rapidly that bankers had to telephone constantly to follow its movements. Some bankers attributed the fall to lack of confidence in Finance Minister Sotelo and to the political situation. Others denied these factors were responsible.

Living prices have not been affected by the decline during the last two weeks, but importers complain of a slowing up of trade. "La Nacion," regarded as the Government newspaper, says the newspaper Informacion's poll to determine who can succeed Primo de Rivera as dictator shows so far only the names of the old politicians, who made necessary the dictatorship, and predicts ironically "the old politicians will have to dissolve the nation or import leaders."

It was noted in the New York "Sun" last night in its survey of the money market that the peseta recovered briskly yesterday (Jan. 10) to 13¼ cents up about 1 cent from its recent low. The same paper said:

It is reported that the subscriptions to the recent internal loan, which were asked for in foreign currencies or drafts on foreign banks, met with favor chiefly at home and did not, as intended, draw many subscriptions from Spaniards resident abroad, thereby defeating one of the purposes of the loan, which was to place the Government in control of sufficient foreign exchange to pay off foreign stabilization credits. This, of course, made necessary substantial purchases of foreign exchange.

Province of Buenos Aires Borrows \$4,000,000 in U. S.— External 6½% Gold Note Sold.

Announcement was made on Jan. 7 that the First National Bank of Boston had purchased a six months' external note of the Province of Buenos Aires for \$4,000,000 bearing interest at the rate of 6½% per annum. The note is dated Jan. 1, will mature on June 30 1930 and is callable at par and accrued interest upon 15 days notice by the Province. A group of bankers headed by The First National Old Colony Corp. and including Harris, Forbes & Co., and Continental Illinois Co., offered certificates of participation in this external note of the Province.

As head of the syndicate offering certificates of participation, The First National Old Colony Corp. reported Jan. 8 that the entire amount of this loan had been sold within a few hours after the opening of the subscription books.

Cable advices received by The First National Old Colony Corp. from its Buenos Aires representatives this week are said to show that the revenues of the Province for the first ten months of the present fiscal year, namely, up to Dec. 31 1929, are 20% ahead of the revenues for the same period a year ago. The Province has purchased over \$120,000 of its 6% bonds of 1961 for redemption on the next interest date. The funds for this amortization are derived from the surplus of revenues over expenditures for the fiscal year 1928-29, and are over and above the regular amortization funds of the Province.

The syndicate also announces receipt of advices from Senor Francisco Ratto, Minister of Finance of the Province, stating in part:

The revenues of the Province continue to reflect the constant improvement in its financial status that has been manifest for the last four years. For the fiscal year 1927 the revenues collected amounted to \$48,995,000; for 1928 to \$54,531,000. Actual receipts of the Province for the nine months ended Nov. 30 1929 amount to \$49,790,000. The fiscal year 1927 showed a deficit of \$1,993,000 and the fiscal year 1928 closed with a surplus of \$443,000. Based on experience of other years, the indicated revenues for the current fiscal year will exceed the budget estimate of expenditures.

The total funded indebtedness of the Province, including this issue, amounts to \$264,340,000 and the assessed value of privately owned real estate is in excess of \$5,000,000,000.

All conversions of Argentine pesos into United States dollars have been made at par of exchange.

Argentina Moves to Relieve Tight Money Conditions— Bank of Nation Delivers Gold to Conversion Office on Getting London Loan.

The following United Press cablegram Jan. 8 from Buenos Aires is from the New York "Herald Tribune":

Delivery by the Bank of the Nation to the gold conversion office of gold totaling 7,743,000 gold pesos for release of more than 17,500,000 paper pesos for circulation from the conversion office constitutes the Government's first effective step to relieve the tight money situation which has been threatening the crop movement and Government credit during the last few months. Deposit of the gold, made to-day, is expected to react strongly toward overcoming the disturbing conditions which arose from closure of the conversion office in mid-December against export of gold, and is also expected to eventually tide the country over the present seasonal money crisis.

The Bank of the Nation's delivery was made from its own permanent reserve fund, which must be maintained at 30,000,000 gold pesos for the purpose of purchase of foreign exchange for the Government. The Bank was able to deliver the gold only after it had been advised of the deposit in London of part of the proceeds from the sale of Argentine treasury bills under the £5,000,000 (\$25,000,000) loan recently contracted with the English bankers Baring Brothers, Morgan & Grenfell.

Although the present 17,500,000 paper pesos in additional currency is not regarded as sufficient to relieve the economic situation completely, it is believed that it will temporarily alleviate financial stringency. The Bank of the Nation, by similar means, could conceivably devote the entire proceeds of the sterling loan of more than 23,000,000 gold pesos, thereby releasing more than 56,000,000 paper pesos for circulation.

Observers recalled that in 1925 release of new circulation totaling less than 29,000,000 gold pesos relieved an acute seasonal stringency, the money being retired from circulation after the crop was marketed. This year it is estimated that 23,000,000 gold pesos would be adequate to relieve the present situation.

Although the administration has maintained the strictest silence regarding all its plans since the financial problems first appeared it is believed that to-day's action of the Bank of the Nation is indicative of the course that will be pursued. Since, with the conversion office closed and no indication of any sizable foreign loan (considered by many the more obvious means of balancing Argentina's credit), such expansion of currency as taken to-day is the only means left for bolstering the financial situation.

President Hipolito Irigoyen's December decree authorizing the conversion office to issue new money up to 200,000,000 paper pesos (\$84,000,000) so far has not affected the Bank of the Nation's latest transaction.

The peso exchange continues to reflect the financial uncertainty, in spite of the fact financial experts are inclined to look on the brighter side of the situation, and has consistently declined since the Presidential rediscunt decree in early December. Gold pesos, then sold at 106.35 for a dollar, to-day had declined to 110 for one United States dollar, compared to yesterday's price of 109.

Argentine Bank of Nation Gets \$25,000,000 Negotiated in London.

Buenos Aires Associated Press advices Jan. 7 stated:

The entire loan of nearly \$25,000,000 recently negotiated by the government with London bankers was placed at the disposal of the Bank of the Nation to-day to meet all requirements during the present harvest.

Reference to this loan appeared in our issues of Dec. 28, page 4063 and Jan. 4, page 47.

Chile Will Float Debt Plan Loan of \$6,000,000—Entire Amount to Be Paid to Peru in Fulfillment of Tacna-Arica Treaty.

According to United Press advices Jan. 4 published in the New York "Herald Tribune" President Carlos Ibanez has been authorized by Congress to float a \$6,000,000 Chilean loan, either external or internal, to be devoted to fulfillment of the Tacna-Arica treaty with Peru, which provides for payment to the latter Government of the entire amount of the loan. It is stated that the President is authorized to retire the loan at any time by means of a bond issue.

Panama Institution Liquidating—First National Bank & Trust Co. Will Pay Full Value for its Shares.

Under date of Jan. 7 the New York "Times" reported the following from Panama City:

The full amount of their stock subscriptions will be paid to shareholders of the First National Bank & Trust Co., a Panamanian concern, according to plans for liquidation announced by the local press to-day.

The former President of Panama, Belisario Porras, who is president of the bank, and Otto Reil, representing Frederick Deitrich, New York financier, made the announcement of liquidation at a meeting of the local shareholders.

According to the Panama American, Mr. Deitrich holds a majority of the shares. The bank was open for business to-day and ready to pay the full amount for all shares presented for cancellation.

Republic of Salvador Collections.

According to F. J. Lisman & Co., collections for the Republic of Salvador for the month of December are as follows:

	1929.	1928.
December collections.....	\$482,313	\$619,340
Service on A and B bonds.....	82,957	84,204
Available for series C bonds.....	399,356	535,136
Interest and sinking fund requirements on C bonds.....	70,000	70,000
Total annual collections.....	7,908,782	7,804,118
Total annual service on A and B bonds.....	995,484	1,010,448
Available for series C bonds.....	6,911,298	6,793,670
Annual interest and sinking fund requirements on series C bonds.....	840,000	840,000

Collections for the year 1929, after deducting service requirements for the period on the A and B bonds, were equal to over 8.22 times interest and sinking fund requirements on the series C bonds. The banker's representative collects 100% of the import and export duties, all of which is available for bond service, if needed, and 70% of which is specifically pledged for that purpose.

Tenders Asked for Purchase and Retirement of City of Cordoba (Argentine) External Bonds of 1927.

White, Weld & Co., as fiscal agents of the City of Cordoba (Argentine Republic) invited tenders of sufficient of its 7% External Sinking Fund Gold Bonds of 1927, due August 1 1957, for purchase and retirement at prices below par, exclusive of accrued interest, as will exhaust the sum of \$27,999.78 now held in the sinking fund under the fiscal agency agreement. Tenders were required to be delivered to fiscal agents on or before Jan. 10 1930.

Bonds of Kingdom of Norway Drawn for Redemption.

The National City Bank of New York, as fiscal agent, has notified holders of Kingdom of Norway 20-year 6% external oan sinking fund gold bonds, due Aug. 1 1944, that \$525,000

principal amount of the bonds have been drawn for redemption at par on Feb. 1 1930. Bonds so drawn will be redeemed upon presentation and surrender with subsequent coupons attached at the head office of the National City Bank of New York on and after Feb. 1 1930, after which date interest on the drawn Bonds will cease.

Cauca Valley Revenues.

The Department of Cauca Valley, Colombia, reports to J. & W. Seligman & Co., fiscal agents for its 7½% secured sinking fund bonds, due 1946, that revenues pledged as security for the bonds amounted in the first ten months of 1929 to 2,375,906 pesos (\$2,312,469 at par of exchange). This is seven times the service charges on the bonds for the same period. The pledged revenues consist of the tax on tobacco, 80% of the tax on liquors and 80% of the slaughter house tax.

Comparative Figures of Condition of Canadian Banks.

In the following we compare the condition of the Canadian banks for Nov. 30 1929 with the figures for Oct. 31 1929 and Nov. 30 1928:

STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF THE BANKS OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

Assets.	Nov. 30 1929.	Oct. 31 1929.	Nov. 30 1928.
Current gold and subsidiary coin—			
In Canada.....	\$ 46,485,081	\$ 47,019,022	\$ 46,650,491
Elsewhere.....	51,584,635	31,266,004	57,618,928
Total.....	98,069,718	78,285,031	104,269,422
Dominion notes—			
In Canada.....	160,474,253	137,191,720	150,831,435
Elsewhere.....	23,231	24,739	21,452
Total.....	160,497,488	137,216,462	150,852,888
Notes of other banks.....	15,832,708	15,232,710	13,388,684
United States and other foreign currencies.....	22,180,008	17,315,507	29,243,132
Cheques on other banks.....	130,764,325	217,116,672	170,736,173
Loans to other banks in Canada, secured, including bills rediscouted.....	-----	-----	-----
Deposits made with and balances due from other banks in Canada.....	5,268,550	7,801,849	4,706,638
Due from banks and banking correspondents in the United Kingdom.....	6,632,504	4,675,052	7,602,355
Due from banks and banking correspondents elsewhere than in Canada and the United Kingdom.....	87,396,031	117,323,809	74,095,339
Dominion Government and Provincial Government securities.....	337,614,674	344,119,372	340,153,114
Canadian municipal securities and British, foreign and colonial public securities other than Canadian.....	90,703,211	91,603,774	95,716,588
Railway and other bonds, debts, & stocks Call and short (not exceeding 30 days) loans in Canada on stocks, debentures, bonds and other securities of a sufficient marketable value to cover.....	250,158,998	268,336,003	249,832,342
Elsewhere than in Canada.....	281,788,471	252,283,450	276,699,243
Other current loans & discounts in Canada.....	1,443,075,155	1,473,427,797	1,237,957,932
Elsewhere.....	241,318,901	241,866,294	239,325,845
Loans to the Government of Canada.....	-----	-----	-----
Loans to Provincial Governments.....	21,548,747	16,123,281	35,764,389
Loans to cities, towns, municipalities and school districts.....	104,067,669	99,035,773	80,212,388
Non-current loans, estimated loss provided for.....	7,253,651	7,645,759	7,194,366
Real estate other than bank premises.....	5,252,145	5,235,150	5,970,479
Mortgages on real estate sold by the bank Bank premises at not more than cost, less amounts (if any) written off.....	75,662,787	76,078,944	71,564,155
Liabilities of customers under letters of credit as per contra.....	119,012,957	103,877,421	100,682,781
Deposit with the Minister of Finance for the security of note circulation.....	6,365,724	6,365,724	6,099,556
Deposit in the central gold reserves.....	56,630,866	58,330,866	76,980,866
Shares of and loans to controlled co's.....	9,592,821	9,707,594	10,180,904
Other assets not included under the foregoing heads.....	2,291,542	2,249,575	2,439,337
Total assets.....	3,633,955,582	3,710,695,085	3,451,186,196
Liabilities.			
Notes in circulation.....	187,003,716	185,085,767	186,631,654
Balance due to Dominion Govt. after deducting adv. for credits, pay-lists, &c. Advances under the Finance Act.....	71,228,131	86,775,619	34,934,372
111,400,000	90,150,000	66,550,000	
22,654,946	27,077,697	25,910,990	
Balances due to Provincial Governments Deposits by the public, payable on demand in Canada.....	728,877,158	785,768,850	726,222,878
Deposits by the public, payable after notice or on a fixed day in Canada.....	1,453,060,773	1,470,045,528	1,523,495,911
Deposits elsewhere than in Canada.....	453,597,816	423,146,051	383,331,615
Loans from other banks in Canada, secured, including bills rediscouted.....	-----	-----	-----
Deposits made by and balances due to other banks in Canada.....	13,462,854	24,410,159	16,754,804
Due to banks and banking correspondents in the United Kingdom.....	34,501,510	29,261,372	21,776,234
Elsewhere than in Canada and the United Kingdom.....	100,986,426	133,186,792	69,834,867
Bills payable.....	13,315,412	13,826,298	17,805,487
Letters of credit outstanding.....	119,012,957	103,877,421	100,682,781
Liabilities not incl. under foregoing heads.....	4,564,598	4,109,391	2,823,491
Dividends declared and unpaid.....	5,282,899	2,146,672	4,371,497
Rest or reserve fund.....	158,011,165	156,178,448	135,990,100
Capital paid up.....	142,783,715	142,625,060	122,764,660
Total liabilities.....	3,619,774,124	3,677,571,172	3,439,881,391

NOTE.—Owing to the omission of the cents in the official reports, the footings in the above do not exactly agree with the totals given.

Australia Gets \$25,000,000 Abroad—Issue of Treasury Bills Floated in London—Heavy Conversions a Problem.

The following Sydney (Australia) advices appeared in the "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 2:

Australian Loan Council has raised a second issue of \$25,000,000 Treasury bills in London, maturing June 30 1930. The bills were discounted at

an average rate of 5½%, the effective rate of interest being slightly more than 5½%.

The previous issue of \$25,000,000 was issued in London by the predecessor Government in September, with a currency of 12 months. These bills were discounted at an average rate of a fraction over 6¼%, the effective rate of interest being slightly over 6½%.

Latest issue of Treasury bills will not be used for ordinary loan requirements, but, as with the previous issue, to relieve immediate requirements in London of both the Commonwealth and States, including liquidation of overdrafts, which are still large.

Subscriptions to the \$50,000,000 Australian loan came in steadily. During the first week the daily public subscriptions averaged \$500,000 and for the second week \$1,000,000. In addition, two insurance companies subscribed \$3,250,000 between them.

Heavy Conversions Problem.

One problem which both the Commonwealth and States have to face during the year 1930, apart from new borrowings, is the heavy conversions of loans which mature during the 12 months. The Commonwealth requires funds to convert or redeem \$357,085,000 6% loans, of which approximately \$51,525,000 represents loans raised by the Commonwealth for the States. The first maturity of the Commonwealth (approximately \$53,500,000) is in March and the remainder in December.

The States must handle maturities totaling \$189,385,000, making a total of Commonwealth and States maturities combined of \$546,470,000. All this represents maturities in Australia except a Queensland 3½% London loan of \$18,908,500.

Average rate of interest for the State loans maturing in Australia is 5.4% and the average for the Commonwealth and States combined, including the London loan, 5.7%.

Dealing with the loan position in his budget speech, E. G. Theodore referred to the fact that owing to the continuation of adverse monetary conditions in Australia and abroad, the Australian Loan Council had found it necessary to curtail drastically the public works programs of the Commonwealth and States for the present year. He added: "So far as the market in Australia is concerned, the decline in the prices of our principal primary products, combined with diminished production owing to adverse seasonal conditions in certain parts of Australia, has resulted in a considerable reduction of the National income with its inevitable effects on the amount of money available for investment in Government loans. The high rates of interest obtainable in investment markets abroad also have had the effect of drawing funds from Australia, and in that manner further depleting our diminished resources."

Hard Hit by Tight Money.

"It is unfortunate that coincident with adverse seasonal conditions and business depression in Australia, financial conditions overseas should be so stringent. With easier conditions abroad the Loan Council would have been justified in raising external loans in order to meet the pressing requirements of the States and Commonwealth, and, by the increased activity, contribute to the reduction in unemployment."

In his budget speech Mr. Theodore stated that one of the factors making for instability of employment was the irregularity of public expenditure by central and local governing bodies. The most variable element in this loan expenditure, which tends to grow in times of prosperity and to diminish in times of depression.

Mr. Theodore added: "The direct effect of this is to increase the fluctuations in unemployment, not only through the restriction of employment by public authorities but also by its reactions upon business activity in general. Activity in public works should be reduced to a minimum when other employment is abundant, and should be accelerated to its greatest capacity when the general industrial situation is stagnant. The present Government will endeavor to work in accordance with this plan."

J. C. Stone of Federal Farm Board Urges Regulation of Farm Production to Buying Demand.

Regulation of farm production to buying demand is an essential part of the Federal Farm Board's program under the Agricultural Marketing Act, James C. Stone, Vice-Chairman of the Federal Farm Board said in an address on Jan. 7 before a general meeting of Nebraska farm organizations at Lincoln. In addition to warning of the dangers of over-production, Mr. Stone discussed the objectives of the Farm Board and answered in detail the question uppermost in the minds of many individual farmers—"What will I have to do to derive the benefits of this legislation?"

"The first thing he will have to do," Mr. Stone explained, "is to join a local co-operative association, and if there is none in his immediate section he will have to organize one and see that it is organized under the terms of the Capper-Volstead Act and the Agricultural Marketing Act. * * * These local co-operatives should then federate into regional associations and the regional associations should belong to the national commodity marketing sales organization. It is with these national sales associations that the Board expects to do business." Mr. Stone went on to say:

"As an example of why the Board has adopted this policy I might say that there are approximately 12,500 co-operative marketing associations in the United States handling different kinds of farm products, and the first national sales organization organized was the Farmers National Grain Corporation. * * * It is the object now of the Farmers National Grain Corporation to provide the necessary storage facilities in terminal markets and sub-terminal markets so that the actual grower of the grain will have an organization of his own through which he can get all the service that is necessary in order to merchandise his grain in an orderly way, and feed it to the demand as the demand can take it at a fair price. * * * All this seems to me to be founded on good sense and good business, and, in my opinion, will produce results for the farmer."

"Naturally, there will be some opposition to a program of this kind, because any change in the method of handling a basic agricultural commodity will necessarily, to some extent, hurt the business of some of the agencies operating under the old system, but I wish to say, in this connection, that it is not the intention of the Board to injure anyone's business. In the natural progress and development of methods of handling any kind of business those who are not performing a service of value will necessarily have to vanish from the picture. * * *

"The farmer wants equality with industry, and he is entitled to it. The Agricultural Marketing Act was passed by Congress for the purpose of giving it to him, but economic laws can not be done away with in the process, and one of the things which can not be done is to put 100 bushels of wheat in a 75-bushel hole, and if you do not reduce the production to the size of the hole or enlarge the hole it will not be long before you will have more wheat than you will know what to do with. What does industry do? It does just that—it regulates production to meet the buying demand, and sells to the demand as the demand will take it at a profitable price, and at the same time tries to stimulate and enlarge the demand."

"The American farmer is a manufacturer; his plant is his farm and some plants are better equipped with fertile land and are more efficiently managed than others, and if the American farmer wants to derive the fullest benefit from this legislation it is going to be up to him to operate his farm in the most up-to-date and efficient manner."

"From the best information that I can obtain, the wheat farmers of this country are producing about 20% more wheat than is used in the domestic trade, which makes it necessary for the 20% to be sold on the basis of the world's price, and it is my opinion that if you farmers, growing wheat, would reduce your acreage 20%, you would sell the production of your reduced acreage for more money than you are getting for the larger acreage and production. In other words, regulate your production to meet the demand just as every other business man who is not on the farm is trying to do to-day. * * *

"There has been a big change in the sentiment of the entire country in the past six or eight years in relation to co-operative marketing and this applies not only to the farmer himself, but to industry as well. Every sensible man, whether he is on the farm or in some other line of business, is awakening to the fact that he is either directly or indirectly interested in the farmer's rightful proportion of the prosperity of the country, and most big industrial leaders are now willing to give their time and money, if necessary, to help bring this about. * * * Co-operative effort on the part of the farmer is no different from * * * what has been done in industry for many years through the consolidation of capital into corporations. Co-operative marketing for agriculture corresponds in a large measure to corporations for industry, and neither will succeed unless they are efficiently and honestly managed, with the determination to ask for their produce prices based primarily on the laws of supply and demand and existing conditions. * * *

"It is my belief that the farmer's greatest trouble is not so much the price level as the fluctuations of price levels from year to year, and one of the main objects of co-operative marketing is to take out the peaks and valleys in a large measure in the prices of farm products over a period of years, thereby placing the farmer who is a member of the association in a position to regulate production to demand, reducing cost of production, and enabling him to sell his commodities with a reasonable certainty of receiving a living price for it."

"The farmer needs to develop co-operative-mindedness, not only in the sale of his product but in his daily contacts with life, because co-operation in its true sense is one of the fundamentals of life. * * * I wish to caution you men to-day, however, that just because you joined a co-operative marketing association you must not think that all your troubles in the handling of your particular commodity are over. You must not forget that when you join an association that the association belongs to you and you will get from it just what you demand and no more."

"Any farm organization, properly managed, should use every effort to develop a closer and friendlier relationship * * * with the manufacturer and processor and the public which buys and consumes the product. The hardest problem that the Farm Board is up against is to get this message back to the individual farmer. It is going to be up to him to first help himself before the Board can help him. * * *

"I have never believed that the farmer really wanted anybody to give him anything. All he wants is an equal opportunity and this he is entitled to, and if it is in the power of the Farm Board to bring this about under the present legislation, I pledge you now on my own behalf, as well as on behalf of the other members of the Board, that we will do our best to accomplish it."

Federal Farm Board Warns Cotton Planters Against Overproduction—Board Cannot Protect Farmers Who Overplant.

Warning Southern cotton planters against overproduction, the Federal Farm Board, in a statement issued Jan. 6, says that "some cotton farmers think that because the Federal Farm Board has been lending to co-operatives at an average of 16 cents a pound on the 1929 crop, the Board means to see to it that the price will be at least that much for the crop of 1930." "This," says the Board, "is not so." The Board "cannot protect farmers when they deliberately overplant." The Board's statement follows:

The time has come for Southern farmers to consider how much cotton they will plant next spring. Last year's acreage was too large. It was the largest planted acreage of any year in history, except 1925 and 1926.

Nothing but crop failure in Texas in 1929 prevented a total yield of 16,000,000 bales in the belt. That is more American cotton than the world will take at a fair price.

A national acre yield equal to that of 1926 and the 1929 acreage would have produced 17,500,000 bales. A 10% reduction in that acreage with the 1926 acre yield would return a crop of 15,750,000; with average yields, 13,500,000 bales, and with the lowest yield in the past seven years about 11,250,000 bales.

Large cotton crops sell for less than small ones. Ten million bales in 1923 sold for \$1,600,000,000. Eighteen million bales in 1926 sold for less than \$1,000,000,000. That is, farmers picked and ginned 8,000,000 bales of cotton in 1926, gave them to the world free of charge, and, in effect, paid \$600,000,000 for the privilege. That is not good business for farmers.

Some cotton farmers think that because the Federal Farm Board has been lending to co-operatives at an average of 16 cents a pound on middling ¾-inch staple of the 1929 crop, the Board means to see to it that the price will be at least that much for the crop of 1930.

This is not so. The Federal Farm Board cannot protect farmers when they deliberately overplant. What the Board will do to help in marketing next year's crop will depend upon what farmers do at planting time.

If Southern farmers should raise their own food and feed and, in addition to that, should raise the food that Southern city people eat, so far as the climate and soil will let them, there would be small danger of any cotton surplus at an unprofitable price.

The Federal Farm Board recommends that Southern farmers plant no cotton next spring until they have first provided acres enough for a reasonable supply of home-raised food and feed. The Board further recommends

that no land be planted to cotton which has not produced at least one-third of a bale per acre on the average of the last five years.

These recommendations, if carried out by Southern farmers, would materially reduce the cotton acreage and help to remove the possibility of a cotton surplus.

Southern Farmers Repaying Loans, According to F. H. Daniel, President of Intermediate Credit Bank of Columbia, S. C.

Farmers of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida have repaid 85% of \$6,000,000 advanced in 1929 by the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Columbia, according to F. H. Daniel, President of that institution, and also of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia. Columbia, S. C., advises Jan. 6, published in the "United States Daily," in indicating this added:

Land values, which Mr. Daniel says have been on the downward trend for the last nine years, have shown an upward trend during the latter half of the year in a majority of the communities where the bank owns land. Proof of this statement is shown in an increased demand for lands when a comparison with 1928 is made. Land sales during 1929 brought to the bank approximately \$1,000,000.

In addition to \$6,000,000 advanced to individuals during the year, the bank extended credit to co-operative marketing associations aggregating \$12,000,000. The major portions of these loans were used for the marketing of cotton.

The Federal Land Bank of Columbia now has outstanding loans totaling \$68,400,535, Mr. Daniel said, and while a number of borrowers have not kept their loans in current condition, a vast majority have found it possible to do so "in the face of unusual agricultural conditions."

"Farmers generally," Mr. Daniel says, in his report, "have shown during 1929 a determination to produce crops economically and keep their credit with this bank and other banking institutions in good standing. Information furnished the bank from 508 national farm loan associations located throughout the district and the bank's field organization, clearly indicates that farmers have confidence in themselves, which goes to make a sound foundation in agricultural economic conditions."

Mr. Daniels declares that the "slight upward trend" in land values is "partly explained by the activities of the Federal Farm Board.

"Farmers generally believe, and we think rightly so," Mr. Daniel said, "that the Farm Board will ultimately work out a sound program for aiding worthy farmers and that a fair price will be received when such a program is worked out for commodities produced."

Senator Brookhart's Measure to Prohibit "Short Sales" on Exchanges—Proposal Affects Stock and Agricultural Commodity Markets.

Senator Brookhart (Rep.) of Iowa, on Jan. 6 introduced three bills, one (S. 2846) prohibiting persons engaged in "short selling" on the stock and agricultural commodity markets from using the mails and engaging in foreign and domestic commerce, another (S. 2847) providing for the licensing of corporations engaged in foreign or domestic commerce, and the third (S. 2848) providing for the establishment of Federal co-operative banks and a Federal co-operative reserve system. The "United States Daily" in making this known said:

The bill prohibiting "short selling" provides that "any person who makes a sale or an agreement to sell any stock or agricultural commodity for future delivery in inter-State or foreign commerce, and who at the time of the sale or agreement to sell does not hold legal title or a beneficiary interest in the stock or agricultural commodity, is guilty of fraud, and shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned two years, or both."

Licensing is Provided.

The bill providing for the licensing of corporations states that "on and after 90 days after the passage of this act no corporation shall engage in inter-State or foreign commerce without a license from the Federal Trade Commission." Such license, the bill provides, shall be obtained by filing with the Commission a statement of capital invested, of all transactions of the corporation, of gross and net earnings, and of salaries of all managing officers.

Each corporation shall make an annual report to the Commission, according to the provisions of the bill. It further provides that a maximum of 5% of the capital investment shall be distributed in dividends of the corporation, and that all in excess of 5% shall either be turned into the Government or retained by the corporation for the purpose of expansion of the business, in which case the corporation shall issue to the Government stock certificates equal to the amount of excess earnings retained.

Separate Funds Required.

The Treasury of the United States shall maintain a separate fund for each registered corporation, the bill states, which shall be known as an "excess profits guarantee fund."

Corporation officials operating in violation of this act, the bill provides, shall be subject to a fine of \$10,000 and 5 years imprisonment, or both.

The bill establishing the Federal co-operative reserve system provides that "the Federal Farm Board, the Federal co-operative reserve banks and their member banks shall comprise the Federal co-operative reserve system, and are hereby vested in the administration of such system with powers and duties corresponding with those vested in the Federal Reserve Board or the Comptroller of the Currency and the Federal Reserve banks and member banks in the administration of the Federal Reserve System, under the laws in effect at the time of the passage of this act."

Paul Bestor, Commissioner of Federal Farm Board on Functions of Federal Land Bank and Intermediate Credit Banks—Advances of Latter to Co-Operative Marketing Associations.

In a recent talk over radio station "WRC" Paul Bestor, Commissioner of the Federal Farm Loan Board, discussed

the functions of the Federal Land Banks and Intermediate Credit Banks, and had the following to say regarding advances made by the latter to Co-Operative Marketing Associations:

According to the last figures available the Intermediate Credit Banks had made advances to 85 co-operative marketing associations for an amount, including renewals, of \$453,641,087. The associations served a total membership of more than 1,250,000 farmers and included the following commodities: Cotton, wheat, tobacco, wool, rice, raisins, barley, rye, flax, beans, honey, alfalfa seed, canned fruits and vegetables, prunes, olive oil and red top seed. The law does not permit the Intermediate Credit banks to make such loans to co-operative marketing associations in amounts exceeding 75% of the market value of the commodities securing the loans.

Commissioner Bestor also had the following to say:

The average interest rate charged by the Federal Land banks during the first 10 months of 1929 has been only 5.22%, which is the lowest average rate for any year since 1917, the year in which the system began business, except for the years 1927 and 1928 when the average rate was a trifle lower.

The present Board has emphasized the fact that these banks were not created merely to function under good conditions but to operate and serve the needs of the farmers of the nation during the future, under any and all conditions and that the actual experience of the banks under proper management operating under the adverse conditions that have existed in agriculture during the last few years has demonstrated that this can be done.

Of approximately \$65,000,000 invested in stock in the Federal Land banks, the National Farm Loan associations own all but about \$300,000, and they own all of the stock in 10 of the 12 banks. The Federal Land banks have paid to the National Farm Loan associations in dividends some \$22,000,000, most of which has been passed on to the borrowers who own the stock in the National Farm Loan associations.

At the present time the total amount of real estate to which the 12 Federal Land banks have title through foreclosure plus the sheriff certificates which they hold, is less than 2% of the gross assets of the institutions. There also seems to be a trend toward improvement in delinquent loans. In almost all sections of the country the banks report increased sales of real estate over the same period last year. One Land Bank which had an exceptionally large amount of real estate has sold nearly \$2,000,000 worth of farms in 1929 with an average cash payment of more than 40%.

The Farm Loan System is a permanent part of the financial structure of this great country of ours. It fills a definite place and need in our National life. It provides the type of loan best suited to the farmer when a long-time loan is needed for agricultural purposes. It has demonstrated its soundness. It has eliminated the old problem of refinancing. It has decreased and stabilized interest rates to an extent that even the framers of the Act could scarcely have believed possible. It has become the modern method of financing a farm.

It is the duty and the firm purpose of the Farm Loan Board to see that the management of the banks and of the National farm loan associations and the supervision by the Board be such as to insure the permanence of the system for the future service of American agriculture.

Intermediate Credit.

So in 1923 the Congress of the United States took another step in furnishing permanent financial machinery for the agricultural interests of the country by the passage of the Agricultural Credits Act, which provided for the establishment of twelve Federal intermediate credit banks under the management of the officers and directors of the Federal Land Banks serving ex officio. Each of these institutions was provided with an authorized capital of \$5,000,000 and granted the privilege of selling tax exempt debentures up to ten times its paid-up capital and surplus.

As the name implies, these banks were to furnish the farmers of the country with a type of credit which was not at that time available to a dependable extent. The law provides that loans may be made for periods of from six months to three years which, of course, is more than the commercial banks could guarantee, especially in view of the fact that Federal Reserve Banks cannot discount agricultural paper having a maturity of more than nine months.

The banks were given two functions: One was to make advances to co-operative marketing associations based upon warehouse receipts on agricultural commodities, and the other was to discount agricultural paper for agricultural credit corporations, for banks—both State and National—for livestock loan companies, and for other specified financial institutions. No loans may be made direct to individuals.

I have already mentioned the fact that the Intermediate Credit Banks may also discount paper for agricultural credit corporations and other financing institutions where the proceeds of the notes have been used in the first instance for an agricultural purpose or for the breeding, fattening or marketing of livestock, and the notes must have a maturity at the time of discount of not less than six months nor more than three years. Total discounts from organization to the present time have been \$402,149,836 including renewals of \$129,774,804. Of the institutions discounting paper with the Intermediate Credit Banks, 378 were agricultural credit corporations; 90 were livestock loan companies; 150 were State banks, and there were 24 others. Outstanding loans and discounts as of October 31 1929 were \$105,099,701. The grand total of loans and discounts of the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks including renewals, has been more than 850 millions of dollars. The average discount rate for ten months of 1929 was 5.73%.

It should be kept in mind that it was the intent of the Congress of the United States to make these banks permanent institutions. It is the policy of the present Federal Farm Loan Board to do everything possible to maintain that permanency. The investing public is the chief source of the loan funds of these banks. In order to preserve a market for debentures, it is essential that the confidence of the public be maintained in the security. The permanence of the system can only be assured to American agriculture through the consistent following of safe and sound business policies.

Joint Stock Land Bank Bonds Held Not to Be Obligations of United States Government.

Bonds issued by the Joint Stock Land Banks are instrumentalities of the United States, but like the bonds of the Federal Farm Loan Banks, they are not obligations of the United States for Federal tax purposes, according to a ruling of the Income Tax Unit of the Bureau of Internal Revenue says the "United States Daily" of Jan. 9, which gives the ruling as follows:

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Income Tax 2514.

Memorandum Opinion.

A taxpayer makes the following inquiries with respect to General Counsel's Memorandum 6872, in which it is held that Federal Farm Loan bonds, while instrumentalities of the Government, are not obligations of the United States:

1. Whether Federal Farm Loan bonds are not in fact obligations of the United States as well as instrumentalities of the Government, and

2. Whether the conclusion reached in General Counsel's Memorandum 6872 applies to Joint Stock Land Bank bonds as well as Federal Farm Loan bonds.

As to the first question, it is held that Federal Farm Loan bonds, are executed by the proper officers of the issuing banks and do not purport to be obligations of the United States. While it is true that the bonds do state, as is provided by the act of July 17 1916 (39 Statutes at Large 360), that Federal Farm Loan bonds issued under the provisions of this act shall be deemed and held to be instrumentalities of the Government, and that as such they and the income derived therefrom shall be exempt from Federal, State, municipal, or local taxation, yet, as pointed out in the memorandum of the general counsel, this does not make such bonds obligations of the United States.

As to the second question, it is held that while the memorandum mentioned was concerned with Federal Farm Loan bonds only, the conclusions reached therein apply with equal force to Joint Stock Land Bank bonds issued under authority of the Federal Farm Loan Act.

The ruling under which Federal Farm Loan bonds were held not to be obligations of the United States Government was given in our issue of Nov. 2, page, 2745.

Price Deflation as Result of Gold Shortage Looked for by Prof. Irving Fisher of Yale University—Forecasts Prolonged Depression to Begin in One or Two Years.

A long, slow, but very great deflation in prices will begin in one or two years from now, is the opinion of Professor Irving Fisher of Yale University, said the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Jan. 7, in reporting the appearance in New York of Prof. Fisher on Jan. 6 before the Special Legislative Commission on the Revision of the New York Public Service Commission law to testify as to the feasibility of applying price index figures in making utility valuations. The paper quoted states that in the course of his testimony he was asked his opinion of future price trends and hazarded what he termed was a guess as to a coming drastic deflation.

Incidentally we take the following from the New York "World" of Jan. 7:

Dr. Fisher admitted he had made no particular study of public utilities and was therefore unable to answer many questions put to him by Col. William J. Donovan concerning utility matters, but what he lacked in utility information he made up in interest when he predicted a 20-year panic to begin in about 1932.

Calls It A Guess.

"But don't call it a 'prediction,'" he said to The World representative afterwards, "call it a guess. I have had some unfortunate results from having my guesses put out as predictions."

Dr. Fisher referred to his recent advice during the Wall Street crash to sell short in the market, which proved the undoing of some of those who followed it.

Reverting again to the account in the "Journal of Commerce" relative to the views expressed by Prof. Fisher on Jan. 6, that paper said:

A world shortage in gold is seen by Prof. Fisher as the cause of this probable deflation. The rapid return of European countries to a gold standard with the consequent competition for the yellow metal on the part of the various central banks will, he said, seriously tax the available gold supply and result in a prolonged period of financial and business depression.

Prof. Fisher said that there was of course the possibility that some new gold supply might be discovered or some new process for the production of the metal be invented. Either of these events might change the aspect of his prophecy, such as the discovery of the cyanid process gave the lie to similar prognostications made by economists during the latter part of the nineteenth century.

Gold Flow to United States.

"The gold flow to the United States during the past few years," he said, "has given the Federal Reserve Board an unprecedented opportunity to stabilize the wholesale price level. This situation is now changed."

"It is altogether possible that within the next few years we will be down to the legal reserve ratio and that a new policy will have to be devised unless we are to have deflation."

Asked what new policy the Board might resort to, Prof. Fisher said that the adoption of his plan to stabilize the dollar by reducing the gold content of the dollar would probably be effective. He admitted, however, that there was very little chance of this being adopted.

Another plan recommended by Prof. Fisher was the proposal made by the late Prof. Lehfeldt of the University of Johannesburg, South Africa. The Lehfeldt plan envisages the control of the world gold production by an international agency which would regulate production according to the requirements of world finance. In the opinion of Prof. Fisher this plan is also unlikely to be adopted due to the spirit of nationalism.

Gold Disarmament.

"Gold disarmament," he said, "is just as difficult of attainment as is military disarmament. No greater problem exists to-day than a possible gold shortage. My guess is that there will be a long, slow, but very great deflation beginning one or two years from now. The decline will bring prices to well below the pre-war level."

"If we are attended by deflation, the first step will be to decrease the gold reserve ratio."

The success of such a step, he said, will depend on how rapidly it is adopted. He said that there was little chance of pooling reserves on an international basis.

Prof. Fisher said that his opinion was almost universally held by leading economists. He offered as an exhibit quotations from recent writings of

these authorities in order to back up his argument. The only exception he could think of was Prof. Edwin A. Kemmerer of Princeton University. But Prof. Kemmerer, he said, made his statement a few years ago and possibly has changed his mind since.

Deplores Gold Standard.

Little chance of any alleviation of the prospective deflation was seen by Prof. Fisher as the result of nations abandoning the gold standard. He said the present attitude of central banks was so rabid on the subject of maintaining a gold standard as to indicate how little prepared they are to return to either bimetalism or fiat money. He deplored the tendency of European nations away from the gold exchange standard in favor of the strict gold standard. He said that there was a possibility that large industrial corporations and utilities might do something toward alleviating the effects of the deflation by increasing the proportion of the common stock financing in order to decrease their fixed charges. He also mentioned the possibility of a more wide use of a type of index number bonds such as he devised some years ago for the Rand Kardex Co., an issue of which was outstanding until the absorption of Rand Kardex by Remington Rand.

He said that this use of index numbers might be applied to utility rates and mentioned the instance of a landlord who charged his tenant on this basis.

Three Phases Seen.

Interest rates, according to Prof. Fisher, are going to pass through three phases. In the first place, as a result of the recent stock market crash, we are going to experience low rates with bond financing predominating. This will be followed by higher rates caused by a demand for money to finance new inventions. The third period will again be one of easy money caused through an abundance of capital.

Prof. Fisher said the general commodity price index was not meaningless in its reference to utility construction costs. The use of such an index figure has been suggested by various witnesses appearing before the commission as a means to establish the present value of a utility for rate-making purposes without resorting to a costly and time-consuming engineering appraisal. It is incorporated in both the valuation plans submitted by Chairman William A. Prendergast of the Public Service Commission and Dr. John Bauer, a valuation expert.

There is, according to Prof. Fisher, a certain degree of correspondence existing between the cost of living index and reproduction costs of utility properties.

Other economists who are scheduled to appear as witnesses before the Legislative Commission, include Prof. Wesley Clair Mitchell, director of the National Bureau of Economic Research, and Dr. H. Parker Willis, editor of The Journal of Commerce.

Roger W. Babson Minimizes Gold Crisis Alarm Raised by Irving Fisher.

The following is from the New York "World" of Jan. 9:

Prof. Irving Fisher of Yale, testifying before the Joint Legislative Commission here Monday, said that the gold shortage in two or three years would likely bring a crisis and business panic which would last 20 years. The "World" has asked Roger W. Babson, the economist, for comment on this view.

No discussion of business conditions for the next two or three years can fail to recognize Prof. Irving Fisher's forecast of a few days ago, namely, that we are headed for a major business depression. I would, however, like to know exactly what Prof. Fisher said before commenting thereon because he has been so optimistic regarding the stock market, and, in his forecasts of September, felt that I was absolutely wrong in stating that the market was due for a severe break.

Apparently Prof. Fisher feels that it is possible to still have stocks on a high level with poor business. He probably argues that the depression would not be severe enough to interfere with the dividends of the standard corporations, and with easier money which accompanies a business depression, these stocks will be in demand on the basis of their yield.

In other words, Prof. Fisher now apparently forecasts a decline in business with an accompanying improvement in the stock market. It is true that the stock market usually reaches its lowest point in the early portion of a period of depression as shown by the Babson chart for the past twenty-five years, and from this point of view Prof. Fisher and I are in harmony. It should, however, be recognized that he has changed his position from where he stood when he criticized me in my bearish forecast published in The "World" September, 1929. Then he was distinctly bullish on both the stock market and business.

Whether or not the business readjustment which the country is now entering will be a sharp and short crisis, or will be long drawn out but not severe, cannot be foretold at this time, furthermore, I am not especially troubled regarding the available supply of gold. Without doubt there is a distinct relation between the available supply of gold and prices, and for this reason I have always been interested in Prof. Fisher's work for the stabilization of the dollar. I feel, however, that the supply of gold is only one of the many factors which bear upon the business situation.

Business as a whole is such a complicated affair that it is very difficult to base forecasts on any one contributing factor. The real difficulty with the situation to-day, as I see it, is not so much the shortage of gold in the vaults of our great banks but rather the shortage of any kind of money in the pockets of American consumers.

President Hoover has the right idea that the need of the hour is to keep up the Nation's consuming powers. This can best be done by keeping men employed; eliminating waste; developing trade; avoiding Congressional disputes, which upset business; and through stimulation of demand by well directed advertising campaigns both national and foreign.

Norman Lombard of Stable Money Association Declares Hoover Plan to Stabilize Business as Political and Emotional Views of Others on Money Stabilization.

At the Institute of Statesmanship of Rollins College at Winter Park, Fla., on Jan. 7, Norman Lombard of New York City, Executive Vice-President of the Stable Money Association, opened the first general morning conference with a discussion which aroused much controversy according to a dispatch to the New York "Times," from which the following is also taken:

His views on stabilization of the purchasing power of the dollar were challenged by economists and editors in the audience.

The "Hoover plan" of reviving business by persuasion and psychological treatment was criticized by Mr. Lombard, who declared that it failed to provide scientific treatment of the all-important money factor.

The plan was bureaucratic in tendency and motivated by a conservative desire to retain the status quo, as well as smacking of politics and emotionalism in its approach to the problems of business stability, Mr. Lombard said.

"We must discover what are the causes of fluctuations in the purchasing power of money as a preliminary to considering what can be done about preventing fluctuations in the general level of prices, he said.

"What is needed is open-minded research in this matter and wide diffusion of the facts discovered. We cannot blame public officials for failure to use their powers to promote sound and stable conditions unless an informed public opinion, whose leaders understand the subject, decrees stability."

Holds Money Affects Price Levels.

"Scientists have come to believe," Mr. Lombard said, "that fluctuations of price levels are a monetary phenomenon. When price levels rise, the purchasing power of money falls. When general price levels fall, money rises in purchasing power. While the causes of price fluctuations in the purchasing power of money are numerous, one factor is frequently overlooked and that is, the changes in the demand for and the supply of money."

"Economists are almost totally agreed that a reduction in the quantity of money will cause a reduction in the price level, and similarly that the price level may be made to pursue the even tenor of its way by increasing or decreasing the volume of money and credit in circulation."

"Prosperity," he added, "which is that condition under which there is the maximum average of economic well being, that is, the largest average per capita production and consumption of goods and services, can only come when the level of prices is stable."

Miss Florence Kelly of the National Consumers' League refused to accept Mr. Lombard's definition of prosperity, which she said "you could no more define, than you could infinity."

Accused of Suppressing Facts.

Dean Walter Shephard of Ohio State University accused Mr. Lombard of "cleverly suppressing all the facts except those he wished to use to prove his point."

Victor Rosewater of Philadelphia declared that stabilization of money was impossible as money depended upon distribution, which was essentially unstable.

Chester K. Pugsley of Peekskill, N. Y., spoke briefly to the conference on the importance of psychological factors in shaping business feeling. He insisted that economic laws are paramount.

"The Republican party claims to be the party of prosperity," he said, but the recent stock market crash proved, I think, how much influence Republicans have on economic laws."

Gustav Cassel Calls Hoover Plan to Maintain Prosperity "Mistake of First Magnitude"—Declares Capital Shortage Key of Situation.

In its issue of Jan. 8 the New York "Journal of Commerce" reports the following by Prof. Gustav Cassel, under date of Dec. 29 from Stockholm:

What the State can do to prevent or to relieve a business depression is a subject that has often been discussed. First of all it has been contended that public works ought to be regulated with a view to fluctuations in the business cycle. According to this view the Government ought to undertake large public works at the moment that the activity of private business begins to decline. The United States now finds itself in this latter position. Under the energetic leadership of President Hoover the Government appears to desire to interfere promptly and with vigor to prevent the development of business depression as a consequence of the stock market collapse. The case can be very instructive for those who wish a general understanding of the problem. It deserves special attention in view of the fact that Europe with a fair degree of certainty will become drawn into any depression that eventually develops in American business and accordingly will find itself faced with the same difficulties that America is to-day battling.

The program of the President, which goes under the general name of "prosperity maintenance," has as its chief aim the stimulation of large programs of work which, it is hoped, will prevent a feared diminution in industrial employment. In these endeavors Governmental departments are to co-operate with private business. The President has called into conference representatives of various groups in the business world. The representatives of the railroads have promised their support at once in the form of a broad program of improvements in their physical plants.

Apart from certain psychological considerations the program of the President is to be considered a mistake of the first magnitude. It rests, first, upon an incorrect conception of the situation as it actually exists, and, second, upon an exaggerated idea of the ability of the Government in the premises. If success is attained in creating employment through the instigation of special construction it is perfectly clear that the savings of the nation will be thus absorbed and, in consequence, the amount of savings left for normal enlargement of genuine capital equipment will be decreased. Governmental interference to enlarge plants and increase industrial equipment might possibly be a reasonable policy if a surplus of savings actually existed. The Hoover program appears to proceed upon the assumption that this latter situation actually exists. In his message to Congress the President announced to the world that American capital had to an unusual degree been employed in stock market speculation and that the collapse of values in the stock market would free this capital and make it available to industry. The Government sees it as its duty accordingly to create employment for this large increase in available capital funds.

Each step in this process of reasoning is a fallacy. Stock market speculation as such has never absorbed any capital and can never absorb any. In consequence capital cannot flow from the stock market back into industry. Finally there is at the present time little idle capital in America for which one has with a special anxiety to find employment.

The American stock market collapse is to be viewed as a return from inflated stock prices to normal levels of value. No collapse has occurred in industry and trade, but only a certain decline in the production of real capital, particularly in the form of dwelling houses. This decline is directly caused by the fact that current savings have not been sufficient to maintain the production of capital goods on the colossal scale of the past few years. The essential characteristic of the present situation is undoubtedly a marked capital shortage. Is it not unreasonable therefore to undertake large new programs in the belief that these can be paid for with capital that now lies idle? Every effort in this direction must, especially if it is made by the Government, lead to a squandering of the essentially already inadequate reserves and consequently to a weakening of the entire economic structure.

Capital Shortage.

That a shortage of capital is the very kernel of the entire present situation may be seen from the fact that the export of American capital has declined sharply. With a rather moderate accumulation of savings the United

States would increase its export of capital and in consequence the purchasing power of the outside world for the products of the American export industry. Such a consummation would free the Government from many worries about the state of domestic business and at the same time make superfluous its anxiety, with the help of political authority, to find the foreign markets for American goods. Such a development would be very welcome to the capital needy countries of the entire world. As the current state of affairs in the world now constitutes itself a vigorous outflow of American capital is an indispensable condition of world prosperity. For this reason one is forced to look with great anxiety upon Government interference which in actuality can be counted upon to make impossible an accumulation of American savings because it stimulates uneconomic undertakings in America itself.

The interference of the Government is, therefore, in this instance obviously injurious to business. It would be far better to leave business alone. Industry would in that case surely make use of all savings so far as no specially hampering influence made itself felt. A large American newspaper has recently assembled a series of statements about the situation from men of light and leading in American industry. The general impression to be gained from these statements is that decisions have been reached to proceed with business as usual independent of the stock market collapse. The need for enlargement of plant and technical improvements is in most branches of industry very great. A reading of the symposium of opinion already referred to certainly does not lead to the impression that there is any lack of opportunity for American capital.

There is in fact in the present situation only one factor that can have the effect of seriously hampering business and this limiting influence proceeds from a Governmental organization. I refer to the discount policy or more broadly expressed the limitations imposed by the Federal Reserve Board upon the volume of currency and credit provided for industry and trade. This limitation has in recent times been entirely too rigorous. The cause is not far to seek. The discount policy has been based upon a desire to control the money market and to curb speculative excesses in the stock market. Without doubt these efforts indicate a terrible overstepping of the boundaries that surround the natural duties of a central bank, and overstepping that in the last analysis is to be traced to an ardent desire on the part of the Government to take unto itself a constantly expanding list of functions that belong to private business.

Discount Rates.

Since the stock market collapse discount rates have been somewhat reduced, it is true. However, the policy in this regard has been much too slow and hesitant. The Federal Reserve system has not followed developments with sufficient promptness. It has since last summer maintained interest rates which were much too high with the result that a decline in commodity prices has set in, which has now become very threatening to general business. So long as prices continue to decline it is obvious that thoughtful entrepreneurs must shrink from making new commitments. A continuing downward movement in commodity prices would unavoidably prevent American business from continuing its heretofore large scale development. Such a price decline would necessarily spread throughout the world and result in world-wide economic depression which naturally would in turn again react upon American business. And this entirely unnecessary price decline is exclusively the result of a mistaken monetary policy, a mistake which results from an uninvited intrusion of Government activity into the sphere of business.

The whole affair is a striking example of what happens when modern tendencies are not resisted and Governments necessarily are permitted to interfere in the field of business. The Government thus takes upon itself a task for which it is not fitted and permits itself as a consequence to fall in the performance of its own peculiar functions, namely, the management of the money system. As a result depression ensues which the same Government after the event seeks to remedy through measures which equally lie outside of its own true field and which can only make the situation worse. The case is, in fact, only an illustration of a phenomenon which has become very common in our time. Governed by misconceptions of its genuine functions the Government greedily grasps each opportunity to interfere in fields that belong to private business, in order to usurp them for itself. It then finds itself willingly or unwillingly on the road toward Socialism, whose aim it is to proceed as fast as possible in this direction.

Finds New Practice of Investment Trusts Unsound—Stock Exchange Spokesman Says Buying of Own Shares is Unfavorably Regarded—No Official Ruling Made.

The following is from the New York "Times" of Jan. 10:

Executives of investment trusts whose securities have been listed by the New York Stock Exchange since its adoption last June of special requirements for the admission of these securities have recently sounded out the Exchange concerning its attitude toward investment trusts speculating in their own securities, and have received the impression that the Exchange would consider such operations unsound practice, it was learned yesterday.

While no official ruling has been made by the Exchange on the subject, a spokesman for the committee on stock list said yesterday that he had notified several investment trusts that in his opinion the committee would frown upon speculative activities by a trust in its own securities. Only in cases where investment trust shares were selling below their actual liquidating value, he said, would the committee countenance operations in which an investment trust bought its own stock, he declared.

The attitude of representatives of the committee in this matter is held to be another indication of the special treatment which the Stock Exchange is according investment trusts, paralleling its special rulings on oil and mining stocks. In discouraging speculation by trusts in their own securities, the Exchange is said to be anxious to prevent trusts from setting artificial values on their own shares through open market purchases which might result ultimately in a decrease in the net asset value of its shares. In cases, however, where a trust's shares are selling below their liquidating value, purchases by the trust of its own stock would result in an immediate increase in the asset value of the shares, provided that the shares were retred by the company. Another advantage of such purchases, representatives of the Exchange said, was that they provided support for the stock in a declining market.

Stocks Below Liquidating Value.

The attitude of the Exchange to this problem is of interest to Wall Street now, owing to the fact that many investment trust stocks are selling several points below their actual liquidating values. Five large trusts recently have taken advantage of this situation to purchase large blocks of their shares in the open market and, by retiring the stock acquired, have increased the net asset value of the remaining shares. Many small trusts are said to be following a similar policy.

Not all of the trusts are in agreement, however, concerning the wisdom of these operations, opponents of the trend holding that they result in a

sharp decrease in a trust's capital and consequently a reduction in the base upon which the company might issue debentures in the future. It is also contended that such operations are outside the field of the investment trust, which should aim to obtain its income from investments in a diversified list of securities. Profits accruing from the retirement of stock, it is held, might be confused by investors with income derived from the company's investments.

Action by Industrials.

While certain industrial companies are prevented by their charters or by State regulations from purchasing their own stock, other companies are not hampered in this way, and the Stock Exchange has never sought to regulate such operations. A few companies are frequently active operators in their own stocks, with a view to stabilizing the shares, while other companies often make purchases in the open market for the account of employes.

In the case of a group of affiliated investment trusts sponsored by a parent management company, purchases by the subsidiaries of each other's stock is said to have been discouraged by a spokesman for the committee on stock list of the Exchange. The objection to these activities was based on fear that such purchases might give a fictitious value to the parent company's holdings in the subsidiaries' stock. If the parent company desires, however, to increase its holdings in the subsidiaries' stock, the Exchange would not enter an objection, it is believed, provided that the subsidiaries' shares were selling below the liquidating value.

Since last June, when the Exchange issued stringent rules governing the listing of investment trust stocks, the shares of a dozen large companies have been admitted to trading in the Exchange. These trusts have had to disclose their portfolios and balance sheets, and give detailed information concerning their structure and management, in accordance with the rules of the Exchange.

Governing Committee of New York Stock Exchange Adopts Amendments Increasing Commission Rates on Bond Transactions.

Amendments to the constitution of the New York Stock Exchange adopted by the Governing Committee on Jan. 2, provide for an increase in commission rates on bond transactions. With regard thereto we quote the following from the "Times" of Jan. 4:

An upward revision in the rates of New York Stock Exchange commissions on bond transactions has been approved by the Governing Committee and is now before the members for ratification. Unless 50% or more of the members indicate their disapproval within two weeks the increase will become effective in the form of an amendment to the constitution.

It is proposed to increase the present commission of not less than \$2 to \$2.50 for every \$1,000 par value of bonds "on business for parties not members of the Exchange, including joint account transactions in which a non-member is interested, and on transactions for partners not members of the Exchange.

On business handled for members of the Exchange when a principal is not given up the commission on every \$1,000 par value of bonds will be not less than \$1.25 instead of 80 cents as at present.

On business handled for members of the Exchange when a principal is given up the commission on every \$1,000 par value of bonds will be not less than 75 cents instead of 50 cents as at present.

Although no explanation of the proposed increase was furnished by the Exchange, it was said by bond brokers that present commissions are considered inadequate and that a readjustment has been under consideration for some time. The new schedule will mean substantially larger earnings for all firms that deal in bonds, in the opinion of brokers.

Approval of the increase is believed to be assured.

Association of Stock Exchange Firms to Maintain File Available to Members Covering Unsatisfactory Experiences with Customers—Outgrowth of Stock Market Break.

As a result of the break of stock prices in October and November the Association of Stock Exchange Firms has established a confidential file in which will be kept information concerning unsatisfactory experience with any of the customers of brokerage houses, it was learned on Jan. 8, says the New York "Herald-Tribune" of Jan. 9, in which it was further stated:

The reason for the establishment of the confidential file arises, it is understood, out of the fact that certain customers failed to live up to established rules during the break in stock prices and consequently placed various brokers in unpleasant situations. Stories have been heard of specific cases in which customers placed orders by telephone with the understanding that they were to appear with money for the payment of securities.

Coincidental with the continued sharp break in stock these customers found business elsewhere more pressing and did not appear, leaving a broker or a customer's man to take a heavy loss through no fault of his own. Customers who have committed such actions will find that because of the confidential files of the Association of Stock Exchange firms they will be unable to do business through houses which are members. Practically all the important Stock Exchange and brokerage houses are members of the association.

In a letter dated Jan. 2 members of the Association were notified of the action of the Board of Governors of the Association, which was taken on Nov. 21 1929, but which has not hitherto been disclosed. The letter was as follows:

January 2 1930.

To the Members of the Association of Stock Exchange Firms. In Re Confidential Files.

The Board of Governors of the Association, at a meeting held Nov. 21 1929, authorized the establishment and maintenance of a file, in the office of the Secretary of the Association, for such information as may, from time to time, be furnished by members of the Association as to unsatisfactory experiences with any of their customers. The purpose of this file is to make such information available to members of the Association who may seek information as to the desirability of establishing or continuing business relations with such parties.

Information contained in the file will be available only to members of this Association and it is requested that all requests for information, from the file, be made in person or in writing.

Your co-operation in furnishing information for the file, which may prove of benefit to other members of the Association, will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,
FREDERICK F. LYDEN,
Secretary.

The officers of the Association are Charles D. Draper, President; William W. Spaid, Vice-President; Jules S. Bache, Treasurer, and Mr. Lyden.

The board of governors consists of Paul Adler, F. Berton Beckwith, Timothy J. Brosnahan, Allan M. Clement, Louis S. Colwell, George P. Davis, Reginald E. Heard, Frank R. Hope, J. Chester Hutchinson, Joseph L. Lillenthal, Donald McL. Miller, Joseph E. Morley, Latham R. Ree, Arthur G. Somers, and William A. Tall.

Resolutions Commending Force of Stock Clearing Corporation for Efficient Handling of Clearings During Stock Market Break.

The managers and employees of the Night Clearing Branch and of the Day Branch of the Stock Clearing Corp. were cited on Jan. 7 by the Executive Committee of the corporation for their "unselfish loyalty and efficiency" and for the "magnificent results" they obtained in handling the record volume of clearances on the New York Stock Exchange during the October-November break. Resolutions commending the personnel of both branches were signed by the Executive Committee of the Stock Clearing Corp., S. F. Streit, President, E. H. H. Simmons, William A. Greer, R. R. Atterbury, and Richard Whitney.

Opening of New Building of San Francisco Stock Exchange.

A single stroke of a silver gong officially opened the new San Francisco Stock Exchange building at 11 o'clock on Jan. 4. The bell was rung when Sidney L. Schwartz, President of the Stock Exchange, pressed a button at the close of a simple opening ceremony on the new Trading Floor. The opening day celebration was attended by a thousand or more men representing the membership of the Stock Exchange, the banks of the bay region, executives of corporations, State, Federal and municipal officials. Experts have declared the new San Francisco Stock Exchange building to be one of the finest and best equipped structures of its kind in the United States. Of steel frame and reinforced concrete, it is situated at the southwest corner of Sansome and Pine Streets in the heart of the city's financial district. The building represents an investment of \$2,750,000. The site was purchased from the Federal Government. Where once stood the United States Sub-Treasury building, the new trading room wing of the Stock Exchange has risen. Directly behind is the 12-story wing which houses the executive offices and various departments of the Exchange, and quarters of the San Francisco Stock Exchange Institute, an auxiliary organization dedicated to education and recreation. An item regarding the new structure appeared in our issue of Jan. 4, page 51.

Los Angeles Stock Exchange Expels Frank K. Benchley.

The Board of Governors of the Los Angeles Stock Exchange, Los Angeles, Calif., on Jan. 2 expelled Frank K. Benchley, a partner in the brokerage firm of Frank Benchley & Co. of that city for violation of the constitution and by-laws of the Exchange, according to advices from Los Angeles "Times" of Jan. 3, which went on to say:

This suspension marks the second similar action that has been taken by Governors of the Los Angeles Stock Exchange since the collapse of security prices last October.

Securities Trading on New York Produce Exchange in December Largest for any Month Since Inauguration of Its Securities Market.

It is announced that the December 1929 sales in the securities market on the New York Produce Exchange were the largest monthly sales since the opening of this exchange a little more than a year ago, totaling 2,864,333 shares, as compared with a previous monthly record of 2,708,220 shares in October 1929.

Principal Effect of Decline in Stock Market is Elimination of So-Called "Bootleg" Loans, Says National City Bank—Neutralizing Influence of Federal Reserve Banks Noted in Offsetting Gold Loss.

In its monthly circular (for January) the National City Bank of New York, discussing "Money and Banking" conditions observes that "it is clear that the principal effect of the decline in the stock market has been to eliminate from the credit structure, a large part of the huge total of so-called 'bootleg' or non-banking loans built up during the period of high money rates." The Bank goes on to say:

Just as the enormous expansion of brokers' loans occurred largely outside the banking system, so the deflation has occurred in the same quarter, and in neither the rise nor the subsequent fall have the banking figures been correspondingly affected (except temporarily, when during the height of the crash

New York banks were compelled to take over loans called by "others" and carry them for several weeks pending their final liquidation).

Hence it is not surprising that despite the record breaking liquidation in the stock market the volume of bank credit remains about where it was before the crash. On Dec. 18 total security loans of the weekly reporting member banks throughout the country, while substantially below the peak reached during the crisis, were only slightly below the level on Oct. 23, and total loans and investments of all classes were a shade higher than on the previous date. That this is the case does not necessarily imply that the liquidation of credit has been inadequate, for it is in terms of all loans, and not bank loans alone, that the entire credit structure must be judged.

The National City in its circular likewise comments on the influence of Reserve Bank operations and it notes that the Reserve Banks "have the power to neutralize the effects of gold exports by the purchase of Government securities and acceptances in the open market"; it adds that "during the past two months we have seen these neutralizing influences at work, and there is no doubt but that the Reserve Banks will continue to offset the gold loss so long as the task does not become too great." The comments of the National City follow:

Influence of Reserve Bank Operations.

Meantime, the influence of the Reserve banks has continued to be exerted on the side of easy money. Their holdings of Government securities have been steadily increased and in the week of Dec. 24 totalled \$485,000,000, which was the largest (excluding Government overdrafts) since Jan. 1928, and marks an increase of nearly \$350,000,000 since October.

Accompanying these increases in Government security holdings, the Reserve banks resumed in December the purchase of acceptances, interrupted temporarily in November when the crisis in the stock market caused a shifting of many "Street" loans into bills, with a resultant substantial reduction in Federal reserve bill holdings at that time. During the past month the volume of Reserve bank bill holdings was increased by approximately \$100,000,000 bringing the total to \$355,000,000, or approaching to where it stood before the November decline.

On account of these purchases of both Government securities and acceptances, which put reserve funds into the market, seasonal expansion of currency requirements and gold exports have been taken care of with a minimum of credit strain, and without the necessity of added borrowing on the part of the member banks whose rediscounts in the two weeks of Dec. 18 and 24 declined to an average of \$750,000,000, or the lowest for any time this year.

Gold Movement and the Money Outlook.

With business showing a recession and stock market credit requirements greatly reduced, prospects are favorable for a further easing of money conditions after the first of the year. One factor however, which must needs be taken account of in any forward view of money rates is the heavy export of gold which began in November and continued with increasing volume during December. During the first nine months of the year the gold movement was in favor of this country to the extent of approximately \$218,000,000, due to the constant attraction of the stock market and the high rates for money prevailing therein. Now that the stock market has declined and rates in this country have eased off to lower levels, there has been a tendency for funds to flow back to foreign countries, and this movement has raised the exchanges to levels which have made gold shipments profitable. During the period from Nov. 1 to Dec. 27 the net loss of gold has amounted to approximately \$112,000,000, of which \$62,400,000 was shipped to France, and \$21,024,000 to England, while \$16,000,000 was earmarked for foreign accounts unnamed. The following table indicates the scope of this movement, as well as the principal countries involved:

<i>Gold Movement.</i>		
	November. 1929.	December. 1929.
<i>Imports:</i>		
Argentina.....	\$2,028,000	\$2,067,000
Canada.....	3,031,000	-----
Miscellaneous.....	2,064,000	1,463,000
Total imports.....	\$7,123,000	\$3,530,000
<i>Exports:</i>		
England.....	-----	21,024,000
Germany.....	-----	1,442,000
France.....	14,500,000	47,905,000
Poland & Danzig.....	5,010,000	-----
Switzerland.....	10,007,000	5,005,000
Sweden.....	-----	1,341,000
Miscellaneous.....	772,000	515,000
Total exports.....	\$30,289,000	\$77,232,000
Earmarkings.....	+ 1,000,000	-16,002,000
Earmarkings & exports.....	-29,289,000	-93,234,000
Net gain or loss.....	-22,166,000	-89,704,000

It is true, of course, that the Federal reserve banks have the power to neutralize the effects of gold exports by the purchase of Government securities and acceptances in the open market. During the past two months we have seen these neutralizing influences at work, and there is no doubt but that the Reserve banks will continue to offset the gold loss so long as the task does not become too great.

Insofar as the majority of foreign countries is concerned it may be supposed that as interest rates come down in those markets this in itself will tend to check the gold flow from the United States. In most of these countries the sole reason for raising rates during the past year was the necessity of protecting their gold reserves against the drain to the United States, and the advances were made reluctantly as representing an unfortunate and (from the internal viewpoint) unwarranted burden upon the home industries. Now this danger no longer exists, and the promptness with which foreign central banks have reduced their rates suggests that they are quite as anxious to pass on to their industries the benefits of cheaper money as they are to accumulate large supplies of gold:

What makes the gold movement particularly difficult to gauge is uncertainty as to the scope of the demand from France. The fact that that country has had a 3½% bank rate for nearly two years and yet has steadily accumulated gold indicates that the movement is not responsive to money rates. Apparently the true explanation of this power to draw gold lies in the fact that France, although a creditor nation, is not reinvesting her accruing balances abroad, with the result that the balance of payments is running so heavily in her favor as to raise the franc and bring about a constant inflow of gold. Undoubtedly a broader demand in France for foreign securities would help the situation, but a movement of this sort has been hampered by taxes upon the sale of foreign securities in the French market and the tax upon the receipt of interest payments on securities held abroad. As we go to press word comes from Paris that the French Parliament has

voted a reduction in the stamp tax on foreign securities, and also the removal of the tax on foreign exchange operations, the latter action being to encourage the Paris acceptance market. In both cases an effect should be to facilitate an outflow of French capital, thus tending to offset incoming credits.

Stock Accumulations of Banking Pool.

From the New York "Times" of Jan. 7 we take the following:

The Consortium's Stock.

Although no public statement has been made by the banking consortium which provided buying orders for stocks below the market during the October-November slump—possibly none ever will be made—Wall Street is full of figures and calculations on what the bankers bought to stop the decline and what they have left to sell. One of the stories going about the Street is that the consortium still has some 40% of the stocks accumulated during that hectic period and that this stock forms a barrier, temporarily at least, to an extended advance in the market at this time, because this stock would surely come out for sale should such a condition develop. On the other hand, it has been known for some time that various big blocks of stock purchased for the banking account at that time have been assimilated by private sales to wealthy individuals and will not appear for early sale, no matter what the market does. Many Wall Street friends of the bankers who formed the consortium have urged its members to make a detailed statement of just what stocks were purchased and at what prices, and the disposition of these securities.

Brokers Enjoined After \$100,000 Sales—Charles Reade & Co. Said to Have Marketed at \$18 to \$21 Stock Costing \$4.50 a Share.

Charles Reade & Co., Inc., brokers, at 516 Fifth Ave., and their officers were temporarily enjoined on Jan. 6 by Supreme Court Justice Riegelmann in Brooklyn from further sales of stocks and securities, according to the New York "Times" of Jan. 7, which reports as follows regarding the proceedings:

The temporary injunction was granted on motion of Watson Washburn, Assistant State Attorney-General, head of the State Bureau of Securities, who alleged that the concern had defrauded investors of more than \$100,000 through sales of stock of the Pacific Gas and Utility Corp.

The firm's officers are George Bentley, President; Harold A. Reade, Vice-President and Kenneth C. Berry, Secretary-Treasurer. Hearing on Mr. Washburn's motion to make the injunction permanent was set for Jan. 9, in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn. Papers were served on the defendants soon after the order was signed.

Mr. Washburn set forth in an affidavit that the Pacific Gas & Utility Corp. had been incorporated in Delaware with authorized capitalization of 300,000 shares of no par common stock. Later, he said, Charles Reade & Co. made an agreement with Willard Stone & Co. to purchase an unlimited supply of this stock at \$4.50 a share and that about two weeks after that agreement Willard Stone & Co., entered into an agreement with Pacific Gas and Utility to buy 116,667 shares of its stock at \$2.29 a share.

Mr. Washburn said Bentley admitted under oath that his firm had sold Pacific Gas & Utility stock at \$18 and \$20 a share, and, in one instance, at \$21. He admitted, also according to Mr. Washburn, that the only issues sold by his firm were Pacific Gas and Utility and Transport Aircraft Corp. About 1,900 shares of the aircraft stock, he added, had been paid for at \$7 a share and sold for \$15 and \$17.

Mr. Washburn's affidavit charged that the firm had distributed letters stating that quick profits could be made in Pacific Gas & Utility and that banking interests were interested in it. He alleged that these representations were false.

Stock Market Corner Held Fraud by Appellate Division — Decision Given Under Martin Act of New York.

The five Justices of the Appellate Division, Brooklyn, held unanimously in a case presented in the name of Attorney-General Hamilton Ward, that a corner in the stock market comprises a fraud. The New York "Journal of Commerce" of Jan. 8 noted this, adding:

When informed of the decision by telephone at his office in Albany, Attorney-General Ward said he considered it one of the most important decisions ever handed down in connection with the State Martin Act.

The effect of this decision will be that when evidence of an attempt to "corner the market" is obtained the Bureau of Securities and other agencies will have an immediate case for an injunction and prosecution.

The case which led to the Appellate decision was that of the State against William Ferris of Scarsdale, N. Y.; William Ferris & Co., Inc., of 39 Broadway; Jacob L. Mellon of 170 Parkside Ave., Brooklyn; Jacob L. Mellon & Co., Inc., of 299 Broadway; Daniel Runkle of 105 East 63d St., and Daniel Runkle & Co., Inc.

Those concurring in the decision were Justices Lazansky, Rich, Young, Kapper and Carswell. In so doing they unanimously affirmed a recent decision by Supreme Court Justice Burt J. Humphrey sustaining the contention of Attorney-General Ward that running a corner in the stock market was illegal and a fraud under the Martin Act.

Coming Meeting of Governors of Investment Bankers Association of America at Absecon, N. J., Jan. 24-26 — Stock Market Collapse Viewed as Bringing About Healthier Investment Philosophy.

Optimism for increased general business activity and improved conditions in the bond market during 1930 is expected to pervade the discussions at the 68th meeting of the Board of Governors of the Investment Bankers Association of America, to be held at the Seaview Golf Club, Absecon, N. J., Jan. 24 to 26. About 40 officers and Governors, representing the larger investment centres of the United States and Canada, will attend. While this meeting will concern itself largely with matters relating to internal

affairs of the association, some expression designed to crystallize investment banking opinion bearing on the future of fixed-interest securities is looked for.

The late stock market collapse, investment bankers point out, has brought about a healthier investment philosophy, which is finding expression in a renewed appreciation of safety of principal and a very marked desire on the part of erstwhile prodigal investors to return to more conservative ways. Other factors interpreted optimistically are the fundamental soundness of investment banking houses, a predicted period of moderate and stable interest rates, and the continuing capacity of the general public to invest. The association adds:

While no one believes that investors will shun equities in the future, belief is general that this year's investment buying will be better balanced between stocks and bonds than for some time past, and that fixed-interest securities will be readily absorbed in a volume sufficient to meet all normal requirements, provided that offerings are not forced on the market in too great a volume.

Oliver J. Troster Re-elected President of Unlisted Securities Dealers Association.

Colonel Oliver J. Troster, of Hoyt, Rose & Troster, was re-elected President of the Unlisted Securities Dealers Association of New York at the annual meeting of the Association. Other officers elected were: Frank Y. Cannon of J. K. Rice Jr. & Co., First Vice-President; Charles E. Doyle, Second Vice-President; J. Roy Prosser, Secretary, and C. Lester Horn, Treasurer. In addition to these officers the following were elected Governors of the Association: S. W. Lawson of Lawson & Co.; Charles M. Kearns, of Kearns & Williams; Ralph Bristol, Bristol & Willett; Frank Charcot, Charcot & Morgan; H. Prescott Wells, Outwater & Wells; Henry Spielman, C. C. Kerr & Co., and H. D. McMillan, L. A. Norton & Co.

Seamen's Bank for Savings Reports Gain in Savings Accounts Since Stock Crash—Net Increase of 1,731 Depositors Since Nov. 1.

The Seamen's Bank for Savings of New York reports that since the recent stock market crash new accounts have been increasing much faster than the normal rate and that deposits also have been showing better than seasonal gains. From Nov. 1, up to and including Jan. 6, the Seamen's Bank had a net gain of 1,731 in accounts. Throughout the most serious stages of the stock market decline the Seamen's Bank was experiencing not only a slowing down in the normal increase in depositors but also was showing net losses in total deposits week after week. This was seen as reflecting the straits in which many savings banks depositors found themselves as a result of stock trading on too slim margins. On Nov. 26 the Seamen's Bank records began to show net gains in deposits. In October the bank showed a gain of 129 accounts. In November the net gain was 452 and in December 987. This last figure compares with a net gain of 799 accounts in December 1928. Up to and including Jan. 6, which embraced four business days, the Seamen's Bank reported 685 new accounts as compared with 552 in the same period of 1929. The net gain for that period was 292 accounts. Normally savings banks depositors withdraw substantial amounts during the first three or four days of the year, deposits being left intact until after the first so as to get credit for interest due at that time. This year withdrawals have been much smaller than usual. In fact, it is stated during the first four business days of this year the Seamen's Bank showed a net gain of \$172,900 as compared with a net loss of \$119,000 in the corresponding period of 1929. The conclusion reached by officers of the Bank is that depositors who were lured into stock market trading on a margin basis learned a lesson in the October-November crash and have resolved that a policy of steady savings bank deposits is a more certain road to financial independence.

Deposits in Savings Banks Soar—Gain Laid to Stock Market Slump.

From the New York "Evening Post" of Jan. 9, we take the following:

The spanking given the public by the stock market in October had a good effect and the "little" man is now trotting down to the savings bank with his surplus funds, instead of taking it to the stock broker.

This conclusion has been reached by the heads of the large savings banks, who have carefully studied the record of the last three months. There has been a large increase of depositors in all metropolitan savings banks and also in savings banks throughout the State since November. Savings bank officers state definitely that the public is out of Wall Street.

The Seamen's Bank for Savings reports a net increase of 1,731 depositors since November 1 and it attributes this to the slump.

The Bowery Savings Bank reports the unusual record of 1,394 new accounts since January 1, or in six business days. In November the Bowery gained 2,350 new accounts and in December 1,980 new accounts. This is ahead of January 1929.

The Franklin Society for Home Building and Savings reports an upward swing in December and January of this year. This bank's record for January so far as been ahead of last year.

The Savings Bank Association of the State of New York reports that from Oct. 5 to Dec. 6 savings banks in the State gained 18,505 new depositors. There was a big gain in December.

Savings banks have been worried by heavy withdrawals of deposits for two years or more. A great deal of the money was traced to the stock market.

After the crash, for several weeks, withdrawals were heavy while some depositors withdrew money to buy bargains in the Street. Then came a distinct upward swing which bank officials are expecting to increase as the year goes on.

A. G. Becker & Co. Find Most Factors Bearing on 1930 Business as Favorable.

A study of the general business situation with due regard to all elements involved and without giving to fluctuations in security prices an importance beyond what they deserve supplies evidence that conditions are not far below the average level of business activity in the last few years, A. G. Becker & Co. declare in an analysis of the business outlook for 1930 appearing in the current issue of their investment bulletin. Reference to the experience of the last eight years the bulletin notes, discloses two business recessions, the first in 1924 carrying industrial production down about 18% and the second in the latter half of 1927 responsible for a fall of about 12%. The bulletin adds:

It is generally felt that the maximum decline would be somewhere between that of 1924 and 1927. Such a decline would still leave total profits well above the dividend disbursements of 1929, thus making it possible for corporations to pay the same dividends as in 1929 without impairing surplus, if they chose to do so.

The bankers recognize the psychological factor as perhaps the most unfavorable one in the situation, general confidence in business having been shaken by the market crash. Continuing the bulletin says:

Despite the example of 1924 and 1927 when business recessions of severe character failed to disturb the steady flow of dividends, some people have taken a pessimistic view of the situation. Were this feeling to lead, on the one hand, to harsh retrenchment measures on the part of business, or, on the other, to sharply curtailed buying by the public, the consequences might prove serious.

That the latter condition has not, thus far, developed seems fairly well established by reports of mail order business and Christmas trade. Steps to anticipate the alternative danger were promptly taken by business leaders throughout the country, even while the stock market panic was still in progress. They sensibly directed attention to the fact that the country's business and banking structure had not been harmed. President Hoover's conferences further focused attention on this fact. It has been a test between the psychology of optimism and the psychology of pessimism, and the former seems at least to have held its own.

Most of the factors bearing on the probable course of business in 1930, the bankers regard as favorable, among these being easier credit with the prospect of money rates remaining well under the high levels of 1929; the reduction of brokers' loans; the soundness of the country's banking and financial structure; the reduction of taxes; the promise of large programs of physical expansion during 1930 by the country's major industries; industry at large in the strongest position in history; the modern practice of carrying small inventories, with business well prepared to meet any change in commodity prices that may develop; employment currently somewhat below normal but not a major problem; automobile manufacturers planning for a good year; satisfactory condition of mail order and department store business following market break; and fully as good prospects for farm income for 1930 as for 1929.

Responses to Questionnaire of Lawrence Stern & Co. Indicate that 97% of Investment Bankers Look for Improved Conditions in Bond Market.

That 97% of the investment bankers of the United States look forward to improved conditions in the bond market during 1930 and that 60% of such institutions have already enjoyed substantial increases in business, is indicated by a summary of replies to a questionnaire sent out by the Research Department of Lawrence Stern & Co., investment bankers of Chicago and New York, to more than 2,000 investment institutions throughout the United States. In making this known the company says:

Although the majority of security dealers foresee an active and rising bond market in 1930, the replies to the questionnaire indicate a belief in financial circles that the investment market in the future will be better balanced between stocks and bonds than heretofore. The majority believe that widespread public interest in investment stocks has become a permanent feature of the securities markets, but that, at the same time, there will be renewed and increasing interest in bonds.

The interesting period of transition following the stock market break of 1929 furnished the occasion for this survey conducted by the Research Department of Lawrence Stern & Co. It was believed that a cross section of the opinion of representative security dealers throughout the country

would be of real interest and importance in analyzing the present situation and in forecasting developments in 1930. Accordingly, a questionnaire was distributed among investment bankers in every State in the union. A large proportion of such firms sent in replies to the questions asked; and a summary of these replies furnishes a number of interesting commentaries on current conditions in the securities markets and on the outlook for 1930.

One of the interesting features brought out through this survey is the territorial distribution of the improvement in the bond market which has taken place since the stock market break. The brightest spot in the nation from the standpoint of the bond dealer—according to the replies tabulated—is found in New England, where nearly 33% of those reporting state that their business in bonds has increased 100%. Next to New England in percentage of improvement in bond sales is the South—particularly the Richmond and Atlanta Federal Reserve Districts. New York and the Pacific Coast report a fair measure of improvement; while a lesser degree is noted in the Chicago and St. Louis territories. The smallest percentages of improvement are shown in the Cleveland and Minneapolis Federal Reserve Districts.

Other highlights of the returns from the questionnaire include the following:

The majority of dealers believe that the higher grade domestic and high-yield foreign bonds will be the most active during 1930 and will show the greatest degree of improvement in price and demand.

The greatest factor in the present upward tendency of the bond market is a renewed appreciation of safety of principle rather than important reasons stressed are:—more attention to income, turn of capital from stocks to bonds, and temporary investments awaiting stock market stabilization.

Seventy-five per cent of those replying believe that the majority of investors are inclined to wait for evidence that we are actually in a strong bond market, rather than to invest now.

Public utility, municipal and railroad issues are favored as the classes which, investment bankers believe, will be most popular during 1930. As to the relative popularity of short-term and long-term maturities in the 1930 market, opinion is about equally divided. The majority of investment dealers foresee a stronger demand for bonds of the higher grade, with little attention paid to the medium grade and lower grade issues.

The majority of dealers report that the principal volume of present business is coming from individual investors who purchase in medium-sized amounts rather than from institutions. The next most important class among current buyers is the small individual investor.

Easy money received the largest vote as the factor which would be most effective in giving further impetus to the bond market. Many other dealers believed that a dull stock market would be most helpful to bonds, and there was frequent mention of the desirability of a continued curtailment of the volume of new offerings.

Fifty-two per cent of the security dealers believe that the bond market in 1930 will be good; 34% consider such prospects fair. 11% report a belief that the bond market will be excellent. 3% report a pessimistic attitude and look for a poor bond market.

More than 40% of the replies state the belief that investors in stocks during 1930 will pay primary attention to actual yield, rather than to earnings. This indicates a swing in the direction of conservatism, since during the recent era of stock speculation the factor of income return was almost entirely ignored.

An increased demand for preferred stocks is predicted by 60% of the security dealers, and more than 75% anticipate an increased demand for bonds with conversion or stock purchase privileges.

About 75% of the firms canvassed have handled common stocks during the past few years. Of these, 69% report that their experience in selling common stocks has been satisfactory; while the remaining 31% indicate dissatisfaction with this class of business. A few who dealt in common stocks during recent years state that they will discontinue this business, but by far the greater majority indicate that they will continue to handle stocks.

Another interesting opinion expressed by investment bankers in their replies to the questionnaire is that a general rule for measuring the average price of common stocks of strong and well-managed corporations during the coming year will be about 12½ times the earnings per share. This is substantially lower than the average price ratio which prevailed during the recent bull market, but also higher than the old rule of "10 times annual earnings" which was widely applied in former years.

"While a considerable part of the findings obtained through this survey," says Lawrence Stern & Co. in concluding the report, "represent merely a confirmation of factors that are already well established and generally understood—it is believed that the definite expression of these opinions by representative dealers throughout the nation is of real interest and value. Furthermore, in many cases the opinions expressed differ somewhat from the generally accepted viewpoint; and in such instances we believe the results from the questionnaire constitute a valuable and thought-provoking contribution to current discussion of conditions in the securities markets."

Commercial Paper Market Enjoying Distinct Revival—Amount Outstanding Rises Above \$300,000,000, Dealers Say.

A substantial revival of the market for commercial paper says the New York "Journal of Commerce" in its issue of Jan. 7, is looked for within the next few months, which will restore to this type of credit instrument some measure of its former importance in the money market. Large commercial paper houses report that the total volume of such paper outstanding at the present time is well above \$300,000,000, which compared with \$267,000,000 outstanding last July, when the commercial paper market was at low ebb and the volume outstanding smaller than for many years. The account goes on to say:

The collapse of the stock market has benefited the commercial paper market powerfully in two ways. It has removed the competition of the high call money rate, which had made banks less willing to purchase such paper, and it has made corporations more eager to finance by this expedient. When stock prices were at a very high level corporations found it cheaper to finance their capital needs by selling additional stock at inflated prices, rather than to issue commercial paper.

Rate Differential.

The commercial paper rate for best names is now at approximately 5%, which is 1½% above the acceptance rate. This differential is regarded by commercial paper dealers as being larger than normal, since the usual difference before the disorganization of the market in 1928 was one-half to three-quarters of 1%. For names not so well known the current rate is from 5% to 5½%. Note brokers feel that the differential from the acceptance rate will tend to decline further, despite the special advantage possessed

by bankers' acceptances as a result of liberal purchases of them by reserve banks and foreign central banks. The commercial paper market is more dependent on its own resources.

The market for commercial paper, which consists of unsecured promissory notes sold to note brokers, is found almost entirely among commercial banks. For this reason when call money rates rose to fanciful figures before the deflation on the stock exchange the demand for this kind of paper fell off sharply.

Extent of Decline.

At the high water mark in 1920 there was outstanding approximately \$1,200,000,000 in commercial paper. The volume of outstanding notes thereafter declined steadily, dropping to about \$600,000,000 in 1927 before the period of high call money rates. The decline continued at an accelerated pace thereafter, until last summer the amount outstanding dropped below \$300,000,000. A cumulative improvement has set in during the past few weeks.

Industries which have benefited to a large extent from the use of commercial paper are textiles, foodstuffs, rubber tires, shoes and hardware. Middle-sized and relatively smaller concerns have often found this a desirable means of financing their credit requirements, and they were hit harder than the large corporations when the rise in call money rates greatly curtailed the commercial paper market and made security issues the chief reliance in corporate financing.

Dun's Report of Banking Suspensions.

The record of banking suspensions in the United States during 1929 affords a contrast to the smaller totals of commercial defaults. After two consecutive years of decline, banking and other fiduciary failures increased in 1929, both in point of number and amount of liabilities. Thus, data compiled by R. G. Dun & Co. show 437 of these suspensions, against 372 in 1928, and last year's indebtedness rose to \$218,796,582, from \$129,649,605 in the earlier period. The number in 1929 was, therefore, higher by 17.5%, while the expansion in the liabilities was fully 69%.

When the returns are examined by geographical sections it is seen that no banking failures were reported for New England last year, compared with 2 in 1928; that is the only instance in which numerical improvement occurred. For other groups of States, the increases ranged from three each in the Western and Pacific Coast divisions to 28 in the South Atlantic section. The totals of indebtedness were sharply higher during 1929 in the Middle Atlantic States, South Atlantic group, Central East, Central West, Western, and Pacific Coast States. Only in the South Central division was there a decrease, the reduction being about \$3,000,000.

A comparison of banking suspensions is made by sections for the past three years:

Section.	Number.			Liabilities 1929.
	1929.	1928.	1927.	
New England.....	—	2	—	—
Middle Atlantic.....	9	4	3	\$19,428,370
South Atlantic.....	104	76	45	83,166,590
South Central.....	45	39	64	13,500,400
Central East.....	46	35	43	22,511,139
Central West.....	211	200	106	60,551,299
Western.....	12	9	17	6,123,600
Pacific.....	10	7	25	13,515,184
United States.....	437	372	393	\$218,796,582
1928.....	372	—	—	129,649,605
1927.....	393	—	—	143,449,246

Analysis of Earning Assets of Chicago Banks by University of Illinois—Steady Increase in Outstanding Loans of Largest Chicago National Banks Since 1913.

In "An Analysis of Earning Assets of Chicago Banks," published by the Bureau of Business Research of the University of Illinois, the earning assets of banks fall into two groups, loans and investments. An analysis of these shows how the funds of the money market are employed. In the middle of 1913 the loans and investments of Chicago banks (National and States) aggregated approximately 852 millions; by the close of 1928 they had expanded to 2,764 millions—an increase of 224%. The results of the survey are further indicated as follows:

The group of the largest Chicago National Banks, known as the Central Reserve City Banks, showed a steady increase in outstanding loans during the 16 years studied; their security holdings, on the other hand, took a fluctuating course, rising very rapidly in 1917 and 1918 as the banks absorbed Government bonds, then declining until the middle of 1921. Since 1922 there has been a tendency for investments of these banks to expand more rapidly than loans. Investments have not constituted more than 25% of the total earning assets since 1913, and for most of the period considerably less than this figure; for example, since 1922 security holdings have averaged not far from 15% of the total income-yielding assets.

When the loans of the large Chicago National banks are divided into security loans, commercial loans, and all other loans, it is found that there has been a marked tendency for loans secured by stocks and bonds to increase relative to ordinary commercial loans, particularly since 1922. June 30 1922 the former class of loans comprised not quite 30% of the aggregate; by the middle of 1928 they had advanced to almost 46%. Practically the same tendency is to be observed in the data of the New York banks, although these banks regularly show a higher position for security loans than do the Chicago institutions. It is interesting to observe that

when the loans of the Chicago banks are grouped as to demand and time loans, the former have shown a notable advance since the middle of 1918— from a position of approximately 20% of all loans to one of almost 40% by June 30 1928. During these ten years call loans have tended to occupy a relatively higher position than those reported by the New York banks. There has been a tendency since 1923 for the large National banks in Chicago to report a larger portion of their loans eligible for rediscount at the Federal Reserve Bank than in the case of the New York institutions. However, the banks in both cities have shown a marked decline in the proportion of their paper which carries the eligibility quality during the past six years. This tendency has been a common one throughout the country as a whole.

An analysis of the year-to-year movement of investments, on the one hand, and of time deposits, on the other, showed very slight correlation during the period studied; that is, there has been a tendency for Chicago and New York banks to make adjustments in their security holdings quite irrespective of the trend in the type of their deposit liability. It is to be noted, however, that in the case of the large Nationals in Chicago during the past few years the relative positions of both investments and time deposits have moved upward. Since 1924 there has been a very pronounced tendency particularly for the time deposits of these banks to expand relative to demand deposits.

Much the same movement took place in the earning assets of the State-chartered banks of Chicago as in that of the Nationals. The former institutions during the 16 years studied, however, consistently showed a higher position for security holdings than did the National banks. As for loans, the State banks reported a considerably larger portion of their accommodations to borrowers with collateral of stocks and bonds than the latter institutions. Again, when the investment account of the State institutions is analyzed, it is found that United States Government securities occupied a much lower position relative to the aggregate securities than in the case of the National banks.

When all of the banks in Chicago are considered, it is to be noted that there has been a tendency, although not an unbroken one, for the ratios of earning assets to total resources to increase. For example, in 1913 of the average \$100 of resources, \$71.60 were income-yielding; in 1928, \$79.70 of every \$100 were earning assets.

Commission to Manage Bank of North Dakota.

Bismarck (N. D.) advices Dec. 27 published in the "United States Daily" stated:

Members of the State Industrial Commission hereafter will sit as the active board of directors of the Bank of North Dakota, it was decided at a recent conference of Commission members.

Action was taken to relieve C. R. Green, Manager and Director General, from the necessity of having to consider the Bank's affairs during his illness.

Mr. Green is slowly recovering from a recent stroke. His mind is clear, but he is suffering great pain. To relieve his mind of business cares, Governor George F. Shafer ordered P. H. Butler, Acting Bank Manager, to stop bothering Mr. Green with the bank's business affairs, but to bring them instead to the Industrial Commission.

When Mr. Green was on the job he had full authority, and the Industrial Commission did not deem it necessary to keep in as close touch with the Bank as is necessary, now that he is ill, the Governor said.

Plan Allowing Life Insurance Companies To Invest in Common Stocks Abandoned—Superintendent Conway Says Question Is Dead—Insurance Executives Find Recent Market Experiences Discourages Such Plans.

In its issue of Jan. 8 the New York "Journal of Commerce" stated that plans announced during the recent stock market panic to make common stocks legal for investment by life insurance companies have been tabled indefinitely, it is indicated by Superintendent of Insurance Albert Conway and heads of life insurance companies consulted. The account in the "Journal of Commerce" goes on to say:

This plan was given wide publicity in the early stages of the break in stock prices when at Gov. Roosevelt's suggestion heads of the leading insurance companies were called together to consider changes in the law to permit purchase of investment stocks by these companies.

Mr. Conway states that no bill to permit insurance companies to buy common stocks has been drafted. Asked whether he still believed that life companies should be permitted to purchase common stocks under suitable restrictions, he said that he saw no reason for such discussion at this time.

The new session of the State Legislature would not be asked to consider this matter, it was said. Gov. Roosevelt's message contained no reference to it.

The feeling among other life insurance executives was that the experience of the recent stock market panic indicates that the stability of common stocks had been overestimated and that life insurance companies had better keep to the old investment restrictions, which results in the investment of the great bulk of their resources in real estate mortgages and Government and corporation bonds. Since 1927 they have been able to buy investment preferred stocks under certain restrictions, and many executives feel that gives them latitude enough in the purchase of securities.

Frederick H. Ecker, President of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., said when asked about his attitude on the subject yesterday:

"I do not think such action is necessary."
Insurance leaders have been importuned by several economists and financial experts, it was pointed out yesterday, to invest part of their resources in common stocks in order to avoid adverse effects from fluctuations in the purchasing power of the dollar. However, the fluctuations of the stock market have proved so much greater relatively, one executive pointed out, that they were quite willing to take the risk of keeping their funds in mortgages and high-grade bonds.

Permission to life insurance companies to purchase common stocks was suggested on Oct. 29 at a special meeting of life insurance company executives by State Superintendent of Insurance Albert Conway. The meeting was held during the stock market panic, and at the time was given serious attention in view of the fact that the combined assets of the companies that would be affected totaled \$13,750,000,000. Following the meeting, Mr. Conway had declared in an official report of what had taken place:

"I stated to them that I would recommend to the next Legislature of New York an amendment to the statute to permit the purchase of leading common stocks of the country by life insurance companies for investment purposes."

Gross Earnings of Federal Reserve Banks in 1929 Reached \$70,955,000—Increase of \$6,900,000 Over 1928 Earnings.

Announcement was made by the Federal Reserve Board on Jan. 3 that the gross earnings of the Federal Reserve Banks in 1929 totaled \$70,955,000—or \$6,900,000 over the 1928 earnings. The Board's announcement follows:

Gross earnings of the 12 Federal reserve Banks for 1929 amounted to \$70,955,000, or about \$6,900,000 more than for 1928, and current expenses to \$29,690,000, or about \$2,785,000 more than for 1928. After providing the necessary reserves for depreciation, losses, &c., the Federal Reserve Banks had net earnings of \$36,403,000. Of this amount \$9,584,000 was paid as dividends to member banks, \$4,283,230.96 was paid to the United States Treasury as a franchise tax, and the remaining \$22,536,000 was transferred to surplus account.

Seven Federal Reserve Banks—Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kansas City, and Dallas—paid a franchise tax to the United States Treasury. All net earnings of the five other Reserve Banks remaining after the payment of dividends were transferred to their surplus accounts as required by law, the surplus accounts of none of these Banks at the end of the year being in excess of subscribed capital. The total subscribed capital of the 12 Federal Reserve Banks on Jan. 1 1930 amounted to \$341,951,000, and the total surplus to \$276,934,000.

Full details as to the disposition of the gross earnings of each Federal Reserve Bank will appear in the forthcoming annual report of the Federal Reserve Board.

Re-election of Officers of Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis and Branches.

According to announcement of Rolla Wells, Chairman of the Board of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, at a meeting on Jan. 3, the directors re-elected the following officers for the year 1930:

Parent bank at St. Louis—Wm. McC. Martin, Governor; Olin M. Attebery, Deputy Governor; Jas. G. McConkey, Secretary and Counsel; A. H. Hail, S. F. Gilmore, F. N. Hall, C. A. Schacht, and G. O. Holocheer, Controllers; E. J. Novy, General Auditor, and A. E. Debrecht and L. A. Moore, Assistant Auditors.

Louisville Branch—W. P. Kincheloe, Managing Director; John T. Moore, Cashier, and Earl R. Muir, Assistant Cashier.

Memphis Branch—W. H. Glasgow, Managing Director; S. K. Belcher, Cashier, and C. E. Martin, Assistant Cashier.

Little Rock Branch—A. F. Bailey, Managing Director; M. H. Long, Cashier, and Clifford Wood, Assistant Cashier.

Walter W. Smith, St. Louis, has been re-elected to represent the Eighth Federal Reserve District in the Federal Advisory Council.

C. M. Stewart has been reappointed Assistant Federal Reserve Agent and Secretary pro tem. L. H. Bailey and W. L. Gregory have been appointed Acting Assistant Federal Reserve Agents.

Annual Statement of Federal Reserve Bank of New York—Gross Earnings in 1929 Exceed Those for Previous Year.

The total earnings of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in the calendar year 1929 are shown as \$19,314,279 in the 15th annual statement of the bank, made public Jan. 9. For the previous year the bank reported gross earnings of \$18,483,042. The net income in the late year was \$12,263,224, this comparing with \$11,018,433 in 1928. Out of its net earnings the Bank paid in dividends to member banks, at the rate of 6% on the paid in capital, \$3,544,314, and added to its surplus the sum of \$8,718,910. Noting that under the law, the Reserve Banks are required to pay to the Government as a franchise tax, any income remaining after paying dividends and making additions to surplus, the bank states that "no balance remained for such payments in 1929 or 1928." The Bank's profit and loss account for the two years follows:

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE CALENDAR YEARS 1929 AND 1928		
	1929.	1928.
<i>Earnings—</i>		
From loans to member banks & paper disc. for them	\$12,492,641.58	\$12,210,526.66
From acceptances owned	3,522,642.34	3,482,645.63
From United States Govt. obligations owned	2,459,162.69	2,421,172.24
Other earnings	839,832.62	368,694.55
Total earnings	\$19,314,279.23	\$18,483,042.08
<i>Additions to Earnings—</i>		
For sundry additions to earnings, including income from Annex building	546,927.82	97,168.96
<i>Deductions from Earnings—</i>		
For current bank operation. (These figures include most of the expenses incurred as fiscal agent of the United States)	\$6,313,909.95	\$6,192,386.68
For Federal Res. currency, mainly the cost of printing new notes to replace worn notes in circulation, and to maintain supplies unissued and on hand, and the cost of redemption	738,555.41	251,878.14
For deprec., self-insurance, other res., losses, &c.	545,518.11	1,117,513.57
Total deductions from earnings	\$7,597,983.47	\$7,561,778.39
Net income avail. for divs., addns. to surplus, & payment to the United States Government	\$12,263,223.58	\$11,018,432.65
<i>Distribution of Net Income—</i>		
In divs. paid to member banks, at the rate of 6% on paid-in capital	\$3,544,314.09	\$2,743,724.61
In addns. to surplus—The bank is required by law to accumulate out of net earnings, after paym. of divs. a surp. amounting to 100% of the subs. cap. & after such surp. has been accum. to pay into surp. each year 10% of the net inc. remaining after paying dividends	8,718,909.49	8,274,708.04
Any net inc. remaining after paying divs. & making addns. to surplus (as above) is paid to the U. S. Govt. as a franchise tax. No balance remained for such payments in 1929 or 1928.		
Total net income distributed	\$12,263,223.58	\$11,018,432.65

In submitting the above, the Bank also makes available the following data:

EARNINGS BY MONTHS.

The following figures show in comparison the gross earnings of the Bank by months for the years 1929 and 1928:

	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
January	\$1,824,933.96	\$1,039,631.08	August	\$1,887,174.26
February	1,248,163.69	867,890.86	September	1,800,434.28
March	1,384,447.34	999,249.28	October	1,453,791.83
April	1,344,820.13	1,165,227.13	November	1,580,613.63
May	1,271,806.96	1,423,236.24	December	2,128,042.38
June	1,409,135.64	1,752,645.84		2,246,437.86
July	1,980,915.13	1,784,315.68		
				\$19,314,279.23
				\$18,483,042.08

RATIO OF NET EARNINGS.

	1929.	1928.
Per cent earned on capital paid in	20.7	24.1
Per cent earned on capital and surplus	9.4	10.1
Per cent earned on capital, surplus and deposits	1.1	1.1

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT SHOWING VOLUME OF OPERATIONS.

The following table presents in comparative form for the past three years the volume of the principal operations of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which are of such character that they can be expressed in quantitative terms. At the close of business Dec. 31 1929 the total personnel of the Bank, including the Buffalo Branch numbered 2,451.

Supplying Currency and Coin—	1929.	1928.	1927.
Currency paid out, received or redeemed:			
Individual notes counted	709,940,000	666,298,000	640,967,000
Dollar amt. paid & received	\$10,206,866,000	\$8,866,402,000	\$8,386,293,000
Coin paid out or received, a service previously performed largely by the Sub-Treasury, but now entirely in the hands of the Fed. Res. Bank:			
Individual coins received	1,574,002,000	1,341,373,000	11,89,801,000
Tons of coin rec'd during year	8,685	7,352	6,458
Currency and coin shipments, number of shipments to and from out-of-town banks during the year and investments	320,578	303,160	284,288
Making Loans and Investments—			
Bills discounted for member banks, either discounted customers' paper or advances against the notes of member banks secured by collateral in the form of Government securities or commercial or agricultural paper:			
Number of bills discounted	49,705	38,056	31,024
Dollar amount	\$23,602,022,000	\$24,791,838,000	\$13,854,347,000
Acceptances and Government obligations purchased for the account of this Bank and other Fed. Res. Banks:			
Dollar amount	\$5,353,414,000	\$6,445,726,000	\$7,403,868,000
Collecting Checks, Drafts, Notes and Coupons—			
Cash items, mostly checks, handled for collection for banks in all parts of the country:			
Number of items	190,373,000	177,349,000	168,724,000
Dollar amount	\$156,641,846,000	\$115,190,618,000	\$100,206,587,000
Non-cash items, handled for collection, including drafts, notes and coupons:			
Number of items	2,600,000	2,615,000	2,259,000
Dollar amount	\$2,683,627,000	\$2,803,037,000	\$2,388,753,000
Supplementary Services—			
Securities held in safekeeping for the U. S. Government, the War Finance Corporation and others:			
Average dollar amount	\$804,299,000	\$1,142,075,000	\$1,357,900,000
Acceptances and other securities bought or sold for member banks and foreign banks:			
Dollar amount	\$2,247,257,000	\$1,931,081,000	\$1,674,324,000
Funds transferred by telegraph to and from all parts of the country for the Treasury Department and member banks:			
Number of transfers	445,000	402,000	355,000
Dollar amount	\$67,426,244,000	\$55,469,947,000	\$50,898,108,000
Services in Connection with Govt. Loans—			
U. S. Govt. securities issued, redeemed or exchanged, incl. Govt. bonds, notes and certificates of indebtedness:			
Number of items	565,000	1,504,000	2,196,000
Dollar amount	\$3,286,509,000	\$3,985,049,000	\$5,219,626,000
Coupons paid on Govt. securities:			
Number of coupons	5,567,188	7,602,000	9,931,000
Dollar amount	\$237,610,000	\$250,025,000	\$250,622,000

(In addition to these operations for the Treasury, the Bank performed other work for the Government connected with the currency, the collection of checks, the custody, purchase and sale of securities, the transfer of funds, &c., which have been referred to under their respective headings.)

Federal Reserve Board's Ruling as to Liability Incurred by Member Bank in Purchasing Federal Reserve Exchange.

According to a ruling just announced by the Federal Reserve Board, transactions involving purchase of Federal Reserve funds or exchange by member banks should be treated as a loan. The ruling was made public as follows on Jan. 6 by the New York Federal Reserve Bank:

The following ruling by the Federal Reserve Board with respect to the purchase and sale of Federal Reserve funds or exchange and the manner in which such transactions are to be treated is set forth at length for the information of member banks:

"In a ruling published in the Federal Reserve 'Bulletin' for September 1928, at page 656, the Federal Reserve Board held that the liability incurred by a member bank through the issuance of its cashier's check for Federal Reserve exchange purchased, should be treated as a liability for money borrowed rather than as a deposit liability. The facts of the transaction which were under consideration by the Board at that time were described as follows:

"A member bank which is temporarily short in its reserves arranges with another member bank having a temporary excess in reserves for the use of a stipulated amount of Federal Reserve credit, for one day or more, as may be agreed upon. The bank purchasing the credit either gives its cashier's check to the selling bank, to be held for one day or more, as the case may be, or, dispensing with the formality of issuing a cashier's check, authorizes the selling bank to clear a ticket for the amount through the clearing house settlement on the day agreed upon, and the selling bank

either gives its draft on the Federal Reserve Bank to the buying bank or arranges with the Federal Reserve Bank to transfer on the Federal Reserve Bank's books the stipulated amount from the account of the selling bank to the account of the buying bank.

"It now appears that, while Federal Reserve exchange is frequently purchased and sold in accordance with the method above described, this practice is not universally followed and it often happens that a member bank purchases Federal Reserve funds from another member bank through the method of book entries, wire transfers or otherwise. The question has been presented to the Board as to how such transactions should be regarded in cases where the purchase and sale of Federal Reserve exchange is accomplished by some method other than that described in its 1928 ruling.

"After considering this question the Board is of the opinion that all such transactions should be classified in accordance with the purpose to be effected and the principles involved rather than in accordance with the mechanics of their accomplishment. Transactions of this kind are manifestly temporary loans negotiated for the purpose of avoiding the necessity of rediscounting with the Federal Reserve Bank or showing a deficiency in reserves. The Board rules, therefore, that in every such transaction whether effected by check, book entries, wire transfers or otherwise, and regardless of the method of repayment, the purchasing member bank should show its resulting liability to the selling member bank as money borrowed and the selling member bank should treat the transaction as a loan made. In using the Board's Form 105 for report of condition, the purchasing member bank should show the liability incurred in any such transaction under 'bills payable and rediscounts' and the selling member bank should enter the amount of the transaction under 'loans and discounts'."

GEORGE L. HARRISON,
Governor.

Representative McFadden Proposes Hearing on Banking Legislative Needs.

Paving the way for a complete Congressional inquiry into the needs for new legislation affecting all phases of the country's banking system, Representative Louis T. McFadden, Chairman of the Committee on Banking and Currency indicated on Jan. 6 that he would seek permission of the House of Representatives for his committee to invite administration heads and others to testify on the subject. The Washington correspondent of the New York 'Journal of Commerce' in reporting this Jan. 6, said:

This move was revealed to-day when the Banking and Currency Committee adopted a motion authorizing Chairman McFadden to secure such permission, in the course of the Committee's organization meeting held this morning. The motion provides that the Committee be permitted to sit during the regular sessions of the House if any hearings might be found necessary. The Committee adjourned to meet at 10.30 a. m. Wednesday to consider several bills of a non-controversial nature and to hear, in explanation of these measures, Governor Roy A. Young of the Federal Reserve Board.

From the same source it is learned that on Jan. 7 House leaders took under consideration the request of the Banking and Currency Committee to conduct a complete inquiry into the needs for new legislation affecting all phases of the country's banking system and their permission is expected within a week or so. In its account from Washington, Jan. 7 the 'Journal of Commerce' added:

The Committee's proposal, agreed upon yesterday at an organization meeting, was this morning submitted to Speaker of the House, Longworth and Representative Snell of New York, Chairman of the Rules Committee, by Chairman Louis T. McFadden of Pennsylvania. Longworth and Snell desire to survey the legislative program in the House before acting on the proposed banking study.

Study Law Carefully.

Chairman McFadden indicated confidence that the inquiry would be authorized in time to invite as the first witness before the Committee within the next two weeks, Comptroller of the Currency J. W. Pole, whose bureau would be enlarged under the bill introduced yesterday by the Committee head. Although he was non-committal as to the exact scope of the proposed investigation, McFadden indicated that his measure would serve as a vehicle for the banking probe.

Failure of the House leaders to give immediate approval to the powerful Banking and Currency Committee's plans was not regarded by advocates of the banking survey as indicating objection to the inquiry on the part of the Administration. On the other hand, it was pointed out that President Hoover in his message to Congress expressed a desire that the legislative branches of the Government should consider the revision of some portions of the banking law. However, it is felt that the House leaders wish first to carefully scrutinize the Committee's plans for authorizing the investigation, the same course that they followed in the proposal of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee to conduct an inquiry into that phase of railroad legislation affecting the holding companies. In the latter case the scope of the inquiry was understood to have been modified at the suggestion of the House leaders so as to embrace only holding companies affecting transportation instead of the Committee's original proposal to investigate holding companies of all public utilities.

Program Believed Acceptable.

But the Banking and Currency Committee's program, upon cursory examination, is generally held to be acceptable to the Administration in as much as it coincides in effect with the recommendations made by the President in his message. For instance, it was pointed out that Mr. Hoover held that the question of banking legislation needs require careful investigation, and members of the Committee contended such is their purpose. Another similarity between the Committee's plan and that recommended by the President is to have appropriate Government officials take part in the inquiry. As to his suggestion that creation of a joint commission embracing members of Congress and other appropriate officials might be found advantageous, the President now is understood to be satisfied that the House Committee's machinery offers ample facilities for conducting the banking study.

At the Banking and Currency Committee's meeting to-morrow three bills dealing with banking legislation will be considered. Two of these bills are measures already passed by the Senate and regarded as non-controversial, both having been requested by the Federal Reserve Board. One of them authorizes the cancellation of Federal Reserve Bank stock held by member

banks which have ceased to function in certain cases and the other measure provides for the waiver of notice by State member banks of withdrawal from Federal Reserve system.

In its Washington advices Jan. 6, the "Journal of Commerce" stated:

Secretary Mellon was called upon at the Treasury shortly after the committee's action was taken by Representative Franklin W. Fort (Rep.) of New Jersey, who to-day [Jan. 6] attended his first meeting of the Banking and Currency Committee along with the three other new members, Representatives Pratt of New York, Golder of Pennsylvania, Seiberling of Ohio, Republicans, and Busby of Mississippi, Democrat.

Offers Branch Bank Bill.

Other developments during the day in connection with banking legislation at this session embraced the following:

Introduction by Chairman McFadden of a bill enlarging the scope of the examining functions of the Bureau of the Comptroller of the Currency so as to transfer to that bureau the examining functions heretofore performed by the Federal Reserve Board or banks. It further provides for periodical examination of each of the 12 Reserve banks and their branches.

Introduction by Representative C. L. Beedy (Rep.) of Maine, and a member of the Banking and Currency Committee, a bill authorizing national banks to establish or acquire branches within the limits of the respective Federal Reserve districts. It provides that State banks may be members of the Reserve system without reference to the geographical area in which they may establish branches. It also provides that every corporation which may own or control the majority of the stock of more than one National or State member banks shall be subject to the visitatorial powers of the Comptroller of the Currency.

Passage by the Senate of a bill which has as its object the speeding up of settlements to shareholders following failure of a banking institution. Existing law provides for a compromise between the receiver and the shareholders only after a judgment of the court, and Senator George (Dem.) of Georgia, author of the measure, explained that its purpose was to allow receivers of a National banking association, with the approval of the Comptroller of the Currency and upon an order of court of records to compromise, either before or after judgment, the individual liability of any shareholder.

Introduction by Senator Brookhart (Rep.) of Iowa of two bills dealing with bank legislation. One proposes to make it a felony to sell short the stock of any corporation or any agricultural commodity for future delivery in interstate or foreign commerce, and the other provides for the licensing by the Federal Trade Commission of corporations engaged in interstate or foreign commerce. The former measure proposes a fine of \$5,000 or imprisonment of not more than two years, or both.

Revision Faces Obstacles.

While no indication was given at the Treasury as to the purpose of Representative Fort's call upon Secretary Mellon beyond the fact that the visit immediately followed the Banking and Currency Committee session, officials warned that any further legislation to extend national bank branches should be approached with caution and careful study. Many obstacles are presented to any plan of branch bank extension, according to Treasury officials in commenting on the coming banking fight in Congress.

Most officials, including Comptroller of the Currency J. W. Pole, agreed that the extension of National bank branches within economic areas, surrounding the city of the parent bank seems the most logical plan.

The proposal to extend bank branches within State lines was opposed on the ground that State lines do not constitute always the service area of a bank. It was pointed out furthermore that many economic areas would include more than one State. Objection to extension within Federal Reserve districts likewise was held objectionable.

In discussing the economic areas, one official said that some would be large, including several States, and that others would be small. For instance, it was pointed out the service area of a New York bank would include Jersey City, Newark, and some other territory besides New York City.

The service area of banks in Minneapolis and St. Paul would take in Minnesota and South Dakota and probably other adjoining States. That of Pittsburgh would include a strip of eastern Ohio to Steubenville, the Wheeling section and western Pennsylvania.

Representative McFadden Introduces Bill Transferring Examining Functions of Federal Reserve Board to Comptroller of Currency—Provision Respecting Distribution of Earnings of Reserve Banks.

Representative L. T. McFadden, Chairman of the House Committee on Banking and Currency, introduced in the House on Jan. 6 a bill enlarging the scope of the examining functions of the Bureau of the Comptroller of the Currency which transfers to the Comptroller of the Currency the examining functions heretofore performed by the Federal Reserve Board or banks. In a statement explaining the provisions of the bill, Representative McFadden said:

It further provides for periodical examination of each of the 12 Federal Reserve Banks and their branches; for the examination of all member banks, including National and State banks and affiliated companies; and that the cost of each such examination shall be paid by the Federal Reserve Banks to the Comptroller of the Currency upon the first day of the month following the month in which the examination was made. It also provides that if, in the judgment of the Federal Reserve Board, special examinations of any one bank or affiliated company may be advisable, the Comptroller of the Currency shall make such examination.

The bill also provides for an amendment to Subdivision "K" of Section 11 of the Federal Reserve Act, relating to the granting of permits to National Banks to act in a fiduciary capacity by giving the Comptroller of the Currency complete authority as to the granting of fiduciary powers under this particular section of the Act; whereas, at the present time joint authority to the Federal Reserve Board and the Comptroller of the Currency causes many complications. This amendment is intended to correct this situation.

The bill also provides for the publishing of financial statements of affiliated companies in the same manner that reports are now published by the banks.

Another provision of the bill would permit a further distribution of the balance of the net earnings of the 12 Federal Reserve Banks to certain stock holding member banks, whose legal reserve requirements are under \$500,000, by providing, after a surplus of each of the banks has been created in accordance with the present law and after 10% of the net

earnings, less the present 6% dividend, has been set aside to surplus, that the balance of the then net earnings shall be distributed among those member banks in proportion to their legal reserves on deposit with the Federal Reserve Banks. This provision in the bill is intended to benefit the country banks who are not, because of their isolated location, in a position to obtain the benefits from the Federal Reserve Banks that those larger banks do that exist in closer proximity to the Federal Reserve Banks. An observance of the operations of the Federal Reserve System indicates the disadvantage under which the isolated or country bank is operating as compared to the city banks or those institutions in immediate access to the 12 Federal Reserve Banks and their branches.

Mr. McFadden stated that he feels that the change in the method of examination of member banks as proposed in this bill is of the utmost importance. He stated further than the changed trends and methods of operating banks under present conditions demand the highest type of examinations possible. He realizes in this connection that this means an enlargement of the functions of the office of the Comptroller of the Currency to meet the responsibility of these changes. He believes that more attention should be given to the strengthening of the examining forces now that the added responsibilities are placed upon the Comptroller of the Currency through the present trend of development of chain ownership, group banking, branch banking and holding company banking, and the large concentration through consolidation of banking units; and he believes in relieving the member banks of the expense and burden of the cost of the present examinations and suggests that it tends to more independence when this burden is transferred to the 12 Federal Reserve Banks and is paid for out of their earnings.

The text of the bill follows:

H. R. 7966.

A BILL

Authorizing the Comptroller of the Currency to examine each Federal Reserve Bank and every member bank and affiliated corporation of such bank, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Section 5240 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (United States Code, Title 12, Sections 481-485), is amended to read as follows:

"Section 5240. (a) The Comptroller of the Currency, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, shall appoint examiners who shall examine each Federal Reserve Bank and every member bank and affiliated corporation of such member bank at least twice in each calendar year, and at such other times as may be considered necessary: *Provided, however,* That the Comptroller may at any time direct the holding of a special examination of a member bank and affiliated corporation of such bank. The examiner making the examination of any Federal Reserve Bank or of any member bank or affiliated corporation of such bank shall have power to make a thorough examination of all the affairs of the bank or affiliated corporation, and in so doing he shall have power to administer oaths and to examine any of the officers and agents thereof under oath and shall make a full and detailed report of the condition of said bank and affiliated corporation to the Comptroller of the Currency.

"The Secretary of the Treasury, upon the recommendation of the Comptroller of the Currency, shall fix the salaries of all bank examiners and make report thereof to Congress. The expenses of examinations herein provided for shall be assessed by the Comptroller of the Currency upon the Federal Reserve Bank of the district wherein the examinations are made, in proportion to the assets or resources held by the banks examined upon the date of examination. The cost of each such examination shall be paid by the Federal Reserve Bank to the Comptroller of the Currency upon the first day of the month following the month in which the examination was made.

"Upon request of a Federal Reserve Bank the Comptroller of the Currency may provide for special examination of any member bank within its district or any affiliated corporation of such bank. The expense of such examinations shall be borne by the Federal Reserve Bank. Such examinations shall be so conducted as to inform the Federal Reserve Bank of the condition of its member banks and of the lines of credit which are being extended by them. Every Federal Reserve Bank shall at all times furnish to the Comptroller of the Currency such information as may be demanded concerning the condition of any member bank within the district of the said Federal Reserve Bank.

"No bank shall be subject to any visitatorial powers other than such as are authorized by law, or vested in the courts of justice or such as shall be or shall have been exercised or directed by Congress, or by either House thereof or by any committee of Congress or of either House duly authorized.

"Upon joint application of ten member banks the Comptroller of the Currency shall order a special examination and report of the condition of any Federal Reserve Bank.

"(b) As used in this section, the terms 'bank' and 'member bank' have the meaning assigned to such terms in Section 1 of the Federal Reserve Act.

"(c) As used in this Section, the term 'affiliated corporation' means any corporation within an affiliated group of corporations of which at least one is a member bank. For the purposes of this definition, the term 'affiliated group' means one or more chains of corporations connected through stock ownership with a common parent corporation if—

"(1) At least 25% of the stock of each of the corporations (except the common parent corporation) is owned or controlled by one or more of the other corporations; and

"(2) The common parent corporation owns or controls at least 25% of the stock of at least one of the other corporations. As used in this subdivision the term 'stock' does not include non-voting stock which is limited and preferred as to dividends."

Section 2. (a) In addition to the authority to make examinations conferred upon the Comptroller of the Currency by Section 1 of this Act or other provisions of law, all authority conferred by existing law upon the Federal Reserve Board or any Federal Reserve Bank to make or approve examinations of any member bank or bank applying for membership in the Federal Reserve System or any other banking corporation organized under law of the United States shall, after the date of the approval of this Act, be exercised by the Comptroller of the Currency. After such date the Federal Reserve Board and Federal Reserve Banks shall have no authority to make such examinations and shall not employ any person for such purpose.

"(b) The authority conferred upon the Federal Reserve Board under subdivision (k) of Section 11 of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended (United States Code, Title 12, Section 248 (k), relating to the grant of permits to National banks to act in a fiduciary capacity), is transferred to the Comptroller of the Currency.

(c) The Comptroller of the Currency is authorized to require such statements and reports from each Federal Reserve Bank and each State bank which is a member of the Federal Reserve System and affiliated corporation of such bank as he may deem necessary. Failure to make such reports within ten days after the date they are called for shall subject the offending bank and affiliated corporation to a penalty of \$100 a day for each day that it fails to transmit such report; such penalty to be collected by the Comptroller of the Currency by suit or otherwise.

(d) The results of any examination made by the Comptroller and the contents of any statement or report made to the Comptroller by any Federal Reserve Bank or member bank or affiliated corporation of such bank shall be made available by the Comptroller to the Federal Reserve Board or any Federal Reserve Bank upon its request.

(e) As used in this section, the term "member bank" has the meaning assigned to it in Section 1 of the Federal Reserve Act.

(f) As used in this section, the term "affiliated corporation" has the same meaning assigned to it in Section 1 of this Act.

Section 3. The first and second paragraphs of Section 7 of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended (United States Code, Title 42, Sections 289-290), are amended to read as follows:

"Section 7. After all necessary expenses of a Federal Reserve Bank have been paid or provided for, the stockholders shall be entitled to receive an annual dividend of 6% on the paid-in capital stock, which dividend shall be cumulative. After the aforesaid dividend claims have been fully met, the net earnings for each year shall be distributed pro rata by the Federal Reserve Bank to each member bank which under Section 19, as amended, is required to maintain reserves, the maximum amount of which at any time during such year is not in excess of \$500,000. The net earnings shall be apportioned to each such bank according to the maximum reserves required to be maintained by it at any time during such year. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, the whole of such net earnings shall be paid into a surplus fund until it shall amount to 100% of the subscribed capital stock of such bank, and that thereafter 10% of such net earnings shall be paid into the surplus.

"Should a Federal Reserve Bank be dissolved or go into liquidation, any surplus remaining, after the payment of all debts, dividend requirements as hereinbefore provided, and the par value of the stock, shall be paid to and become the property of the United States."

Bill of Representative Strong Proposing Abolition of Group and Chain Banking.

A bill designed to abolish group and chain banking "before it is established in every State of the Union," Representative Strong (Rep.) of Kansas served notice on Jan. 8, would be introduced in the House by him. In reporting this from Washington, Jan. 8, the "New York Journal of Commerce" likewise said:

Mr. Strong, who is a member of the Banking and Currency Committee, issued a statement, in which he said: "I am opposed to branch banking and, of course, unalterably opposed to group and chain banking that nobody wants to perpetuate." He argued that it is proposed through the organization of group and chain banks to force Congress to permit Nation-wide banking. He added that he would have presented his measure to-day, but the House adjourned before he could complete a draft of the proposed legislation.

Earlier in the day the Banking and Currency Committee gave consideration to two bills dealing with banking legislation recommended by the Federal Reserve Board and in behalf of which Vice-Governor Edmund C. Platt appeared. One bill authorizes the waiver of notice by State member banks of withdrawal from the Federal Reserve system, and the other provides for the cancellation of Reserve Bank stock held by member banks which have ceased to function in certain cases. Both were referred back to the Reserve Board for redrafting.

Edmund Platt of Federal Reserve Board Would Have Membership in Reserve System Voluntary—House Committee Tentatively Approves Bill to Permit Waiver of Notice on Withdrawal of Bank.

Legislation designed by the Federal Reserve Board to permit waiver of notice by State member banks of withdrawal from the Federal Reserve system (H. R. 2027) and to permit cancellation of Federal Reserve bank stock held by member banks ceasing to function (H. R. 6604), was advocated without final action, by representatives of the Board before the House Committee on Banking and Currency on Jan. 8. The foregoing is from the "United States Daily" of Jan. 9, which also had the following to say:

The witnesses were Edmund Platt, Vice-Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, and Walter Wyatt, the Board's General Counsel. The two bills are companion measures of Senate 684 and Senate 2666, respectively, which have been reported favorably to the Senate by the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency. The House Committee, after the hearing, sent H. R. 6604 and H. R. 2207 back to the Federal Reserve Board for redrafting in consultation with the Comptroller of the Currency.

Reach Tentative Agreement.

The Committee tentatively agreed on H. R. 2027, with the addition of the words "subject to such conditions as the Federal Reserve Board may prescribe" at the end of the bill, and including in its text a citation of "U. S. Code, title 12, section 328," as the law to be amended.

Vice-Governor Platt told the Committee the two House measures well might be combined. He said similar measures have been reported favorably by the Senate Committee. H. R. 2207, he said, is only a permissive amendment.

H. R. 2207 would amend section 9, of the amended Federal Reserve act, by inserting the following proviso:

"That the Federal Reserve Board, in its discretion, may waive such six months notice in individual cases and may permit any such State bank or trust company to withdraw from membership in a Federal Reserve bank prior to the expiration of six months from the date of the written notice of its intention to withdraw."

Mr. Platt said he would be willing to see the whole Federal Reserve system made a voluntary one. He did not know that the other members of the Board would agree with that, he said. Replying to questions of the

Committee, he said a bank's desire to withdraw from the Federal Reserve system usually is because of poor condition—that is, it may not be keeping up its reserve, or it may be having difficulty in collecting its paper, and so on.

Favors Discretionary Power.

He said that small member banks do not understand why they cannot get out of the Federal Reserve system when they want to withdraw. The Board, he said, would be loathe to expel any banks because, if they are in shaky condition, expulsion might result in closing the banks unnecessarily. He said that clearly the Board should be given discretionary power as to waiving the notice requirement of the present law.

The purpose of the bill is to authorize such discretion so the Board may, in its discretion, waive notice of intention by State banks and trust companies which are members of the Federal Reserve system to withdraw from membership in individual cases. Under the present law, they must file written notice of such intention and, before withdrawal is effected, must wait a period of six months.

The withdrawal is by surrendering and canceling all of that bank's holdings of capital stock in the Federal Reserve Bank. Meantime, he pointed out, such an unwilling member bank must comply with all the requirements, the lack of authority on the part of the Board to waive the six months' notice requirement, he pointed out, causes annoyance to the State banks seeking withdrawal, to the Federal Reserve Banks and the Federal Reserve Board.

Where a State bank is an unsatisfactory member and the Federal Reserve Bank would be glad to have it withdraw from membership as sometimes happens, the Board, he said, would be disposed to permit immediate withdrawal but for the six months requirement of law.

Bill Would Authorize Board to Waive Notice.

Vice Governor Platt, in a letter to the Senate Committee on April 16, said the bill would not repeal the present requirement of law regarding withdrawal of State member banks of the Federal Reserve system, but would qualify it so as to authorize the Board, in its discretion, to waive the six months' notice in individual cases. When a State bank desires withdrawal, he explained, the Board requires the Federal Reserve Agent to ascertain and inform the Board of the reasons. If it is because of some temporary condition or friction with the Federal Reserve Bank, the Board would not be disposed under this proposed amendment of the law to waive the six months' notice and give the bank opportunity to reconsider.

Mr. Wyatt said he drafted the bill. Representative Luce (Rep.) of Waltham, Mass., said the bill should refer to the code paragraph, which Mr. Wyatt said easily could be written into it. Mr. Luce asked about the reference to trust companies in the amendment. Mr. Wyatt said that was to accord with the paragraph it amended.

Mr. Luce said the practice in Federal Reserve legislation is not to mention trust companies. Mr. Wyatt said that section 1 of the law says that wherever the term "State bank" is used it is to be taken to include trust companies and the inclusion of the term was for the purpose of uniformity. He agreed with Mr. Luce that the term "trust companies" should be omitted in the amendment.

Committee Sends Bill Back to Reserve Board.

The Committee then took up the other bill (H. R. 6604), with discussion by Mr. Platt, Mr. Wyatt and members of the Committee including Chairman McFadden (Rep.) of Canton, Pa.; Mr. Strong (Rep.), Blue Rapids, Kan.; Mr. Fort (Rep.) of East Orange, N. J.; Mr. Wingo (Dem.) of Fort Smith, Ark.; Mr. Beedy (Rep.) of Portland, Me., and others.

The discussion bore on the effect of cancellation of valuable rights of a bank in taking over another one, which merger Mr. Wyatt suggested would leave in certain cases, as in the case of a Fort Dearborn bank, "a hollow shell" but still a member bank. Mr. Wyatt said the proposal is not to put out of corporeal existence any State bank but to put it out of the Federal Reserve system.

After some criticism of the bill, the Committee agreed to refer the bill back to the Board, coupled with the understanding, suggested by Chairman McFadden, that the Board confer on the subject with the Comptroller of the Currency in so far as the latter's powers in the matter are concerned.

Philadelphia Mint Coinage in 1929—Turned Out 261,791,750 Domestic Pieces Valued at \$49,291,920.

From the Philadelphia News Bureau we take the following:

Philadelphia Mint had an unusually busy year during 1929, although the actual value of the coinage was not great due to the large number of one-cent pieces which were turned out. Total domestic coinage amounted to 261,791,750 pieces, valued at \$49,291,920 to compare with 192,995,685 pieces valued at \$183,794,377 in 1928 and with 226,635,784 pieces valued at \$69,902,467 in 1927. Value of output in 1928 was largely due to unusually large coinage of gold during that year. Coinage for foreign countries in 1929 amounted to 34,980,000 pieces against 7,701,000 pieces in 1928 and 3,650,000 pieces in 1927.

Coinage in 1929 compares with 1928 and 1927 as follows (in pieces):

	1929.	1928.	1927.
Double eagles	1,779,750	8,186,000	2,946,750
Half eagles	662,000	-----	-----
Quarter eagles	532,000	416,000	388,000
Silver dollars	-----	360,649	848,000
Oregon Trail halves	-----	50,028	-----
Half dollars	11,140,000	-----	-----
Ben. Sesq. halves	-----	-----	40,034
Hawaiian halves	-----	10,008	-----
Quarters	-----	6,336,000	11,912,000
Dimes	25,970,000	19,480,000	28,080,000
Nickels	36,446,000	23,411,000	37,981,000
Cents	185,262,000	134,116,000	144,440,000

Total pieces	261,791,750	192,995,685	226,635,784
Total value	\$49,291,920	\$183,794,377	\$69,902,567

Coinage during the month of December consisted of following number of pieces: Quarters, 2,808,000; dimes, 6,720,000; pennies, 25,014,000; total, 34,542,000 pieces having aggregate value of \$1,624,140.

Production of Gold and Silver in the United States—Reduction in Gold Output in 1929 as Compared With Previous Year—Silver Output Increased.

According to the figures of gold and silver production in the calendar year 1929, made public by the Director of the Mint, on Jan. 3, 2,128,027 ounces of gold, of a total value of \$43,990,200 were produced in 1929, and 60,937,600 ounces of silver were produced of a total value of \$32,540,678. The announcement states:

The preliminary estimate indicates a reduction of \$2,175,200 in the output of gold as compared with the prior year, and an increase in silver output, as compared with 1928, of 2,475,093 ounces. The year of largest output, 1915, produced \$101,035,700 gold, and 74,961,075 ounces silver.

The details of production are indicated as follows in the statement issued by the Treasury Department:

Production of Gold and Silver in the United States in 1929.

(Arrivals at United States Mints and Assay offices and at private refineries.)

The Bureau of the Mint, with the co-operation of the Bureau of Mines, has issued the following statement of the preliminary estimate of refinery production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1929:

States.	Gold.		Silver.	
	Ounces.	Value.	Ounces.	Value.*
Alaska	376,517	\$7,783,300	459,336	\$245,285
Alabama	10	200	2	1
Arizona	153,465	3,172,400	6,036,942	3,223,727
California	401,827	8,306,500	1,048,513	559,906
Colorado	215,612	4,457,100	4,359,342	2,327,898
Georgia	58	1,200	12	6
Idaho	19,640	406,000	9,394,082	5,016,440
Illinois	-----	-----	4,038	2,156
Michigan	-----	-----	17,998	9,611
Missouri	-----	-----	115,393	61,620
Montana	54,756	1,131,900	12,649,585	6,754,878
Nevada	158,041	3,267,000	4,529,930	2,418,983
New Mexico	32,716	676,300	998,982	533,456
North Carolina	49	1,000	14	7
Oregon	17,444	360,600	36,318	19,394
Pennsylvania	726	15,000	5,000	2,670
South Dakota	308,618	6,379,700	83,642	44,565
Tennessee	745	15,400	101,200	54,041
Texas	1,316	27,200	1,053,200	562,409
Utah	243,316	5,029,800	19,907,925	10,630,832
Vermont	-----	-----	3,400	1,816
Washington	3,662	75,700	44,907	23,980
Wyoming	39	800	3	2
Philippine Islands	139,470	2,883,100	87,836	46,904
Totals	2,128,027	\$43,990,200	60,937,600	\$32,540,678

* Value at 53.4c. per ounce, the average New York price of bar silver.

Profit and Loss Account of Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago For Year Ended Dec. 31 1929.

Net earnings of \$5,424,665 are shown for the year ended Dec. 31 1929 by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago in the following profit and loss account:

Profit and Loss Account.

Net earnings Jan. 1 1929 to Dec. 31 1929, less charges for depreciation, &c.	\$5,424,665.18
<i>Distribution of Net Earnings</i> —	
Dividends paid	\$1,170,363.39
Franchise tax paid to the United States Government	602,837.42
Transferred to surplus account	3,651,464.37
	\$5,424,665.18

Incorporation of President Hoover's Research Committee on Social Trends.

According to an announcement Jan. 8 by Gilbert H. Montague the Research Committee on Social Trends, Inc. is being incorporated in Delaware, with Wesley C. Mitchell, Professor of Economics in Columbia University, as President, to conduct the survey into social changes in American life recently ordered by President Hoover as announced from the White House on Dec. 19 1929, and referred to in our issue of Dec. 28, page 4080. Professor Mitchell and the four other experts named by President Hoover, namely, Charles E. Merriam, Professor of Political Science in University of Chicago, William F. Ogburn, Professor of Sociology in University of Chicago, Howard W. Odum, Professor of Sociology in University of North Carolina, and Shelby M. Harrison, Vice-General Director of Russell Sage Foundation, New York City, comprise the Board of Directors of the new corporation.

The charter of Research Committee on Social Trends, Inc., in addition to the usual corporate powers and provisions, broadly empowers the corporation "to direct surveys and to study subjects in compliance with the request addressed by the President of the United States to Wesley C. Mitchell, Charles E. Merriam, William F. Ogburn, Howard W. Odum, and Shelby M. Harrison, as outlined in the official White House statement released on behalf of President Hoover on Dec. 19 1929." Quoting from the official White House statement, the charter states that these surveys will "parallel in character the investigation of economic changes made over a year ago" and that "such subjects will be studied as the improvement of national health and vitality, its bearing upon increased numbers of persons of 'old age' and other results; the changes in maladjusted, such as insane, feeble-minded, &c.; the effect of urban life upon mental and physical health; the institutional development to meet these changes; the problems arising from increased leisure changes in recreation and the provision for it; the changes in occupations; occupations likely to continue to diminish in importance; those likely to increase; the changes in family life; in housing; in education; the effect of inventions upon the life of people; and many others which may indicate trends which are of importance." The charter adds:

"The survey will be a strictly scientific research, carried out by trained technicians and will require about two or three years to complete. It is believed that it will produce a body of systematic facts about social problems, hitherto inaccessible, that will be of fundamental and permanent value to all students and workers in the field of social science."

Senate Resumes Consideration of Tariff Bill with Re-convening of Congress after Christmas Holidays.

Senate action on the Tariff Bill, interrupted by reason of the Christmas holidays, which had brought a recess of Congress from Dec. 21 to Jan. 6, was resumed on the last named date. On Jan. 4 steps were taken by the two Republican factions in the Senate to block wets or dries from staging a prohibition debate while the Tariff Bill is under discussion, said a Washington dispatch that date to the New York "Times," in which it was also stated:

Progressive Republicans at a conference held late this afternoon agreed that debate on the tariff bill should be resumed on Monday and the measure kept before the Senate to the exclusion of all other business until it has been passed.

At the same time announcement was made by Senator Watson, speaking for the regulars, that they would co-operate with the progressives to the utmost in blanketing prohibition and all other controversial topics with a view to expediting action on the tariff.

Robinson Approves Proposal.

Apprised of the agreement among the Republican members of the coalition group to insist on giving the right of way to the tariff, Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the Democratic floor leader, stated the plan met with his hearty approval. He expressed the opinion that the tariff bill would be passed "in three or four weeks."

The last reference in these columns to the Senate action on the tariff bill appeared in our issue of Dec. 21, page 3905. On Jan. 6 the Senate practically completed its deliberations on the wool schedule, its action being indicated in the following, which we quote from the Washington dispatch Jan. 6 to the "Times":

Increased tariff protection for wool products was approved to-day by the Senate over the opposition of the coalition of Democrats and insurgent Republicans. A committee amendment to the tariff bill increasing the rates on yarn from 40 to 45% was adopted by vote of 35 to 29.

Other increased rates were agreed to without roll-calls, with advances in compensatory duties to correspond to the increase from 31 to 34 cents a pound in the duty on raw wool, as voted before the Christmas recess. Acting on 31 items, the Senate completed all but one in the wool schedule. It failed to reach an agreement, however, as to procedure on the sugar schedule to-morrow.

While the insurgents, led by Senator Blaine of Wisconsin, were vainly protesting against additional protection for wool manufacturers, Senator Grundy of Pennsylvania, an owner of yarn mills, was observing with satisfaction the results of his labors as a tariff lobbyist. It was the first experience of the new Pennsylvania Senator, who watched tariff making from the side lines for more than 30 years, on the inside of the framing of tariff schedules.

Mr. Grundy was one of less than a dozen Senators who remained constantly on the floor. Although taking no part in the debate, he was busy with a pencil making notations on a copy of the bill as the Senate acted on various amendments. He refrained from voting in the roll-call on the increased duty on yarn.

Grundy Withholds His Vote.

"I am interested in the industry affected by this paragraph," said Senator Grundy when his name was called. "I therefore withhold my vote."

The coalition went to pieces in the test vote on yarn when only 8 Republicans voted in the negative. From 12 to 14 Republicans usually have lined up in the coalition. Four Democrats voted with regular Republicans in support of the higher rate.

The test vote applied to yarn valued at from \$1 to \$1.50 a pound. The House bill increased the specific rate of 36 cents a pound, as in the present law, to 40 cents to compensate for the increase from 31 to 34 cents a pound in the duty on raw wool. The protective rate of 40% in the present law was retained.

The Senate Finance Committee, in restoring the 31-cent rate on raw wool, cut the compensatory duty to 37 cents and at the same time decided to give wool manufacturers more protection by advancing the protective rate to 45%.

The Senate before the holidays upset the committee's action on raw wool approving the House rate of 34 cents. Today the Senate accepted the higher protective rate and also scaled up all the specific rates on yarn and other woolen manufactures to the House level.

Other Rates Scaled Upward.

After the roll call on yarn valued at \$1 to \$1.50 a pound, the Senate accepted a protective duty of 50% on yarn valued at more than \$1.50. A specific rate of 40 cents a pound also applies. The Finance Committee originally recommended a 55% rate, but this was cut at the suggestion of Senator Smoot, the Committee Chairman. The House bill provided a protective rate of 45%, while the present rate is 40%.

The Senate then put through the corresponding increased protective duties on woven fabrics. Virtually all committee amendments in the schedule were disposed of, including those on felts, blankets, pile fabrics, knit fabric, hose, knit underwear, outerwear, carpets and rugs.

Roll Call on Yarn Duty.

The vote on the committee amendment increasing the duty on yarn from 40 to 45% was: For the amendment, 35—Republicans, 31; Democrats, 4. Against the amendment, 29—Republicans, 8; Democrats, 21.

An amendment to increase the duty on woven silk fabrics was rejected by the Senate on Jan. 7, as a result of which the rate carried in the House bill is retained. The account of the Senate action on Jan. 7 as given in the "Times" follows:

The Senate coalition of Western Republicans and the Democratic minority got back into its winning stride to-day and resumed control of the tariff situation, after having been beaten when its ranks were split by the force of State interests during consideration of the wool schedule. The coalition defeated, by a vote of 40 to 32, a Finance Committee amendment to the tariff bill increasing the duty on woven silk fabrics.

Consideration of the silk schedule was concluded with the one principal vote and the Senate took up the rayon schedule. Chairman Smoot of the Finance Committee was hopeful that action on the rayon duties would be finished to-morrow, and he will then ask the Senate to take up the controversial sugar schedule.

The fight over sugar duties is expected to prove one of the most stubborn waged in the Senate since the tariff bill was reported on Aug. 19. Nevertheless, coalition and regular leaders are of opinion it will be prolonged.

Senator Grundy of Pennsylvania, who yesterday withheld his vote on committee amendments increasing the duty on woolen yarns because of his own interest in the woolen industry, voted for the amendment to increase the duty on silk fabrics.

Vote Retains House Rate.

The amendment would have a duty of 60% on woven silk fabrics or broad silks used in the manufacture of all classes of silk goods. The House voted to retain the 55% of the present law, and the Senate's rejection of the Committee motion meant approval of the House rate.

Senator Blaine of Wisconsin led the attack on the proposed increase. He contended that the Cheney Co., Connecticut silk manufacturers, made handsome profits and was not in need of greater protection and assailed the plea for a rise made by Horen B. Cheney in tariff hearings. Mr. Blaine insisted that other silk manufacturers admitted that the increase was unnecessary. Chairman Smoot of the Finance Committee defended the amendment.

The vote was: For the amendment, 32 (Republicans, 31; Democrats, 1). Against the amendment, 40, (Republicans, 14; Democrat, 26.)

Slight Increase on Rayon Yarns.

The Senate agreed to a Committee amendment slightly increasing the duty on rayon yarns, but deferred until to-morrow action on other amendments to the rayon schedule.

On Jan. 8, when the Senate devoted the entire day to the rayon tariff schedule, only two important changes were made in the rates, according to the "Times," which said:

On motion of Senator George of Mississippi, a member of the coalition, the Senate eliminated the duty of 20 cents a pound levied by the bill on filaments of rayon or other synthetic textile not exceeding 30 inches in length, other than waste, whether known as cut fiber, staple fiber or any other name. It substituted a rate of 25% ad valorem, which represented a cut, it was explained, by reason of the change from a specific to an ad valorem duty.

On motion of Senator George, the Senate reduced the duty on spun yarn of rayon or other synthetic textile from 20 cents a pound, as proposed by the Bill, to 12½ cents a pound. Each amendment was adopted by a viva voce vote.

Another change was made in the item relating to rayon clothing and articles of wearing apparel not specifically provided for. The specific rate of 45 cents a pound on these, as provided by the bill, was retained, but the ad valorem rate also applicable was increased from 60 to 65%.

A like increase from 60 to 65% was agreed to on rayon filaments, fibres and threads, not specifically provided for. Both changes were made with the understanding that they would be reconsidered later.

One reduction in existing rates was approved. This was on rayon roving, which was given joint rates of 10 cents a pound and 30% ad valorem, as against 35 cents a pound and 60% ad valorem, as provided by existing law.

Proposed increases on single and plied rayon yarns were passed over, pending final action by the Senate on paragraph 1,301, which provides various rates on filaments of rayon or other synthetic textiles with a stipulation that none of the articles affected shall be subject to a less duty than 35 cents a pound.

When the Senate was about to adjourn, Senator Smoot made another unsuccessful attempt to secure an agreement to take up the sugar schedule. Senator Harrison of Mississippi insisted that the Senate should proceed to the paper schedule, saying that he was willing to fix a date for beginning debate on sugar. Mr. Smoot refused to assent to the arrangement, and intends to bring the matter to a head tomorrow, if possible.

The coalition is likely to split on sugar. Some favor the existing sugar rates. Others will vote for the House rates, which are a little higher than those recommended by the Finance Committee.

The debate on the rayon schedule was conducted with vigor by Senators Smoot, King and Wheeler.

"If the rates proposed in this bill are allowed," Mr. Wheeler asserted, "the rayon corporations will get back every cent they paid into the Republican campaign coffers."

Mr. Wheeler said the protection provided by the bill was far in excess of the legitimate needs of the industry. He asserted that the American Viscose Co. of New York was controlled by British interests, and that other rayon manufacturers in the United States were under foreign influences.

"Rayon prices are higher in the United States than in any other place in the world," he continued. "Our high tariffs are responsible for that situation."

The sugar tariff rates were brought before the Senate on Jan. 9, the "Herald-Tribune" noting this in part as follows:

The long delayed contest over sugar tariff rates was begun to-day in the Senate. Senator Reed Smoot, chairman of the Finance Committee, who for several days has been trying to bring up the question, succeeded in doing so without encountering further obstructions. The result was a debate that lasted much of the afternoon and which will, in all probability, continue for two or three days, if not longer.

Senator Pat Harrison, Democrat, of Mississippi, a member of the Finance Committee, said he would not object to taking up the sugar schedule, provided his amendment to preserve the rates of existing law be made the pending amendment. To this Senator Smoot made no objection. As a result, the first vote which the Senate will take will be on that proposal or on amendments which may be proposed to it. Senator Harrison, as well as numerous other Senators, is prepared to make a determined fight to prevent any increase in sugar rates and the indications to-night were that a majority of the Senate would vote with them.

Borah to Urge Bounty.

Senator William E. Borah, of Idaho, will urge a sugar bounty, but there is no indication that this will prevail. The insurgents are to meet to-morrow morning to discuss their course as to sugar rates. In the end it is expected some of them will vote for existing law and others for the rates proposed by the Finance Committee. In the course of the debate to-day, Senator Borah declared for the bounty plan unless he was convinced higher tariff rates on sugar, without duty on Philippine sugar, would help the domestic industry.

The present law provides a duty of 2.20 cents a pound as the general rate on sugar, with 1.76 for Cuban sugar. The House bill provides for 3 cents, as the general rate, and 2.40 cents for Cuban sugar. The Finance Com-

mittee recommends 2.75 cents as the general rate and 2.20 cents for Cuban sugar.

The question, what policy is to be followed as to the Philippines is a complication entering into the situation. In the discussion to-day, Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Republican, of Michigan, brought it up with a proposal that tariff autonomy be granted the islands. He held that if they are to be prepared for independence, it must first be found whether they are in an economic position of "self-sufficiency" to have their market in the United States restricted by tariffs.

The "Times" in its Washington advices Jan. 9 said in part:

Developments ranged from an amendment offered by Senator Harrison, Democrat, of Mississippi, for retention of the present rates of 2.20 cents a pound on world sugar and 1.76 cent on Cuban sugar to an indication by Senator Borah of Idaho that he would formally press his plan for a bounty of about 2 cents a pound to domestic growers. Mr. Borah, however, admitted his plan was widely opposed. The expectation already is that the Finance Committee rates of 2.75 cents and 2.20 cents, respectively, will be voted.

The debate was opened by Senator Ransdall, Democrat, of Louisiana, who advocated acceptance of the House plan to impose a duty of 3 cents a pound on world sugar and 2.40 cents a pound on Cuban sugar.

"Under present tariff rates," Mr. Ransdall said, "the domestic sugar industry is greatly depressed. That condition will be greatly aggravated unless relief is granted. Based on present conditions and future prospects a tariff rate of at least 2.40 against Cuba is absolutely necessary."

Assails "Sugar Lobby."

Mr. Vandenberg agreed that "unless this tariff legislation provides adequate protection the sugar industry in at least three States will be ruined."

"The States I have in mind," he continued, "are Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin. In these \$5,000,000 is invested in mills and 35,000 farmers are involved."

The United States should not be dependent upon foreign sources for supplies of a product so essential he said.

Referring to recent disclosures before the Senate lobby investigating committee that big sugar importing interests had been active in Washington to hold down the tariff rate, especially against Cuba, Mr. Vandenberg said:

"They were willing to jeopardize our friendly relations with Pan-America as a means of making this country dependent on Cuba and other countries for our sugar."

Regarding duty-free sugar from the Philippines, he said that protection against it might be afforded through the payment of a bounty to producers here, but in no other way could competition from that quarter be minimized as long as the archipelago remained a possession of the United States.

Vote Due on Harrison's Motion.

When the Senate adjourned there was pending the amendment by Senator Harrison of Mississippi for retention of the existing rates on sugar. It is said that several Democratic Senators intend to support the amendment. Others intend to vote for the House rates.

Sharply conflicting viewpoints on the sugar tariff were brought out at yesterday's (Jan. 10) session of the Senate.

Newcomb Carlton of Western Union Telegraph Co. Before Senate Committee Inquiring Into Unification of International Communications Says Owen D. Young Raises Radio "Bogey"—Mr. Carlton Sees No Menace in Foreign Mergers—Opposes Same Move Here.

Treating lightly the views recently expressed by Owen D. Young on behalf of the Radio Corp. of America, Newcomb Carlton, President of the Western Union Telegraph Co., testifying before the Senate Inter-State Commerce Committee, declared, on Jan. 7, that in his judgment no menace to American interests in the field of international communications was presented by the recent British merger, which, he said, was being held up as a "fantastic bogey" by the Radio Corp. as an argument in favor of a unification, the advantages of which he denied. The views of Mr. Young before the Committee were referred to in the "Chronicle" of Dec. 14, page 3732. The New York "Times" of Jan. 8, indicated as follows, in a Washington dispatch, Jan. 7, what Mr. Carlton had to say:

Denying that the British company is in a position to dictate terms to, or even conceivably to ruin an American company, Mr. Carlton asserted that the Radio Corp. and his own company, under the existing arrangement between them, held the British merger "in the hollow of their hands."

To such a consolidation of communications as that advocated by Mr. Young, Mr. Carlton expressed the most emphatic disapproval, urging instead the superior benefits of competition.

Not Opposed to Merger Plan.

To the proposed merger of the Radio Corp. with the International Telephone & Telegraph Co., Mr. Carlton said he had no objection and could have none, since his own company had for nearly three years conducted negotiations with the Radio Corp., which failed only because he and Mr. Young had been unable to agree on terms.

But he suggested that if the present law is amended to permit the proposed combination, the Radio Corp. at the same time be required to divest itself of its exclusive contracts with foreign companies. Expressing the fear that repeal of the prohibitory provision in the present radio act might open the way to the creation of monopolies, Mr. Carlton suggested as preferable the passage of a specific enabling act to permit this proposed merger of the Radio Corp. with the I. T. & T. Repeal of the present provision, he thought, might "encourage a drift toward monopoly."

In that connection, Mr. Carlton expressed the opinion that the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. was the only corporation which could properly exercise control of a monopoly, should one be permitted to develop.

The witness said he felt no alarm concerning the future, with unified companies operating in every foreign country as against three operating independently in this country, nor did he attach any great importance to

the apprehension on that score expressed by Mr. Young when he appeared before the committee last month.

Says His Company Was "Awake."

"You know, it's the fashion with us, when a man returns from service abroad, to ask his opinion on all sorts of subjects, from finance to the kind and amount of milk it is best to feed the babies," Mr. Carlton said. "And in the matter of Mr. Young's views on international communications, with all respect, of course, I put them in the class with any advice he might feel moved to give to nursing mothers."

Referring to Mr. Young's revelation of the prolonged negotiations which have taken place between them in the effort to effect an agreement which since has been reached between the Radio Corp. and the International Telephone & Telegraph Co., Mr. Carlton said:

"It was a great plan, and at no time and in no way has the genius of Owen D. Young found more eloquent expression than in the framing of the terms he wanted us to agree to. The only trouble was, we were awake."

The effect of the agreement proposed by Mr. Young, Mr. Carlton said, would have been to put the Radio Corp. with the relatively small amount of business it was doing, "virtually in control of the Western Union."

He did not think that the combination with International Telephone & Telegraph, if permitted to become effective, would "make much difference to the Western Union."

"But you would have made it, if you could?" Senator Wagner suggested.

On Friends and Horse Traders.

"Oh, yes," Mr. Carlton replied. "We would. If we could have agreed on terms."

"The price was too high?" Senator Dill suggested.

"Oh, I wouldn't say that," Mr. Carlton replied. "They are all friends of mine. If a friend of mine is making a horse trade, I don't want to queer his sale."

"But he wanted too much for his horse!" said Senator Dill.

"I wouldn't even put it that way," Mr. Carlton drawled. "Let's say he saw more legs on that horse than I could count."

The last "expiring spasm" of the effort to reach an agreement, Mr. Carlton said, had taken place on shipboard when he crossed to Europe on the same steamer with Mr. Young and David Sarnoff about a year ago.

With the appearance of Mr. Carlton, the committee to-day resumed the hearings, which began with the testimony given by Mr. Young on Nov. 9 and 10, and which were adjourned Dec. 17 for the period of the holiday recess.

Mr. Carlton was the first witness to appear following the testimony previously given by representatives of the Radio Corp. of America, and he was given an all-day hearing, in which the liveliest interest was manifested by all Senators present. The afternoon session was held at the request of Senators Brookhart and Wheeler, who desired to ask questions for which there had been no time this morning.

Gives Views on Regulation.

As to the creation of a single commission to regulate and control communications, indifference was expressed by Mr. Carlton, although, he added, so far as the Western Union was concerned, he saw no reason not to continue the present system of regulation by the Inter-State Commerce Commission.

"We are indifferent as to what commission regulates us," he said, "but I am bound to say that, in our opinion, the Inter-State Commerce Commission has done a good job."

He thought that a different situation was presented, however, in radio, and that a separate commission, preferably of specialists, might be desirable in dealing with its problems.

The matter of rates, he added, would take care of itself, since "what one company does, all must do."

Senator Wagner suggested that a different problem was presented by communications than that represented by the railroads, with which the Inter-State Commerce Commission was devised especially to deal; but the witness remarked that the latter commission seemed to be "highly intelligent," and he could see no reason to change, though repeating that he spoke only for his own company.

"The Inter-State Commerce Commission has been too busy with other matters to concern itself with your company. It hasn't had time to function," said Senator Wheeler. "I don't blame you for wanting to be regulated by a commission that hasn't time to regulate you."

"I can't agree with that wholly, Senator," Mr. Carlton said, "as to their not having done anything about regulating us. But I'll admit I would be glad to be let alone."

Sees No Reason for Change.

Mr. Carlton reiterated that he did not oppose any form of regulation that Congress might prefer, but as between a new commission and the power that now exists, he saw no reason to make a change, as far as the Western Union is concerned.

No complaint, he said, had ever been made against the Western Union rates.

"The extent and completeness of the Western Union connections in the United States," said Mr. Carlton, "seem to us to place upon us all an obligation almost that of a monopoly. It has been, and is, our policy to do what we can within the scope of good business to encourage radio."

"Radio should be encouraged. It has been to our interest to encourage it. Our policy in opening our offices to it was good business, because the establishment of every new office meant that new business was being solicited. The competition of R. C. A. has been a valuable factor in creating new business."

Agrees Rate Cut Was Forced.

"They stated in testimony before us that they had had the effect of reducing your rates," Senator Dill suggested.

"I think that's true," said Mr. Carlton.

At first, "while getting a foothold," the Radio Corp. charged a rate of 18c., as against the cable rate of 25c. In 1911 the cable companies established the half rate on plain messages, deferred, and, coincident with that action, the Western Union inaugurated the night-letter and week-end message, which Mr. Carlton said was their first cheap service, and credit for which belonged to "the great inventive mind of Theodore Vail," then President of the Western Union, who retired in 1914.

"In those three years," Mr. Carlton said, "Mr. Vail, who had the greatest mind in the business world, gave a stimulus to the company it will take it 20 years to develop and work out."

The witness traced the growth of cable communications from 1911, "when the companies did a comparatively small business," to the point now reached, where, he said, the average exchange between Europe and America was 51,000 messages a day.

"During that time," he continued, "I observed, because it was my business to know, that the R. C. A., in 1923, raised their rate from 18c. to 20c. We reduced ours from 25c. to 20c., and that is the situation to-day."

It was a natural consequence, he insisted, of the growth and development of both means of communications.

"Radio," Mr. Carlton said, "has been of inestimable value."

Says Competition is Healthy.

Senator Fess asked if the witness thought radio ultimately might displace cables.

"Who can say?" Mr. Carlton replied. "My business is to try and build up the best system, the best medium of communication. If radio proves to be better than cable, let's have it. It is what we all want. We are not fighting each other; we are all fighting for business, more business for all of us, and that's a healthy situation."

There was no secrecy about what was being done, he told the Committee.

"Take the wireless between South America and Europe," he continued.

"We get every week a complete description of the volume R. C. A. handled. It's no secret. They know we know. There's no secret about who has the business and who hasn't."

The idea of secrecy in business, Mr. Carlton added, was "a lot of hokum." Code these days, he said, was increasingly unnecessary.

As to the amount of business done by the Western Union, Mr. Carlton said, it had grown from \$30,000,000, land and cable, in 1910, to \$150,000,000 in 1929.

"Of that increase," he explained, "20% is due to the increase in rates made by the Postmaster General when he had our lines in 1918."

"Our entire cable business, and we do 50% of the total, amounts this year to \$12,000,000," this sum being, he added, included in the \$150,000,000.

Says There is No Menace.

Referring to the daily trans-Atlantic average of 51,000 messages, Mr. Carlton said the Western Union had 44%, the Commercial 29½%, the French Cables 7%, the Merger Cables between Great Britain and North America, including Canada, 2 9/10%, the Radio Beam, between Great Britain and Canada, 1 8/10%, and the Radio Corp. of America and merger, 3 5/10%.

Senator Dill commented that "the British merger would not seem to be much of a menace to American communications."

"Menace? There is no menace," Mr. Carlton exclaimed.

He characterized as "one of the most fantastic bogies ever dressed up in my experience" the presentation of the British communications merger in the light of a menacing development possessing potential power to control or destroy American interests in the international communications field.

As to the system by which the British companies are controlled, Mr. Carlton said that "no more creaking, awkward, ponderous business set-up" existed anywhere than in London.

"I could wish a business competitor no worse luck than to be hooked up in such a system," he declared.

"The British merger doesn't present the slightest menace to any one. Right now the Western Union and the R. C. A. hold the British merger in the hollow of their hand."

The Radio Corp., the witness continued, is a "growing factor in the Far Eastern business," and far from the British being able to dictate rates, the corporation, with the arrangements existing under its present contracts, is in a position where it "can dictate a rate which will place the British merger at their mercy."

He had no objection, the witness explained, to the proposed combination between the Radio Corp. and International Telephone & Telegraph Co.

"But we want to be left free to compete with it if it takes place," he said.

Brookhart Asks Some Questions.

In reply to Senator Brookhart, Mr. Carlton said that the Western Union's capitalization was \$102,000,000, and that it was earning about \$15,000,000 a year.

"About 15% on the capitalization," said Senator Brookhart, adding that it seemed a "pretty thick dilution."

"Well, Senator," Mr. Carlton replied, "it's hard to satisfy everybody."

Subject to correction by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, Mr. Carlton said he placed at \$250,000,000 the total valuation of the Western Union as it is to-day, representing a consolidation of 537 companies sold or leased to it. In 1911, he said, the company paid a dividend of 3%, in 1913 about 4%, in 1915 about 5%, in 1917 about 5%, and in 1926 and ever since, about 8%.

Senator Brookhart asked him if he thought a public utility was entitled to a greater return on money invested than the earning power of the whole people, which, he said, had been placed at less than 6%.

"You'll have to ask some wild economist about that," Mr. Carlton replied.

"You don't think a tame one could tell me?" Senator Brookhart inquired.

"I don't think there is any such thing as an average return for the whole people such as you are talking about," Mr. Carlton said. "I believe in a rate as low as is consistent with a fair return on the capital investment and justice to the large body of employees we have to consider."

"That's pretty much the position Mr. Young took," commented Senator Brookhart. "You remember his answer to my question on that subject?"

"And it was a dashed good answer," Mr. Carlton replied.

"You agree with him on that, anyhow," Senator Brookhart said.

In a discussion with Senator Wheeler as to telegraph rates, Mr. Carlton said he was not satisfied with some of the present rates, and thought it was a question whether any rate of more than a dollar for ten words was not too high.

He indicated that reductions on some of the present rates was under consideration and might shortly take effect.

Annual Report of New York State Superintendent of Banks—Legislation Urged for Stricter Supervision Over Private Bankers—Re-organization of Banking Department Proposed—Also Double Liability for Stockholders of Investment Companies—Views on Chain Banking.

The reorganization of the State Banking Department and the creation of additional bureaus, in order that the necessary attention may be given to the institutions under the Department's supervision, is called for in the annual report

of New York State Superintendent of Banks Joseph A. Broderick, presented to the State Legislature, Jan. 8. Among the additional bureaus advocated is a "Credit Bureau, to follow loan lines, slow and doubtful assets between examinations, and to keep in close touch with credits." The report asserts that "had such a bureau been functioning during the past three years, conditions as disclosed in the failed City Trust Co. could not have gained headway." In the legislation proposed in the report it is advocated that supervision be extended to private bankers throughout the States and not limited to those in cities, as at present. The recommendations as to new legislation are set out as follows in the report:

Legislation.

Two banking commissions have been sitting during the past year; one appointed by the Governor to investigate banking conditions and recommend legislative amendments, of which commissions Hon. George W. Davison of the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. is Chairman, the other a joint Legislative committee on banking, headed by Hon. Nelson W. Cheney, Assemblyman and now Senator-elect, which committee was created in 1927 and has since continued. The views of the Department with reference to proposed legislation have been submitted to both commissions.

The following is a brief statement of our recommendations, most of which were included in our memorandum submitted to said commissions:

(1) Private Bankers.

Supervision should be extended to private bankers throughout the State and not limited to those in cities, as at present. The Superintendent should be empowered to inspect book records and accounts of all persons and corporations who receive money for deposit or transmission, or who deal in foreign exchange or foreign currency, or who sell travelers' checks or steamship tickets, or who use the usual form of bank pass book as evidence of receipt of funds for any purpose whatever. These amendments are of vital importance and the necessity for them has been clearly shown by the developments in connection with the failure of Clarke Brothers and at least two up-State private bankers.

Licensed private bankers should also be subjected to the same limitations as to investment of capital and surplus as are imposed upon banks by the provisions of Article III.

The amendments to Sections 39 and 150 are the most important ones which we have to recommend. The public believes that the Banking Department has, at present, supervision over all individuals and concerns (other than National banks) receiving deposits. This is a responsibility which we are prepared to assume, but we must be placed in a position where it is possible for us to determine whether or not such persons and concerns are doing business which brings them within our jurisdiction.

(2) Conversion of National Bank to Trust Company.

The present statute makes provision for the conversion of a National bank to a State bank and of a State bank to a trust company, but a National bank desiring to convert to a trust company must make a double conversion, first to a State bank under Section 104 and then to a trust company under Section 138. A new section should be added to the Trust Company Article, providing for the direct conversion of a National bank to a trust company.

(3) Investment Companies.

In addition to the suggestions made in the investment company subdivision of this report, we believe that the stockholders of such corporation should be subjected to the double liability now imposed by statute upon stockholders of banks, trust companies and safe deposit companies.

(4) Liquidation.

(a) Provision should be made to protect the rights of depositors who have not filed claims in connection with liquidations of failed institutions. Under the present law, dividends are paid only on claims presented and accepted or established by action, within four months of date of calling for claims. The law should be amended to permit the apportionment of dividends to the owners of accounts due as shown by the books, and if some claims have not been presented upon such accounts at the time of dividend payments, dividends due on these unfiled claims should be held by the Superintendent in trust and paid to the owners upon proper proof.

(b) The Private Banking Article should be amended to provide, in case of death of an authorized private banker, for the continuance of the business for a limited time by his legal representative, for the purpose of accomplishing the liquidation thereof.

(c) The Superintendent should be empowered to take over and liquidate savings and loan associations and credit unions in cases where the assets are insufficient to pay shareholders, even though sufficient to pay other liabilities. Stockholders of the ordinary corporation may be classed as joint adventurers and not as creditors, but the relationship of the shareholders of these mutual corporation is more nearly like that of a bank depositor.

(d) The Superintendent should be empowered to take over the business and property of foreign agencies licensed by him, upon finding that the condition of affairs of such entity in this State does not afford adequate protection to creditors residing in the United States. Such creditors should also be given a priority in the distribution of the local assets.

(e) The Superintendent should have power to compel a liquidation, upon finding that any corporation under supervision has abandoned or forfeited its charter by non-user and is in process of virtual liquidation.

(5) Qualifications of Officers and Directors of Trust Companies.

The Trust Company Article should be amended to provide that the President and at least three-fourths of the directors of a trust company must be citizens of the United States. Directors of such companies should also be required to own at least one thousand dollars in par value of the stock of the company, instead of the present minimum of ten shares. It might be well to require even larger holdings to qualify directors of the larger banks and trust companies, based upon capital and surplus.

(6) Report of Loans by Officers to Directors.

Sections 129 and 214 should be amended to provide a variable minimum in respect to the amount of loans to be reported by officers of banks and trust companies to the directors, based upon resources. The present requirement that all loans of one thousand dollars or over must be reported is unreasonable and impracticable in the larger institutions.

(7) Report of Attendance at Directors' Meetings.

Every institution under the supervision of this Department should be required to mail to every stockholder, prior to the annual meeting, a report indicating the number of meetings held by the directors or trustees and the executive and other committees provided for by the by-laws, and the number of such meetings attended by each director. The Canadian Bank Act has a similar provision.

Let the shareholders know which of the directors are active and attentive and which are permitting the use of their names without assuming their proper responsibilities.

(8) Sunday Banking.

Sunday banking should be prohibited.

(9) Publication by the Superintendent of Unclaimed Deposits.

Section 46, requiring the Superintendent to publish once every five years a list of all unclaimed deposits reported to him by banks, trust companies, savings banks and private bankers should be repealed. The publication serves no good purpose, as the banks themselves are required to publish each year, and the Banking Department keeps an index of such deposits available to all persons having a legitimate interest therein.

(10) Restrictions on Deputies, Examiners and Other Employees of the Department.

Deputies, examiners and all other employees should be prohibited, as the Superintendent is now prohibited, from having any interest, direct or indirect, in an institution under supervision and from borrowing from any such institution.

Further proposals of the Superintendent were presented as follows in the report:

Reorganization of Department.

We have submitted to the Budget Committees, requests for largely increased appropriations for the next fiscal year, and have also requested other appropriations immediately available in order that the proposed reorganization of the Department may be made effective at the earliest possible moment. The proposed plan submitted with the requests calls for the following:

(1) Appointment of additional deputy and the elimination of the words, "First," "Second," "Third," and "Fourth" from the titles of the Deputy Superintendents, so that all will have the title of "Deputy Superintendent." It is proposed that one deputy be in charge of each of the following departments:

- (a) Administration and bank relations (New York office).
- (b) Legal department (Albany office).
- (c) Disciplinary correspondence (New York office).
- (d) Investigation, credit and small loan bureaus (New York office).
- (e) Administration (Albany office).

The Department needs a strong, permanent organization, if the necessary attention is to be given to the institutions under its supervision. Recommendations have been made for the increase in salaries of all deputies, in order to make the positions attractive to the men capable of filling them.

(2) Additional Bureaus, As Follows:

(a) **Credit Bureau** to follow loan lines, slow and doubtful assets at examination, and to keep in close touch with credits. The Department formerly had such a Bureau, but this was discontinued some years ago, because of pressure of work on the examining staff. Its re-establishment is absolutely essential to effective supervision. Had such a bureau been functioning during the past three years conditions as disclosed in the failed City Trust Co. could not have gained headway.

(b) **Special Investigation Bureau** to investigate and report upon applications for new charters and branches, to verify payment in of capital and surplus upon organizations and subsequent increases, and to investigate special complaints. The radical change in method of handling applications for charters is explained in the subdivision of this report relating to new institutions. There has been a similar change in respect to branch applications.

(c) **Small Loan Bureau** to have special supervision over investment companies which sell investment certificates to the public, personal loan companies and credit unions.

We have also to provide for additional examinations, as follows:

(a) Private bankers are now examined four times a year instead of twice, as heretofore; investment companies twice instead of once, and some institutions are from time to time placed upon a special list calling for additional examinations or even for the continuous presence of examiners in an institution for weeks or even months, until conditions are corrected.

(b) Holding companies controlling or closely affiliated with banking institutions are now examined concurrently with the examination of the banks with which they are affiliated.

(c) It is anticipated that the amendments affecting private bankers, to be recommended by the Governor's Commission, the Joint Legislative Committee, and this Department, will be enacted early in the coming legislative session, and that as a result of such amendments, it will be immediately necessary to examine many private bankers not now subject to examination and to investigate and inspect the book records and accounts of steamship ticket, express company and other agencies to determine whether or not such agencies are violating the law and should be under supervision.

In addition, we must provide for the growth in number and resources of institutions under supervision, which growth has been greatly enhanced during the past year because of the fact that four of the largest National banks in New York City have come into the State system.

Since the Civil Service list for the position of Bank Examiner was established on Oct. 7 1929, 28 new examiners have been appointed and we anticipate that it will be necessary to appoint at least 15 more to adequately man the Department and put into effect the reorganization plan proposed. The additions to the examining force make necessary corresponding additions to the office force, clerical, stenographic and supervisory.

The institutions under supervision pay the entire expense of maintaining the Department and we know that they are not only willing but anxious to see the Department function to the fullest extent. We believe that the amounts requested are absolutely necessary if we are to be in a position to build up the Department and restore its former prestige. We are confident that to that end we will have the aid and co-operation of all agencies of government and institutions under supervision.

Branch, chain and group banking are discussed in the report, and the statement is made therein that "while unit or individual banks will always be the popular types of banking in this country, we believe that branch, chain and

group banking will develop greatly during the next few years." "Without question," says the report, "branch extension along county, district or State lines, is preferable to either chain or group banking. In it we have the benefit of unified control and increased protection to depositors through the double liability of stockholders which is absent in the chain and group banking operations." We give herewith the Superintendent's comments on this subject:

Branch, Chain and Group Banking.

In modern banking, as in business, the trend is towards large combinations of capital. Never in the history of the country have there been so many important banking mergers as during the past year. The same period has witnessed an unprecedented extension of chain and group banking.

Unit or individual banks have been and always will be the backbone of our banking system. Their success has been due to the undivided attention given to their affairs by competent officials who have personal acquaintance with customers, their affairs and needs, and, in addition, a thorough personal knowledge of the business and financial conditions and requirements of the community served.

Branch banking in this State is limited by law to cities; the system has worked well, giving to the sections where offices are located efficient and adequate service. In a few States, notably in California, and elsewhere, such as in Canada, England and all the principal Continental countries, branch banking has been uniformly successful.

There is a growing idea among well informed bankers that despite the present opposition, the extension of branch banking is inevitable. There is a feeling that unit banking, particularly in rural districts, has its defects; difficulty is being experienced in getting and keeping competent officials; margin of profits does not permit the payment of salaries to qualified officials commensurate with their responsibilities, and such officials are attracted to other lines or undertake outside activities.

The development of chain and group banking during the past few years has been due to the failure of the law to permit the extension of branch banking beyond city and State limits. We have a number of small chain systems in this State, but up to date there are but few chain corporations which extend beyond State limits.

Chain banking is the term applied where an individual or corporation owns 50% or more of the capital stock of two or more banking institutions, or a sufficient part of the stock of such institutions to give to the individual or corporation the controlling voice in fixing the loan and investment policies of such institutions. In a study or consideration of this question, a distinction should be made between two classes of chain corporations—(a) those owned or managed by experienced bank officials who are interested primarily in the development of the institutions controlled and who hope through economy and efficient management to increase earnings, dividends and the value of the bank stock investments; (b) those owned by corporations primarily interested in general trading in stocks and who have purchased the control of the banking institutions with the idea of creating a market and reselling the stock at a profit.

Group banking covers that class of activities where a number of banking institutions, while preserving their own identities, and, to a large degree, local autonomy with respect to internal operations, loan and investment policies, are actually in fact controlled through stock ownership by a central holding company operated and under the management of experienced bankers. The combined resources of a sound group should enable its members to give a better and more complete service to their customers. Advantages also include economies in operation and a thorough audit control.

It is the duty of the State to serve and protect its citizens. Charters are granted to banking institutions to promote the advantage and convenience of the public; the institutions are given the privilege of receiving savings and other deposits from the public. The Superintendent of Banks is charged with the responsibility of seeing that the interests of the depositors are properly safeguarded. However, laws cannot make men honest nor competent.

Regardless of what form of bank organization or bank control may be used, safe and successful operation depends primarily upon sound, efficient, experienced management, and the proper degree of protection to depositors cannot be assured if managing officials and directors lack character, competency and financial strength.

While unit or individual banks will always be the popular type of banking in this country, we believe that branch, chain and group banking will develop greatly during the next few years.

Without question branch extension along country, district or State lines is preferable to either chain or group banking. In it we have the benefit of unified control and increased protection to depositors through the double liability of stockholders which is absent in the chain and group banking operations.

With competent and reasonably conservative management, thoroughly familiar with the field and district in which the affiliated banks are located, group banking and banking management type of chain corporations may develop safely and properly.

During the past six months this Department has examined holding companies in connection with the examination of banking institutions with which they are affiliated. We will continue this practice and expect within the next six months, by arrangement with interested parties, to examine all group and chain corporations holding the controlling stock interest in institutions under our supervision.

Up to this time no such holding company has refused to permit our examiners to inspect their books and records. If difficulty should be experienced we will undoubtedly recommend legislation giving the Department jurisdiction, or at least the right of examination over all corporations domiciled or operating in this State which own directly or indirectly, say, 25% or more of the capital stock of any banking institutions incorporated under our banking laws. We further have in mind the necessity of extending the provision relating to the double liability of bank stockholders.

The report has the following to say regarding the resources of the State institutions:

The year 1929 has been an eventful one. It has been a period which has seen a large number of mergers of important banks and trust companies, the general increase of the capital and surplus structure of our institutions through the sale of new stock, the growth and expansion of the fixed and general management types of so-called investment trusts (that is, corporations organized primarily to invest its stockholders' and other funds in securities of other corporations), the development of chain and

group banking, widespread public interest and participation in stock investment and speculation, record-breaking activity in the stock markets, high rates of interest on bank loans, declining savings accounts, and, finally, the most drastic decline and readjustment of security prices in the history of all times.

That our banking institutions came through this crisis so well is convincing evidence of the underlying strength of our financial structure; that it has been possible is due to the sound, competent and experienced managements of our institutions and to the courage, counsel and cool-headed judgment of our banking and business leaders.

The reports of the State banks, trust companies and private bankers as of Sept. 27 1929 show a gain of 9.44% in resources and 3.83% in deposits during the period from Dec. 31 1928 to Sept. 27 1929. We have used the figures taken from the reports of Sept. 27 for the purpose of comparison, as the last call of the year was as of Dec. 31, and the figures as of that date are not yet available.

The resources and deposits of the State banks, trust companies and private bankers as of Dec. 31 1928 and Sept. 27 1929, are shown by the following table:

Resources Dec. 31 1928	\$9,672,183,052
Resources Sept. 27 1929	10,585,379,115
Increase	\$913,196,063
Deposits Dec. 31 1928	\$7,852,005,843
Deposits Sept. 27 1929	8,153,419,283
Increase	\$301,413,440

The total resources of State institutions were approximately \$17,024,000,000 on Sept. 27 1929, which is 60.96% of the \$27,924,310,900 reported as total resources of all the National banks of the country on Oct. 4 1929; and the total deposits of State institutions on Sept. 27 1929 were approximately \$12,615,000,000, which is 57.59% of the \$21,901,997,000 reported as total deposits of all the National banks of the country on Oct. 4 1929.

The latest estimate of resources of the State banking institutions in the United States which we have at hand is as of March 27 1929, when the resources of such State banking institutions in all of the States, including New York, was given as \$43,644,840,000.

The following table shows the capital, surplus and undivided profits of the State banks, trust companies and private bankers as of Dec. 31 1928, and Sept. 27 1929:

Capital, surplus and undivided profits, Dec. 31 1928	\$1,120,576,334
Capital, surplus and undivided profits, Sept. 27 1929	1,595,564,821
Increase	\$474,988,487

The percentage of capital and surplus to deposits, as shown by the reports of Sept. 27 1929 is 19.57 as against 14.27 on Dec. 31 1928. This ratio is almost one to five, whereas even the ratio of approximately one to seven, shown by last year's report, was more favorable than the standard set by banking practice.

Among other things, the report says:

The Department does not at the present time encourage private bankers to incorporate. Experience has shown that the advantages which have been considered to accrue to depositors on such incorporation, by reason of additional capital required and the fact that the stockholders of the incorporated bank are subject to the double liability, are more than outweighed by the fact that few such bankers have the requisite ability and experience to be permitted to assume the additional responsibility incidental to the operation of a corporate bank.

Mr. Broderick (who succeeded Frank D. Warder, convicted on charges growing out of the failure of the City Trust Co.) assumed his duties as Superintendent of Banks on April 22 1929. Regarding Mr. Broderick's report, an Albany dispatch, Jan. 8, to the "Herald Tribune" said:

The report was hailed by Governor Roosevelt as conclusive proof of the emergency character of his request for \$150,000 for additional bank examiners for the remainder of the present fiscal year.

The item was eliminated from legislation rushed through both Houses on Monday night on emergency message from the Governor on the ground that there was no necessity for the appropriation.

That such a necessity does in fact exist is amply proved by Superintendent Broderick's report, the Governor said to-night, pointing to this question from the document: "The largely increased volume of work in this department has made it necessary to appoint 28 new examiners, but these men were available only the latter part of 1929. The funds for the payment of examiners will be exhausted about April 1, and it has, therefore, been necessary for the Department to request an emergency appropriation."

Railroads Show Large Diminution in Rate of Return for November.

Class I railroads in the first 11 months of 1929 had a net railway operating income of \$1,201,172,558, which was at the annual rate of return of 5.04% on their property investment, according to reports just filed by the carriers with the Bureau of Railway Economics and made public on Jan. 6. In the first 11 months of 1928 their net railway operating income was \$1,099,823,573, or 4.68%, on their property investment. Property investment is the value of road and equipment as shown by the books of the railroads, including materials, supplies and cash. The net railway operating income is what is left after the payment of operating expenses, taxes and equipment rentals but before interest and other fixed charges are paid. This compilation as to earnings for the 11 months of 1929 is based on reports from 180 Class I railroads representing a total of 241,597 miles.

Gross operating revenues for the first 11 months in 1929 totaled \$5,882,985,157, compared with \$5,692,846,075 for the same period last year or an increase of 3.3%. Operating expenses for the first 11 months of the year amounted to \$4,190,869,790, compared with \$4,123,449,957 for the

same period one year ago, or an increase of 1.6%. Class I railroads in the first 11 months of 1929 paid \$397,428,893 in taxes, compared with \$360,585,613 for the same period the year before. For the month of November alone the tax bill of the Class I railroads amounted to \$30,000,218, a decrease of \$4,203,564 under the previous year. Twenty-seven Class I railroads operated at a loss in the first 11 months of 1929, of which 11 were in the Eastern, four in the Southern and 12 in the Western District.

Net railway operating income by districts for the first 11 months of 1929 with the percentage of return based on property investment on an annual basis as follows:

New England Region.....	\$50,645,448	5.93%
Great Lakes Region.....	202,038,215	4.97%
Central Eastern Region.....	273,555,773	5.52%
Poconantas Region.....	85,832,073	9.34%
Total Eastern District.....	\$612,071,509	5.67%
Total Southern District.....	122,091,988	4.07%
Northwestern Region.....	141,809,001	4.24%
Central Western Region.....	225,268,290	5.01%
Southwestern Region.....	99,931,770	4.56%
Total Western District.....	\$467,009,062	4.65%
Total United States.....	\$1,201,172,558	5.04%

Class I railroads for the month of November had a net railway operating income of \$86,669,467, which, for that month, was at the annual rate of return of 3.64% on their property investment. In November 1928 their net railway operating income was \$113,520,063, or 4.84%. Gross operating revenues for the month of November amounted to \$499,210,861, compared with \$532,055,881 in November of the preceding year, or a decrease of 6.2%. Operating expenses in November totaled \$372,167,148, compared with \$374,861,114 for the same month in 1928, or a decrease of seven-tenths of 1%.

Eastern District.

Class I railroads in the Eastern District for the first 11 months in 1929 had a net railway operating income of \$612,071,509, which was at the annual rate of return of 5.67% on their property investment. For the same period in 1928, their net railway operating income was \$545,389,757, or 5.12% on their property investment. Gross operating revenues of the Class I railroads of the Eastern District for the first 11 months in 1929 totaled \$2,930,643,079, an increase of 4.7% above the corresponding period the year before, while operating expenses totaled \$2,086,984,610, an increase of 2.7% above the same period in 1928.

Class I railroads in the Eastern District for the month of November had a net railway operating income of \$41,695,130 compared with \$55,822,310 in November 1928.

Southern District.

Class I railroads in the Southern District for the first 11 months in 1929 had a net railway operating income of \$122,091,988, which was at the annual rate of return of 4.07% on their property investment. For the same period in 1928, their net railway operating income amounted to \$121,242,614, which was at the annual rate of return of 4.11%. Gross operating revenues of the Class I railroads in the Southern District for the first 11 months in 1929 amounted to \$709,660,931, an increase of one-tenth of 1% above the same period the year before, while operating expenses totaled \$535,295,235, a decrease of two-tenths of 1%.

The net railway operating income of the Class I railroads in the Southern District in November amounted to \$7,844,633, while in the same month in 1928 it was \$12,650,508.

Western District.

Class I railroads in the Western District for the first 11 months in 1929 had a net railway operating income of \$467,009,061, which was at the annual rate of return of 4.65% on their property investment. For the first 11 months in 1928, the railroads in that district had a net railway operating income of \$433,191,202, which was at the annual rate of return of 4.38% on their property investment. Gross operating revenues of the Class I railroads in the Western District for the first 11 months this year amounted to \$2,242,681,147, an increase of 2.6% over the same period last year, while operating expenses totaled \$1,568,589,945, an increase of nine-tenths of 1% compared with the first 11 months the year before.

For the month of November the net railway operating income of the Class I railroads in the Western District amounted to \$37,129,704. The net railway operating income of the same roads in November 1928 totaled \$45,047,245.

CLASS I RAILROADS—UNITED STATES.

Month of November—	1929.	1928.
Total operating revenues.....	\$499,210,861	\$532,055,881
Total operating expenses.....	372,167,148	374,861,114
Taxes.....	30,000,218	34,203,782
Net railway operating income.....	86,669,467	113,520,063
Operating ratio.....	74.55%	70.46%
Rate of return on property investment..	3.64%	4.84%
11 Months Ended Nov. 30—		
Total operating revenues.....	\$5,882,985,157	\$5,692,846,075
Total operating expenses.....	4,190,869,790	4,123,449,957
Taxes.....	379,428,893	360,585,613
Net railway operating income.....	1,201,172,558	1,099,823,573
Operating ratio.....	71.24%	72.43%
Rate of return on property investment..	5.04%	4.68%

Strike on Erie RR. Averted Through Federal Mediator—One Demand Granted—Wage Question to be Arbitrated.

A threatened strike of 3,500 trainmen of the Erie Railroad was averted on Jan. 4 by G. Wallace W. Hanger, member of the United States Board of Mediation, who succeeded in working out an agreement after several weeks of effort, according to the New York "Times" of Jan. 5, which added:

One of the grievances has been settled, another will be arbitrated and the rest will be submitted to the Eastern Train Service Board of Adjustment.

The workers asked for the installation of a seat for the brakeman stationed in freight engine cabs and the railroad management has agreed to

satisfy that demand, Mr. Hanger announced. The union and the railroad have agreed to submit to three arbitrators the demand for an increase of 99 cents in the wages of the trainmen on the Wyoming branch of the road.

The workers presented about 100 grievances involving alleged infringement of contract regulations by the railroad. These grievances will be ironed out by the Adjustment Board, although the railroad is not affiliated with the Board.

Two other controversies which had been injected into the dispute since the strike was threatened were dropped for the time being. R. E. Woodruff, Vice-President of the Erie, and W. L. Reed, Vice-President of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, signed the agreement.

A strike had been set for Dec. 5 by the brotherhood, when Mr. Hanger offered the Board's mediation of the dispute. The brotherhood then agreed to hold the walkout order in abeyance.

The demands of Erie trainmen for higher wages were referred to in our issue of Dec. 11, page 3740.

Rise in Value in Inherited Securities Held Subject to Tax Under Ruling of U. S. Supreme Court—Lapse of Time Between Death and Receipt no Defense.

Millions of dollars and many individuals were affected on Jan. 6 by a ruling of the U. S. Supreme Court, under which it is held that the difference in value in securities at the time of death and the value at the time of sale of such inherited property constituted taxable income. Associated Press accounts from Washington in the New York "Herald-Tribune" of Jan. 7, from which we quote, likewise said:

The test case was brought by E. Franklin Brewster, from western New York. Brewster had appealed from a ruling of the Internal Revenue Commissioner, who had been sustained by lower courts. He insisted the tax should be levied only on the difference in value at the time he received the securities and the time of sale, holding considerable time had elapsed since his father's death and the time the securities actually came into his possession. The point has been raised in a number of cases involving large sums of money.

Minnesota was declared by the Court to be without authority to impose an inheritance tax on bonds issued by it and St. Paul and Minneapolis and held in New York by Henry R. Taylor at the time of his death there. The case attracted wide attention as testing the right of States to place an inheritance tax on bonds and other forms of State and municipal indebtedness held outside their borders.

Tax on Production Urged for Solution of Employment Problem—Commissioner of Labor Statistics Proposes Insurance of Work Instead of Doles for Idle Workers.

The following by Ethelbert Stewart, United States Commissioner of Labor Statistics was published in the *United States Daily* of Jan. 7:

This is a good time for the American people to do some real thinking. Just now we need some social-minded, some future-minded, some broad-minded thinking.

Unquestionably the real problem in the world to-day is unemployment. Whistle in the graveyard as we will, we cannot keep this ghost away.

In the United States we have acute attacks of it only spasmodically, but at best it is too much with us. Do we want to attack this social and industrial disease at its source, or do we want to dilly-dally with its results?

Benefits for Idle Workmen.

Nineteen countries of the world have unemployment insurance. About 45,000,000 workers are insured and, when idle, receive benefits in specified amounts and over specified periods of involuntary unemployment.

In no country is the system really satisfactory. In no country does it solve any problem except that of immediate starvation or suffering among the unemployed.

It gives work to nobody except the clerical force needed in its own administrative machinery. It is clumsy, expensive, ineffective.

In England and Northern Ireland there were in July 1929, 11,834,000 persons insured against unemployment; 1,176,000 of these were unemployed and the total amount of the cost of unemployment insurance for the year 1928 was \$206,214,214. This would have gone a long way toward stabilizing employment, and toward tunneling the channel toward housing the un-housed.

Of the contributions to the "fund" \$79,588,900 came from employers (based upon pay roll); \$70,225,400 from employes (deducted from wages), and \$59,901,000 from the government, i. e., general taxes.

In Germany the insurance covers 16,964,668 persons. The cost for 1928 was \$226,015,594. The contributions of both employers (based upon pay roll) and of employes (based upon wages) must not exceed 3%, divided half and half.

The excess is contributed by the Federal and local governments, \$33,288,000 in 1928. In some form or other the "dole" reached 1,029,658 persons averaged monthly for the year.

It is time to think whether or not we in the United States do not want to do something entirely different. Let us have an employment—not an unemployment—insurance system. It must be evident that before long we must have something.

I will not discuss the effect of the so-called "dole." It has been greatly exaggerated by its opponents, and praised too much by its defenders. Suffice it to say it will not be tolerated, directly, in the United States for years to come, if ever.

Indirectly we are doing it now. But the world has never gotten very far by discussing or experimenting with negatives. Remedies do not insure against a renewed attack.

Plan of Employment Insurance.

Employment insurance would have for its purpose continuous production, continuous employment. Idle men are wasted men; idle machinery wasted capital.

Theoretically we stand in this country for a stoppage of waste. We are proud of being the first to do big things.

Employment insurance has never been tried in any general way. Government subsidies in various countries have wet-nursed specific industries through crises. But government subsidies per se is not what I am advocating.

There is plenty of work to be done in this country and plenty of people to do it. The difficulty is capital and the organized machinery for production and distribution.

Our annual production, all things considered, amounts to \$90,000,000,000 per year. A production tax to maintain production would seem to involve no injustice, no economic fallacy.

The maintenance of full employment is the maintenance of continuous markets; more effective, more satisfactory in every way, than advertising and high-powered salesmanship. Give the people the income that comes from full-time employment at good wages; they will find and buy the goods they want. No window dressing necessary; you could not hide them from them.

The machinery for the administration of an effective employment insurance is no more complicated than the machinery for unemployment insurance, which prevails in 19 countries now. The income from a 1% production tax would mean \$900,000,000 per year. This would go far toward stabilizing both employment and production.

President Hoover's proposal to the Governors' Conference in New Orleans of \$3,000,000,000 revolving fund would work right in with an employment insurance scheme. Not only would it take care of public buildings and roads, but it would provide alternative employment for seasonal industries and for dying industries. It would furnish capital for patents and projects that have real merit but lie dormant for want of capital to make them effective.

The incentive to stabilize would become universal. All phases of production would be contributors to the fund and partners in the solution of its problems. Unemployment insurance gets its income from pay roll and from wages; employment insurance would get its income from production and price.

Cost Met by Larger Output.

Why should labor, or pay roll, bear all the burden? In Germany the 1½% of wages is a direct tax on earnings, a part of cost of living; and to that extent decreases purchasing power and becomes a depressant on production and prosperity.

The effect of the employer's tax on pay roll is to induce him to keep wages enough lower to cover the tax, thus again reducing purchasing power and depressing production. A production tax would mean an incentive to make production pay the tax and to lessen itself by stabilizing production.

It may not be in my day, but some day the people of the United States will have to say which it shall be—employment insurance, or unemployment insurance, whether we are to keep people at work and get better housing, better school houses and more of them, better and more of everything for our money, or whether we will keep idle people from starving in their idleness.

Sooner or later we must face the question of work or dole, which shall it be?

Subscriptions to United Hospital Fund Through "Bankers' and Brokers' Committee"—Amount to Date, \$130,033.

James Speyer, Chairman, and Charles H. Sabin, Associate Chairman, of the "Bankers' and Brokers' Committee" of the United Hospital Fund of New York, are much gratified by Wall Street's response towards this year's collection, which is the "Golden Anniversary" of the Fund, contributions received to date, namely, \$130,033, being an increase of 10% over last year's total. The following list of contributors of sums of \$100 and over was announced Jan. 6:

Previously acknowledged	\$106,000	Thatcher M. Brown	100
Stephen C. Clark	2,000	Mortimer N. Buckner	100
Aldred & Co.	1,000	Buell & Co.	100
Equitable Trust Co. of N. Y.	1,000	Trowbridge Callaway	100
Joseph P. Grace	1,000	Carlisle, Mellick & Co.	100
M. J. Meehan & Co.	1,000	George C. Clark	100
Mr. & Mrs. Van Santvoord		Jerome J. Danzig	100
Merle Smith	1,000	George W. Davison	100
National City Co.	1,000	Stanton Griffith	100
Mrs. Anna Woerishoffer	1,000	Gruntal, Lillenthal & Co.	100
Joseph F. Feder	500	Norman Henderson	100
Walter E. Frew	500	C. M. Keys & Co.	100
Donald G. Geddes	500	Louchheim, Minton & Co.	100
Halle & Stieglitz	500	Luke, Banks & Weeks	100
Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co.	500	Miss Jennie L. Mackay	100
The Prudence Co., Inc.	500	Malcolm S. Mackay	100
Agents, Bank of Montreal	250	Bernard K. Marcus	100
Hugo Blumenthal	250	George McNeir	100
H. Content & Co.	250	Morris Plan Co. of N. Y.	100
Continental Bank & Tr. Co.	250	Jansen Noyes	100
Dominick & Dominick	250	W. B. Potts	100
W. A. Harriman & Co.	250	Edgar D. Pouch	100
Hornblower & Weeks	250	"In Memoriam W. F. P."	100
Leeds Johnson	250	Seward Prosser	100
Maitland, Coppel & Co.	250	Grafton H. Pyne	100
Eugene Meyer	250	J. K. Rice Jr. & Co.	100
C. E. Mitchell	250	Harold C. Richard	100
Mrs. William H. Moore	250	George Emlen Roosevelt	100
Newburger, Hender'n & Loeb	250	Percy F. Salomon	100
Albert Tag	250	E. H. H. Simmons & Co.	100
Mr. & Mrs. E. Van Raalte	250	Harold Stanley	100
Wertheim & Co.	250	Andrew V. Stout	100
George T. Bowdoin	200	E. R. Tinker	100
Interstate Trust Co.	200	Lawrence Turnure & Co.	100
Schuyler, Chad'k & Burnham	200	Morris Walzer	100
Paul Adler	100	Wright & Sexton	100
Adler, Coleman & Co.	100	Other contributions	3,333
Frederic W. Allen	100		
Christian Arndt	100		
Auerbach, Pollak & Rich'son	100		
		Total subscriptions for the year to date	\$130,033

An earlier list of those contributing to the Fund was given in our issue of Dec. 14, page 3742.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

In accordance with the recent announcement the City Bank Farmers' Branch of The National City Bank will open for business Jan. 17 on the ground floor of 43 Exchange Place in temporary quarters. At this new office there will be a complete banking unit working in close co-operation with the institution's trust and custodian departments and offering also direct to its clients all the facilities of a world-wide banking organization.

The Equitable Trust Co. of New York announces the following appointments: E. F. Muller and J. A. Armstrong

as assistant managers of the 41st Street Office and H. G. Kemp as assistant manager of the 149th Street Office.

The Bank of America of New York announces the following appointments: A. H. Merry and P. G. Birekhead, formerly Asst. Vice-Presidents have been elected Vice-Presidents; Edward Craig, formerly Asst. Cashier has been made Asst. Vice-President; William A. Creelman has been appointed Asst. Vice-President, and H. B. Husted and F. A. Magrath Assistant Cashiers.

All existing high records in American banking are exceeded with the publication on Jan. 6 by The National City Bank of New York of its statement of condition as of Dec. 31 1929, showing total resources of \$2,206,241,170, against \$1,847,705,548 on Dec. 31 1928, and \$2,062,400,220, the previous high level recorded last June. Deposits total \$1,649,554,260, against \$1,349,024,386 a year ago, and \$1,470,891,893 last June. Total capital funds stand at \$239,650,233, against \$166,993,905 a year ago and \$235,260,406 at the end of last June.

The balance sheets for Dec. 31 1929 of the various companies making up The Manhattan Co. group as it is now constituted, were made available the present week. The total capital resources of The Manhattan Co., which is the holding company, amount to \$139,113,268 as compared with \$44,822,000 on Dec. 31 1928, and with \$65,000,000 on July 1 1929, which at that time included also the figures of the International Acceptance Bank, Inc. and the International Manhattan Co., Inc. The Manhattan group now includes the Bank of Manhattan Trust Co., International Acceptance Bank, Inc., International Manhattan Co., Inc., which are entirely owned by The Manhattan Co., and the New York Title & Mortgage Co., over 80% of whose stock was acquired by it in January 1930. The New York Title & Mortgage Co., in turn, owns, as its subsidiaries, the American Trust Co., New York, and the County Trust Co. of White Plains. The aggregate resources of the companies comprising the group as shown by the published statements, amount to \$796,929,498 and the total deposits to \$510,673,777.

The combination covers practically the entire field of banking and at the same time makes a clear division between the functions of its various units. Thus, the Bank of Manhattan Trust Co. devotes itself entirely to domestic banking business; the International Acceptance Bank, Inc., to foreign banking transactions; the International Manhattan Co., Inc., to the issuing of securities and a general investment business, while the New York Title & Mortgage Co. covers the various phases of mortgage and title business.

The group as constituted has a total of 86 offices in Greater New York, of which the Bank of Manhattan Trust Co. has 65; the New York Title & Mortgage Co., 13; and the American Trust Co., 8. Through the County Trust Co. of White Plains the group is also represented in Westchester County. When the new seventy-two story Manhattan Co. building, now being erected at 40 Wall Street, is completed next May, the offices of The Manhattan Co., The Bank of Manhattan Trust Co., the International Acceptance Bank, Inc., and the International Manhattan Co., Inc., will occupy the lower floors.

The principal officers of The Manhattan Co. are Paul M. Warburg, Chairman of the Board; J. Stewart Baker, Chairman of the Executive Committee, and P. A. Rowley, Pres.

Detailed figures of the Bank of Manhattan Trust Co. statement show resources of \$474,805,609; capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$65,459,633 and deposits of \$396,795,892. The International Acceptance Bank, Inc., now shows total resources of \$170,369,261 as compared to \$132,765,894 on Dec. 31 1928. In its current statement, outstanding acceptances amounted to \$98,243,982, an increase of over \$30,000,000 since the close of 1928.

The New York Title & Mortgage Co. reports that guaranteed mortgages and certificates outstanding increased \$27,782,123 during the past year and \$1,476,754 was added to the capital funds. These now reach the sum of \$63,249,681. Guaranteed mortgages outstanding are \$639,047,317.

The directors of the Murray Hill Trust Co. of New York, and the directors of The Bank of America National Association at their meetings this week, passed resolutions calling stockholders meetings for Feb. 10 to ratify an agreement for the consolidation of the two banks. The capital of the consolidated bank will be \$36,775,300—the surplus, \$37,000,000, and in addition there will undivided profits of more than \$3,500,000 with substantial reserves.

The Central National Bank of the City of New York as of Dec. 31 1929 reports total resources of \$18,705,808. Deposits are given as \$14,197,234. Capital \$2,500,000, and surplus and undivided profits \$972,038. During the past year this institution has shown progress gaining about \$2,000,000 in deposits which stood at \$12,198,877 on Dec. 31 1928. Surplus and undivided profits a year ago were \$837,552. The Central National Bank of the City of New York main office is at Broadway and 40th St., and in addition it operates four branches located at Burnside and Jerome Aves., Bronx; 62-64 East Mt. Eden Ave., Bronx; First Ave. and 82nd St., N. Y. City, and at Queens Boulevard and 48th St., Sunnyside, Long Island City, this latter office having been opened during the past year.

The Dec. 31 statement of the condition of the County Trust Co. of New York, of which former Governor Alfred E. Smith is Chairman, shows an increase in deposits of nearly \$2,500,000 from Nov. 9 1929 to Dec. 31 1929, with total deposits at close of business Jan. 4 of \$30,159,915, showing an additional increase of \$1,220,000, making a total increase in deposits from Nov. 9 to Jan. 4 of \$3,644,939. At the close of business Nov. 9 1929 deposits were \$26,514,976; on Dec. 31 1929 deposits were \$28,939,915, a gain to Dec. 31 1929 of \$2,424,939. At the close of business Jan. 4 1930 total deposits were \$30,159,915, showing a further increase from Dec. 31 1929 to Jan. 4 1930 of \$1,220,000, and making a total increase in deposits from Nov. 9 1929 to Jan. 4 1930 of \$3,644,939. The institution has a capital stock of \$4,000,000, surplus of \$3,500,000 and undivided profits of \$1,365,975. The total resources were \$38,042,814.

Announcement was made last week by the Irving Trust Co. of New York of a saving and investment plan for members of its clerical staff. The company's announcement says:

Under this plan monthly savings in amounts ranging from \$1 to half a month's salary may be invested on a basis as advantageous as that upon which the company manages the funds of large investors. Participation in this plan, which will become effective Jan. 2 1930, is entirely optional with the individual.

The saving and investment plan provides that the individual wishing to participate in it will authorize the deduction from his salary each month of whatever amount he elects to invest. This amount the company, as trustee, will invest as the individual may direct in either or both of two funds, specially suited to the purposes of the plan.

It also was announced that the company had voted to its clerical staff as additional compensation for services during the present year a cash distribution, payable Jan. 3, up to five weeks' additional salary, according to length of service.

At the annual stockholders meeting of International Madison Bank & Trust Co. on Jan. 8, the following directors were re-elected: Henry A. Schatzkin, member New York Stock Exchange; Max Pick, President Auburndale Mills; Charles Topkis, Topkis Brothers, Wilmington, Del.; Charles Allen Jr., investment securities. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected at the directors meeting to be held Jan. 15.

Donald Sexton, formerly with Halsey, Stuart & Co., and the Trust Co. of North America has become associated with the Chelsea Exchange Corp. of New York as Vice-President in charge of wholesale and retail distribution. Chelsea Exchange Corp. is the security affiliate of Chelsea Bank & Trust Co.

The Chatham Phenix Corp. announces the opening of two new branches in Pennsylvania, one located at 1222 Miners Bank Building, Wilkes-Barre, in charge of A. D. Conover, and the other at 424 Breneman Building, Lancaster, in charge of Lewis C. Spencer.

The Chatham Phenix Allied Corp. reports that as of the close of business Dec. 31 1929 valuing all securities at closing prices on that date, the liquidating value was \$49,987,856, representing approximately \$24.99 per share. The corporation's assets on the same date included \$34,168,036 cash, call or time loans. The balance of assets was invested mainly in listed and readily marketable dividend paying stock of leading railroad, public utility and industrial companies. The corporation has no indebtedness of any kind.

Elmer Rand Jacobs was this week elected a trustee and Secretary of the Seaman's Bank for Savings of New York, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Williston H. Benedict. Mr. Jacobs will also continue as Comptroller.

Chester D. Pugsley, Vice-President of the Westchester County National Bank of Peekskill, N. Y., left on Jan. 5

for Winter Park, Fla., where he delivered an address on Jan. 7 before the Institute of Statesmanship at Rollins College on the subject, "Can Public Opinion Influence Prosperity"?

The Kidder Peabody Acceptance Corp. reports that total assets as of Dec. 31 1929 amounted to \$69,975,332, compared with \$56,775,219 at the end of 1928. Increases were shown in the principal asset items with customers' liability on acceptances totaling \$36,685,782 and on unused letters of credit amounting to \$16,195,943. The value of stockholdings amounted to \$3,370,752, with cash of \$2,446,439 and United States Government bonds of \$3,812,346. Capital stock remained at \$13,500,000, while surplus and profit and loss increased from \$1,329,653 to \$1,733,404. Acceptances outstanding, less \$441,152 in portfolio, totaled \$38,361,606, compared with \$29,194,088, less \$40,170 in portfolio, at the end of 1928.

At the regular meeting this week of the trustees of the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., of New York, Thomas Ewing Jr. and Robert L. Gerry were elected trustees of the institution. Mr. Ewing is a director of W. & J. Sloane and of the Westchester Trust Co. Mr. Gerry is a director of the City Bank Farmers Trust Co. and of the Fulton Trust Co., as well as of Cruikshank & Co.

The J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp., which started business six years ago with paid-in capital and surplus of \$3,200,000, has issued its annual report showing resources totaling \$71,821,269 on Dec. 31 1929. This represents an increase of \$16,149,061, or about 30%, for the year 1929, during which the corporation introduced \$1,800,000 new capital into its business. Paid-in capital, surplus and undivided profits amounted to \$9,368,584 on Dec. 31 1929, compared with \$6,604,562 on Dec. 31 1928. The increase of \$2,764,022 in these capital items consists of the \$1,800,000 additional paid in on capital stock and \$964,022 added to undivided profits during the year 1929. Total liquid assets consisting of cash, call loans, acceptances of other banks and Government securities are reported as amounting to about \$28,000,000, against total deposits of about \$27,000,000, showing a liquid position of more than 100%. Total acceptances outstanding on Dec. 31 1929 amounted to \$34,163,745 compared with \$22,348,098 on Dec. 31 1928, showing an increase of about \$12,000,000, or more than 50%.

The Hibernia Trust Co. of New York, which opened for business on May 28 1929 with capital and surplus of \$5,000,000, has issued its first statement for a full half year, showing deposits of \$11,761,708 and loans and discounts of \$11,180,935. The second largest asset was cash and due from banks totaling \$5,841,792. Securities, including United States Governments, totaled \$1,655,855. The report shows undivided profits of \$240,562.

The statement of condition of United States Trust Co. of New York as of Jan. 1, shows total resources of \$100,429,902, as against \$99,185,152 a year ago. This is the first time resources of the institution as shown in a published statement of condition have exceeded \$100,000,000 although during the last two years that mark has been frequently exceeded. Capital, surplus and undivided profits increased during the year from \$25,404,313 to \$26,709,141 while deposits were substantially unchanged. Stock and bond investments of the company as of Jan. 1 1930, had a par value of \$19,637,000 as against \$18,028,000 on Jan. 1 1929, while their book value was \$18,580,760, as against \$17,277,000. The detailed list of holdings, made public in connection with the statement, reflects no appreciable change in the character of its portfolio, which includes United States Government, municipal, railroad, industrial and public utility bonds.

Total resources of The Chase National Bank of the City of New York established a new high record of \$1,714,829,447 as of Dec. 31 1929, according to the statement of condition published this week in response to the call of the Comptroller of Currency. This showing, together with record-breaking deposits of \$1,248,218,351, entrenches the Chase National Bank as the third largest banking institution in the United States and among the eight largest banks in the world. The resources as of Dec. 31 1929, represent a gain of \$284,521,210 over total assets at the end of 1928. The latest statement shows a gain in total resources of \$175,736,552 over the previous record of \$1,539,092,895 reported on October 4 1929, after the Garfield and National Park mergers had become effective. The bank reported cash on hand and due

from banks of \$467,276,600 and loan and discounts of \$884,694,456. During the year, which was marked by mergers with the Garfield National Bank and the National Park Bank, and by affiliation with American Express Co., the capital of the Chase National Bank was raised from \$60,000,000 to \$105,000,000 and surplus from \$60,000,000 to \$105,000,000 while undivided profits increased from \$17,498,445 to \$31,364,145. Capital funds of the Chase Securities Corp., affiliate of the Chase National Bank, exceeding \$100,000,000, are not included in the bank's statement.

A consolidation of the Long Island National Bank, Astoria (Borough of Queens), N. Y., and the Douglaston National Bank, Douglaston, L. I., affiliated institutions of which William J. Large is President, has been agreed upon by their respective directors, according to the New York daily papers. The Brooklyn "Eagle" in its issue of that day stated that the merger of the two Long Island National banks was seen as the first step in what may be an extensive chain of banks under the same control. The directorates of both banks will continue to serve the consolidated institution, it was stated. Branches of the enlarged bank will be established, according to statements by the directors, it was said, the first of which is intended to be at 2nd St. and Ditmars Boulevard, Queens. The paper mentioned went on to say:

Sanction from the Government which will permit the expansion along the lines contemplated by Mr. Large and other officials, it is expected, will signalize more activity in branch banks and possibly other mergers. Mr. Large has been a special Federal bank examiner and also was connected with banks in the greater city for some time.

Albert D. Blauvelt, former National bank examiner, is cashier of the Douglaston Bank and an active assistant of Mr. Large in the combined boards' expansion plans.

As of Dec. 31 1929 the National Bank of Ogdensburg, N. Y. (capital, \$300,000) was placed in voluntary liquidation. The institution was absorbed by the Ogdensburg Trust Co. of the same place.

Robert Winsor, senior active member of the Boston investment banking house of Kidder, Peabody & Co., an internationally known banker, died suddenly of heart disease at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in this city early Tuesday morning, Jan. 7. Mr. Winsor, who was in his 72nd year, had come to New York last Sunday to spend a few days in business conferences with his associates in the New York offices of the firm. His home, "Chestnut Farm," was in Weston, Mass. Mr. Winsor was born in Salem, Mass., and was graduated from Harvard with the Class of 1880. The same year he entered the firm of Kidder, Peabody & Co. with which he had been associated at the time of his death for nearly 50 years. Apart from his immediate interests in the banking house the deceased banker was a director in a number of large corporations. Commenting on Mr. Winsor's death, Thomas W. Lamont of J. P. Morgan & Co. (as reported in Wednesday's New York "Times") said:

Robert Winsor's death is a serious loss to us all. For a great many years he had been a leading figure in the financial community, not of New England alone but of the whole country. The association of Mr. Winsor with the Morgan firm and with its individual members was close and we all had a high esteem for him personally and for his great capacity and high character.

The Textile National Bank of Philadelphia (capital \$500,000) was placed in voluntary liquidation on Jan. 1. The institution was absorbed by the Industrial Trust Co. of Philadelphia. The proposed consolidation of these institutions was indicated in the "Chronicle" of Oct. 19, page 2489.

The Baltimore Trust Co., Baltimore, on Jan. 8 announced the organization of the Baltimore Company, with paid in capital and surplus of \$5,000,000, for the purpose of underwriting, wholesaling and retailing investment securities, continuing and further developing the business formerly carried on by the bank's investment department. The new company will be located in the Baltimore Trust Building on the banking floor of the trust company. It is owned by the stockholders of the bank. Donald Symington, President of the Baltimore Trust Co., is President of the new organization, and all of its directors and officers are identified with the trust company. The direct management of the company will be in the hands of Iredell W. Iglehart and Henry B. Thomas, Jr., Vice-Presidents.

The Safety Fund National Bank of Fitchburg, Mass., announces the death of its Vice-President and Cashier, Samuel Hawes Lowe, Dec. 26 1929.

In our reference last week (page 64) to the consolidation of the Security Savings Bank of Newark, N. J., with the Howard Savings Institution of that city, the name of the new organization was erroneously given as the Security Savings Bank of the City of Newark, whereas it should have read the Howard Savings Institution. As previously stated the merger became effective on Dec. 31 and on Monday next, Jan. 13, the consolidated bank will be located in the building of the Howard Savings Institution, 764-768 Broad Street. A branch office—Bloomfield Ave. Branch—is maintained at 266 Clifton Ave., Newark. The new organization, which is said to be the largest savings bank in New Jersey, has deposits of \$63,365,690 and total assets of \$71,220,892. The principal officers are as follows: Henry G. Atha, Chairman of the Board of Managers; Wynant D. Vanderpool, President; Howard Biddulph and William W. Rutter, Vice-Presidents; Frank E. Quinby, Vice-President and Trust Officer; Charles H. Norman, Secretary; George J. Koeck, Treasurer and Arthur A. Styvers, Comptroller.

Two Maine banks, the Pejepseot National Bank of Brunswick and the Union National Bank of that city, both capitalized at \$50,000, were consolidated on Dec. 31 under the title of the Brunswick Nat'l Bank, with capital of \$100,000.

On Jan. 2 the First-Stamford National Bank, Stamford, Conn., changed its title to the First-Stamford National Bank & Trust Co.

Directors of the Bankers Trust Co. of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, on Jan. 7 declared a quarterly dividend of 1½% on the \$4,876,800 capital stock, payable Feb. 1, a 1½% salary dividend to employees and junior officers, payable the same date, and transferred \$250,000 additional to surplus. The Board also approved the annual report of Samuel H. Barker, President of the company, which will be submitted to the stockholders at their meeting. It shows that the operations of the company for 1929, its third year, covered the 6% dividend, and besides added \$1,774,691 to surplus and undivided profits.

The Board of Directors of the Kensington Trust Co. of Philadelphia on Jan. 8 added \$150,000 to the bank's surplus account, making it \$1,500,000, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Jan. 9. The bank's capital is \$500,000 and its undivided profits and contingent fund accounts exceed \$180,000. Charles L. Martin, President of the Kensington Trust Co., was reported as saying that the year just ended, which virtually marks the twenty-fourth year of the Kensington Trust Co., was one of the most successful in the history of the institution.

According to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Jan. 3, the stockholders of the Bucks County Trust Co., of Doylestown, Pa., at their annual meeting on Jan. 2, elected United States Senator Joseph R. Grundy of Bristol, Pa., a member of the Board of Directors. On the same day the directors of the trust company appointed Oscar O. Bean, a Doylestown attorney, President of the institution to succeed Henry A. James. Other officers, it was said, were named by the directors as follows: Claude S. Witherill and Joseph J. Conroy, Vice-Presidents; Jeremy E. Underwood, Secretary; Harry C. Garner, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary; George E. Moyer, Assistant Trust Officer, and Thomas Diver, Assistant Treasurer. Mr. Beal, the new President, is Manager of the Doylestown "Intelligencer" and the Newton (Pa.) "Enterprise," it was stated.

Upon the request of its directors, the affairs of the Susquehanna Title & Trust Co., 1611 West Susquehanna Ave., Philadelphia, were taken over by the State Banking Department at the close of business Jan. 6, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of the following day. A notice posted on the doors, signed by William Herch Soule, Special Deputy of the Department of Banking, for Peter G. Cameron Secretary of Banking, read as follows:

By virtue of the power and authority vested in him under provisions of the Act of Assembly approved June 13 1923, as amended by the Act of Assembly No. 44, approved March 5 1927, the Secretary of Banking of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has taken possession of the property and business of the Susquehanna Title & Trust Co., Philadelphia.

The Philadelphia paper went on to say:

Although a detail of police under Sergeant McAnany, of the 26th and York streets station, was sent to the bank, there was no disorder among the groups of depositors.

A month or more ago the directors voted to make overtures to another bank for a merger, but negotiations fell through. Prior to that time, it

was said, stock in the bank was selling for \$63 a share, but since then has dropped.

C. Frank Ayre, a real estate operator, at 1724 Susquehanna Ave., is listed as President of the bank. Other officers include J. T. McDevitt, Vice-President; J. H. Hagle, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer; H. F. Melxner, Trust Officer and Charles Goglia, Title Officer.

Tilghman S. Derr, Jr., Secretary and Treasurer of the institution, referred inquiries to the State Banking Department, adding that a statement would be forthcoming from Secretary Cameron to-day (Jan. 7).

That the stock of the South Euclid Bank of Cleveland has been acquired by a group of officers and directors of the Cleveland Trust Co. of that city, was announced recently, according to the Cleveland "Plain Dealer" of Jan. 6. The South Euclid Bank, it was said, would continue to operate under its present name and with its present staff headed by P. P. Leonard as Treasurer, who formerly had been Secretary-Treasurer and active executive officer of the institution. For the present, it was stated, new directors of the South Euclid Bank would be A. L. Assmus W. F. Finley, F. H. Houghton, H. D. King and J. R. Cotabish—all officers of the Cleveland Trust Co. It was also stated that Mr. Houghton had been appointed President of the acquired bank, Mr. Assmus and Mr. Cotabish, Vice-Presidents, and Mr. King, Secretary.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Chagrin Falls Banking Co., Chagrin Falls, Ohio, on Dec. 31, Allard Smith, Vice-President of the Union Trust Co. of Cleveland, was elected a director to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Austin H. Church.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago, held Jan. 7, Sewell L. Avery, President of the U. S. Gypsum Co., and D. A. Crawford, President of the Pullman Co., were elected to the directorate of the bank. James R. Leavell, Executive Vice-President of the Continental Illinois Co., was appointed Assistant to the Chairman of the Board of the Continental Illinois Bank and Assistant to the Chairman of the company, (newly created offices) at meetings on the same day (Jan. 7) of the Boards of Directors of the two institutions. He will continue as Vice-President of the Continental Chicago Corp. The official announcement in regard to Mr. Leavell says:

Mr. Leavell came to Chicago in 1920 as a Vice-President of the Continental & Commercial National Bank. After that bank was consolidated with its affiliated State bank and the name was changed to Continental National Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago, he was elected Executive Vice-president of the Continental National Co., the affiliated investment organization. He retained that title when in March 1929, the company was united with the bond department of the Illinois Merchants Trust Co. as the Continental Illinois Co. His election to-day (Jan. 7) places him in an important executive position in the bank, the company and the corporation.

The following additional changes were made in the official roster of the Continental Illinois Bank: Carl A. Birdsall was promoted from a Second Vice-Presidency to Vice-President; Jos. T. Leimert, Norman B. Shaffer, Rudolph Vogel and Harold Shockey were promoted from the office of Assistant-to-Vice-President to that of Second Vice-President; Lee B. Doty and J. S. Macferran, Assistant Cashiers, were appointed Second Vice-Presidents, and Monroe Cockrell and H. P. O'Connell were added to the official list, the former as a Second Vice-President and the latter as an Assistant Cashier. The work of the real estate division of the Continental Illinois Co. has been transferred to the trust department of the bank and Charles H. Binney, Manager, was made Second Vice-President of the bank in charge of real estate, while J. B. Hall was made an Assistant Secretary and will assist Mr. Binney. R. M. Kimball, Assistant Secretary, was appointed a Second Vice-President, in charge of the trust department's personnel and operations, and C. E. Ronning, Assistant Secretary, was made Secretary of the same department. A. M. Bruch has been made an Assistant Manager in the savings department.

The board of directors of the Continental Illinois Co. elevated four officers and added one new name to the official roster. George F. Hardie was promoted from the position of Secretary and Treasurer to that of Vice-President; John W. Denison from Manager of the municipal bond division to a Second Vice-Presidency; Frank L. King from Comptroller to Secretary and Treasurer, and John J. Brugman, Assistant Treasurer, was made Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer. J. G. Couffer was appointed Assistant Manager of the municipal bond division and Lloyd Sturtz was made Auditor.

The Noel State Bank of Chicago reports earnings of 18.71% on its capital for 1929, this being the largest per-

centage earned during any one year with one exception since the bank became a State bank in 1909. Earnings on invested capital were at the rate of 12.24%, which is the fourth largest rate for any one year since the bank was organized.

Announcement was made on Jan. 2 by George Woodruff, Chairman of the Board of the National Bank of the Republic, Chicago, of the organization of the National Republic Bancorporation under the laws of Illinois with an authorized capital of \$20,000,000, consisting of 1,000,000 shares of the par value of \$20 a share, and a surplus of \$10,000,000. The Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of Jan. 3, from which the above information was obtained, stated that 15 banks and investment companies in Chicago and surrounding territory, with combined resources of more than \$250,000,000, will form the nucleus of the new bancorporation, which will institute group banking in Chicago for the first time. The National Republic Bancorporation, it was said, will have at least a 51% interest in all of the institutions which it will bring together, with the exception of the National Bank of the Republic, in which it will hold a substantial interest. This will be effected through the exchange of stock of the various banks for stock of the bancorporation. Although it was announced that 15 banks and investment companies will form the nucleus of the new organization, the names of only 12 were given out, the directors of the others not yet having taken the necessary legal steps or the banks not having been examined. Those disclosed are: National Bank of the Republic, National Republic Co., Cosmopolitan State Bank and its affiliate, the Cosmopolitan Bond and Mortgage Co.; People's National Bank & Trust Co. and its affiliate People's National Co.; Western State Bank, Austin State Bank, Adams State Bank, First Englewood State Bank, Waukegan State Bank and Chicago Trust Co.

Mr. Woodruff will be Chairman of the Board of the new bancorporation; Gustave F. Fischer (President of the Cosmopolitan State Bank of Chicago), will be President; Hartley C. Laycock (President of the People's National Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago), will be Vice-President; Ward C. Castle (executive Vice-President of the National Bank of the Republic), Secretary, and John W. Jedlan (President of the Western State Bank), Treasurer. In his announcement Mr. Woodruff said in part:

"Under the plan of operation affiliated banks will continue to operate as independent units under the same management as existed before they became a part of the National Republic Bancorporation. The management of the Bancorporation is charged with the responsibility of seeing that all banks are kept in a sound and healthy condition and will place at the disposal of each bank the advice and technical experience of the central organization in the determination of the many problems of management and operation.

"Associated together on the Board of Directors will be the representatives of the affiliated banks, constituting a large group of well-known bankers and business men intimately identified with the diversified activities of the territory served and whose wide connections will give the corporation a direct tie-up with the most influential commercial interests of Chicagoland."

In conclusion the paper mentioned said:

The Bancorporation also will be closely affiliated with the National Republic Investment Trust. There will be no public financing in connection with the formation of the new company. It is not contemplated to list its securities at this time.

The operations of the Bancorporation will encompass the Chicago metropolitan area and surrounding territory. Its formation, it was explained, will fortify the constituent banks against the possible inroads of branch banking in the future.

The formation of the Bancorporation to acquire control of banks and investment companies is in line with present day activities in the banking field. Similar corporations, some of which have shown rapid expansion, have been formed in Wisconsin, the northwest, Ohio, Kentucky, New York and many other States. The formation of the National Republic Bancorporation, however, marks the first time that any Chicago institution has become identified with a bank group.

The Central Manufacturing District Bank of Chicago we are advised, reported net earnings of \$215,205 for 1929, which is equivalent to 36.3% on the average capital stock of \$591,667, and to 14.8% on the average invested capital of \$1,447,136. Net earnings for 1928 were \$206,874, equivalent to 41.3% on the capital stock of \$500,000 and 15.5% on the average invested capital.

The proposed union of two Peoria, Ill., banks—the Commercial National Bank and the Merchants' & Illinois National Bank—to form a new institution to be known as the Commercial Merchants' National Bank, was announced on Jan. 7, according to advices from that city on the same day, printed in the Chicago "Journal of Commerce." The capital of the new organization, it is understood, will be

\$2,000,000 and its resources \$24,000,000. Continuing the dispatch said:

Directors of each bank will declare a stock dividend in the near future on the 11,250 shares of the Commercial National and the 6,000 shares of the Merchants and Illinois. Details of issuing stock in the new organization are expected to be announced simultaneously. The combination will be the largest in the State outside Chicago, local financial men believe. Jacob Wachenheimer is President of the Commercial National and William C. White heads the Merchants.

On Dec. 31, the First National Bank of Aurora, Ill., capitalized at \$100,000 and the American National Bank of that city, capitalized at \$200,000, were merged under the title of the First National Bank of Aurora, with capital of \$300,000.

On Jan. 2 a consolidation of the Citizens' National Bank of Princeton, Ill., and the First National Bank of that place was consummated under the title of the Citizens' First National Bank of Princeton. The new bank is capitalized at \$150,000.

A consolidation of the Farmers' & Merchants' Bank of Baraboo, Wis. (capital \$50,000) with the First National Bank of that place (capital \$100,000) was consummated on Dec. 31. The new institution is known as the First National Bank & Trust Co. of Baraboo, and is capitalized at \$150,000.

The proposed union of the American-First National Bank of Oklahoma City, Okla., and the Security National Bank of that city was consummated on Jan. 2. The resulting institution, the First National Bank & Trust Co. of Oklahoma City, is capitalized at \$5,000,000. The American-First National Bank was chartered in 1889, the year Oklahoma City was founded, while the Security National Bank was established in 1906. The personnel of the new organization is as follows: Hugh M. Johnson, Chairman of the board of directors; Charles W. Gunter, Chairman of the executive committee and Vice-Chairman of the board; William Mee, Chairman of the finance committee; Frank P. Johnson, President; J. C. Eagen, J. V. Holt, E. E. Grimes, A. J. Peters, Henry M. Hart, Ray M. Scruggs, W. E. Hightower, J. W. Teter, C. A. Vose, Thad N. Wells and R. D. Wilbor, Active Vice-Presidents; Kent B. Hayes, Vice-President and Trust Officer; J. W. Faherty, Cashier; Lyall Barnhart, Assistant Vice-President and Comptroller; R. J. Benzel, Frank Buttram, W. T. Hales, W. R. Ramsey and Geo. G. Sohlberg, Inactive Vice-Presidents; Jas. B. Cockrell, Clarence R. Faris, John C. Harrington, W. L. Hatcher, W. R. Payne, John W. Pruitt, Paul E. Pulley, Jas. A. Shirley, Harold D. Smith and J. L. Waleh, Assistant Cashiers; B. N. Jenkins, Auditor; A. N. Murphy, Assistant Trust Officer, and R. E. Fleod, Manager bond department. The approaching merger of the institutions was indicated in the "Chronicle" of Sept. 28, page 2015.

Details concerning the BancNorthwest Co.—the newly organized affiliate of the Northwest Bancorporation of Minneapolis, which will underwrite and distribute investment securities on a National scale, and to which reference was made in our Jan. 4 issue, page 65—have now been received from the Bancorporation. Officers of the new company, we are told, will be as follows:

- E. W. Decker, Chairman of board.
- W. A. Durst, Chairman executive committee.
- H. D. Thrall, President.
- D. R. West, Vice-President and Treasurer.
- R. L. John, Secretary.
- C. E. Klassy, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.
- J. W. Groves, Assistant Secretary.
- John DeJong, Assistant Secretary.
- D. F. Gruenhagen, Manager corporation department.
- J. Burns Allen, Manager of sales.
- Wm. L. Mitten, Manager Municipal department.
- J. G. Gordon, Manager statistical department.

After stating that the new company would be affiliated with the 96 banks or investment organizations which comprise the Northwest Bancorporation group, the announcement goes on to say in part:

The Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. of Minneapolis is one of the larger organizations in the Northwest Bancorporation group, and the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. in turn has had as a subsidiary the Minnesota company, which carried on an investment security business. The business done by the Minnesota company now will be taken over by BancNorthwest Co., and the bond departments of all the affiliated banks will be associated. In addition thereto, a number of strong outstanding subsidiary investment companies associated with the larger banks that are in Northwest Bancorporation group, while continuing to operate and retain their individual names, will likewise associate with BancNorthwest Co. These are the First National Duluth Co., Duluth, Minn.; Iowa-Des Moines Co., which now is being formed in Des Moines, Ia.; Spokane-Eastern Co., Spokane, Wash., and United States National Co., Omaha, Neb.

Northwest Bancorporation now has its affiliates variously located in eight States—Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Iowa, Montana and Washington. While its main strength is in Minnesota and the Ninth Federal Reserve District, it has entered as well the Seventh, Tenth and Twelfth districts, and while its area covers wholly or in part the eight States where it has contacts, its field of operation actually will cover eleven States in an area extending from Lake Michigan into Washington, and from the Canadian border line south to the northern boundary of Kansas.

On the day BancNorthwest Co. was announced (Jan. 3) the combined resources of the group of banks that comprised Northwest Bancorporation had passed \$476,000,000, there having been two Minnesota country banks added to the group in the first two business days of the new year. Throughout 1929 nearly all figures printed about Northwest Bancorporation were in some degree inaccurate when they appeared because of the continued new additions, the entire growth being made over the period of a year. Northwest Bancorporation having been organized in January 1929. . . .

What influence the newly organized BancNorthwest Co. may be expected to exercise, what territory its operations naturally will cover and what volume of business it may develop are suggested by the list of institutions (combined resources \$477,000,000) that are affiliated with Northwest Bancorporation, and which is here appended:

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| <p><i>Minnesota.</i></p> <p>The Northwestern National Bank
Lake Street office
Lincoln office
North American office
Minnesota Loan & Trust Co.
BancNorthwest Co.
Midland National Bank & Trust Co.
Metropolitan National Bank
Central National Bank
Second Northwestern State Bank
Third Northwestern National Bank
Fourth Northwestern National Bank
Fifth Northwestern National Bank
Albert Lea, First National Bank
Appleton, First National Bank
Austin, Austin State Bank
Duluth, First & American Nat'l Bank
Duluth, First National Duluth Co.
Faribault, Security Nat'l Bank & Tr. Co.
Fergus Falls, Fergus Falls National Bank
Lanesboro, Scanlan-Haberstad Bank & Trust Co.
Mankato, National Citizens Bank
Moorhead, First National Bank
Northfield, State Bank of Northfield
Osseo, Farmers State Bank
Owatonna, Security State Bank
South St. Paul, Stock Yards Nat'l Bank
South St. Paul, Stock Yards Mtge. Co.
Winona, First National Bank</p> <p><i>North Dakota.</i></p> <p>Bismarck, Dakota Nat'l Bank & Trust Co.
Fargo, First Nat'l Bank & Trust Co.
Grafton, Grafton National Bank
Jamestown, James River National Bank & Trust Co.
Minot, First National Bank
Valley City, American National Bank & Trust Co.
Wahpeton, Citizens National Bank</p> <p><i>South Dakota.</i></p> <p>Aberdeen, First National Bank
Deadwood, First National Bank
Huron, National Bank of Huron
Lead, First National Bank
Milbank, Farmers & Merchants National Bank in Milbank
Rapid City, First National Bank
Sioux Falls, Security National Bank
Sturgis, Commercial National Bank
Watertown, Citizens National Bank
Watertown, First National Bank</p> <p><i>Washington.</i></p> <p>Spokane
Spokane Eastern Corp.
Spokane & Eastern Trust Co.
Spokane Eastern Co.</p> <p><i>Wisconsin.</i></p> <p>La Crosse, National Bank of La Crosse</p> | <p><i>Montana.</i></p> <p>Anaconda, Daly Bank & Trust Co.
Dillon, First National Bank
Great Falls, Great Falls National Bank
Hayre, Hill County State Bank
Helena, Union Bank & Trust Co.
Malta, First State Bank
Miles City, Bank of Miles City</p> <p><i>Nebraska.</i></p> <p>Fairbury, First National Bank
Fairbury, Harbine Bank
Lincoln, Continental National Bank
Lincoln, Continental Co.
Omaha:
United States National Bank
United States National Co.
Stock Yards Nat'l Bank of So. Omaha
South Omaha Savings Bank
Cattle Feeders Loan Co.</p> <p><i>Iowa.</i></p> <p>Des Moines, Iowa-Des Moines National Bank & Trust Co.
Mason City, First National Bank
Mason City, Northwest Savings Bank
Sioux City, Live Stock National Bank</p> <p>Union Investment Company Banks.</p> <p><i>Minnesota.</i></p> <p>Belle Plaine, First National Bank
Bowling, Morrison County State Bank
Browns Valley, Union State Bank
Dodge Center, Dodge Center State Bank
Elk River, Bank of Elk River
Farmington, First National Bank
Greenwald, State Bank of Greenwald
Hastings, Hastings National Bank
Hawley, First National Bank
Hopkins, Security National Bank
Jordan, First National Bank
Lake Park, State Bank of Lake Park
Luverne, Rock County Bank
Montgomery, First National Bank
New Prague, First National Bank
Red Wing, First National Bank
Richmond, American State Bank
Rockville, State Bank of Rockville
Sauk Rapids, Union State Bank
Two Harbors, First National Bank
Virginia, State Bank of Virginia
Warren, Peoples' State Bank
Waterville, First National Bank</p> <p><i>North Dakota.</i></p> <p>Fairdale, Farmers State Bank
Starkweather, State Bank of Starkweather</p> <p><i>Wisconsin.</i></p> <p>Baldwin, First National Bank
Berlin, Berlin National Bank
Grantsburg, First National Bank
Knapp, First National Bank
New Richmond, First National Bank
Prescott, First National Bank</p> |
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The Citizens' National Bank of Chickasha, Okla., and the Farmers' National Bank of the same place, both capitalized at \$100,000, were merged on Dec. 31. The enlarged bank, which is known as the Citizens-Farmers National Bank of Chickasha, is capitalized at \$200,000.

On Jan. 2 the United States Bank, Washington Ave. at Fourth St., St. Louis, Mo., announced the opening on that day of a trust department and the change of the institution's name to the United States Bank & Trust Co. Officers and directors remain as heretofore. The personnel of the institution, which was founded in 1872, is as follows: Craig MacQuaid, President; Gustave W. Niemann, Claude A. Eaton and Earl M. Johnston, Vice-Presidents; Fred J. Kurtz, Vice-President and Secretary, and Adolph Schenk, Assistant Secretary.

The closing on Dec. 30 of the Carolina National Bank of Spartanburg, S. C., and its affiliated institution, the Dollar Savings Bank (capitalized respectively at \$200,000 and \$100,000) was reported in a dispatch by the Associated Press from Spartanburg on that date, printed in the New York "Times" of the following day. Notices posted on the doors of the institutions, the dispatch said, stated their affairs were in the hands of the State Bank Examiner "by order of the Board of Directors." The last financial statement of the Carolina National Bank (Oct. 4 1929) showed deposits of \$760,086, while the last financial statement of the Dollar Savings Bank (Dec. 4 1929) showed deposits of \$76,633, it was stated.

According to Associated Press advices from Covington, Ky., on Jan. 3, appearing in the Louisville "Courier-Journal" of the next day, James B. Brown, President of the National Bank of Kentucky, Louisville, and of the Banco Kentucky Co., on that day (Jan. 3) acquired the stock of former United States Senator Richard P. Ernst in the People's Liberty Bank & Trust Co. of Covington. L. B. Wilson, a Covington capitalist, the dispatch said, was named President of the acquired bank shortly after the Brown-Ernst deal was completed. Mr. Wilson was formerly a Vice-President of the institution and Mr. Ernst was President. The dispatch furthermore said:

A large block of stock in the Central Savings Bank & Trust Co. here was purchased by Mr. Brown several months ago. Banking circles here believed the Louisville banker will merge the Central Savings with the Peoples-Liberty. If the merger occurs the Peoples-Liberty will have resources of \$12,000,000.

Mr. Ernst and Mr. Wilson held the directing control in the People's-Liberty Bank. Mr. Wilson said he would not dispose of his holdings, but indicated he agreed to give his proxy to Mr. Brown so a merger could be made, tending to bring about economies in operation and larger returns to stockholders.

On Jan. 4 the Comptroller of the Currency issued a charter to the American National Bank & Trust Co. of Mobile, Ala., representing a conversion of the American Trust Co. of that city. The new bank is capitalized at \$500,000. Frank P. Folmar is President and A. E. Vautrot, Cashier.

Effective Jan. 2, the First National Bank of Vicksburg, Miss., and the National City Savings Bank & Trust Co. of that city, capitalized respectively at \$300,000 and \$100,000, were consolidated under the title of the First National Bank & Trust Co. of Vicksburg, with capital of \$500,000. A press dispatch from Vicksburg on Jan. 2, appearing in the Jackson (Miss.) "News" of the same date, stated that the enlarged bank would have deposits of over \$7,000,000 and total resources in excess of \$9,000,000. George Williamson, former President of the First National Bank, continues as President of the new organization.

A charter was issued on Dec. 31 by the Comptroller of the Currency for the American National Bank of Gadsden, Ala., with capital of \$200,000. The new institution is a conversion of the Etowah Trust & Savings Bank of Gadsden. J. B. Wadsworth is President and D. C. Wadsworth, Cashier.

The board of directors of the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans, La., announces the appointment of J. M. O. Monasterio to the office of Assistant Vice-President. Mr. Monasterio went to New Orleans from Mexico City in 1915, shortly after receiving his A. B. degree from Loyola University of Mexico City. In 1923 he became associated with the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co. and has since been identified with the foreign department. In 1925 he was appointed assistant manager of that department and in July 1928 manager. His present promotion comes as a recognition of years of meritorious service. Mr. Monasterio is a graduate of the American Institute of Banking.

The directors of the Hibernia Securities Co. Inc. and the Hibernia Mortgage Co., affiliated organizations of the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co., announce the promotion to official posts of two of their employees. James A. Stouse of the Hibernia Securities Co. has been promoted to assistant sales manager and F. Lloyd Monroe has been made assistant treasurer of the Hibernia Mortgage Co., both positions being newly created.

On Jan. 4 a new financial institution was opened in Dallas, Texas—the Texas Bank & Trust Co. According to the Dallas "News" of that date, the new bank is capitalized at \$125,000 with surplus of \$25,000. Its officers include R. L. Thornton, Chairman of the Board; M. J. Norrell, President, and Harry L. Holliday, Cashier. In its issue of the next day (Jan. 5), the paper mentioned reported that the opening had been very auspicious, four clerks opening new accounts being kept busy until long after closing time and the bank ending its first day with a substantial showing of checking and savings accounts. The new institution is located in the Mercantile Building at Lamar and Main Streets.

The proposed union of the American Exchange National Bank and the City National Bank, Dallas, Tex., reference

to which was made in our issues of Nov. 9 and Nov. 23, pages 2963 and 3280, respectively, became effective Dec. 31. The consolidated bank is capitalized at \$8,000,000 and has resources in excess of \$100,000,000.

Two Houston (Texas) banks—the Public National Bank & Trust Co., with capital of \$500,000, and the Guaranty National Bank, with capital of \$300,000—were consolidated on Jan. 2 under the title of the Public National Bank & Trust Co. of Houston, with capital of \$800,000. Reference was made to the union of these banks in our issue of Oct. 19, page 2491.

Affiliation of two more North Dakota banks with the First Bank Stock Corp., with headquarters in St. Paul and Minneapolis, was announced on Jan. 8 by P. J. Leeman, Vice-President and General Manager of the corporation. The new affiliates are the Union National Bank & Trust Co. in Minot, corporate successor to the Union National Bank of Minot, and the First National Bank of Glen Ullin, a nationalized successor to the Farmers' & Merchants' State Bank. North Dakota units of the First Bank Stock Corp. now number 16 with resources in excess of \$21,000,000. The group as a whole consists of 86 affiliated banks, trust companies and financial institutions. The official announcement goes on to say:

The Union National of Minot is one of the larger banks in the State, with resources of \$1,772,106.05 and deposits of \$1,526,693.58. The new corporation for which a charter has been asked is to be capitalized at \$100,000 with paid-in surplus and undivided profits of \$35,000.

Executives of the older corporation continue in the same capacities with the new bank. John Ehr, Minot capitalist, is Chairman of the board; E. S. Person, President; C. H. Zehringer, Vice-President; H. L. Thorndal, Cashier, and R. S. Loberg, Assistant Cashier.

The new First National Bank of Glen Ullin is capitalized at \$25,000, with surplus and undivided profits of \$15,000. Deposits are \$550,000 and total resources \$640,000. The Farmers' & Merchants' State Bank was organized in 1926 through the consolidation of the Farmers' State Bank and the Merchants' State Bank.

Officers of the Farmers' & Merchants' State Bank will continue with the new First National Bank. Michael Tschida is President; David Cannell and Adam Birger, Vice-Presidents; John C. Fisher, Cashier and Managing Officer, and Peter V. Hermes, Assistant Cashier.

Fourteen North Dakota banks had previously associated with the corporation, including the First National of Bismarck, the First National of Cando, the Merchants National of Cavalier, the First National of Coopers-town, the Merchants National Bank & Trust Co. of Fargo, the Red River National Bank & Trust Co. of Grand Forks, the First National of Harvey, the First National of Hebron, the First National Bank & Trust Co. of Jamestown, the First National of Lidgerwood, the First National of New England, the First National of New Rockford, the First National of Rolla and the National Bank of Valley City.

The Citizens' National Trust & Savings Bank of Los Angeles on Dec. 31 mailed \$300,000 in dividend checks to its stockholders. Of this amount \$250,000 represents the regular quarterly dividend of 5%, which rate has been in effect since April of this year, and \$50,000 is in the nature of an extra, from earnings of the Citizens' National Co., the investment arm of the bank. In commenting on this distribution of dividends, Herbert D. Ivey, President, stated that the year just closing had been the most prosperous in the history of the Citizens' Bank and fully warranted continuing regular dividends on a 20% basis. According to Mr. Ivey this is the 117th consecutive dividend the bank has paid. On June 4 the Washington-Westview branch of the institution moved into permanent quarters in its own newly completed building. This branch was opened July 12 1929 in one of the rapidly growing residence sections of the city, and is reported to have enjoyed highly satisfactory development. The new building provides thoroughly up-to-date facilities in unusually attractive quarters. The Citizens' Bank is at present operating 32 banking offices throughout metropolitan Los Angeles.

Resources of the Bank of Italy National Trust & Savings Association (head office, San Francisco) have now passed the billion dollar mark, giving to California the first billion dollar bank in the West—according to the semi-annual statement of the institution as of Dec. 31. Only three other banks in the United States, an announcement by the bank states,—The National City Bank, The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, and the Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago—have resources as great as this California institution. Total resources of the Bank of Italy exceed \$1,055,000,000 and deposits \$893,892,000 as compared with \$698,000,000 at the end of last year, an increase of more than \$195,000,000. Cash on hand and in banks amounts to \$183,867,000 reflecting in excess of \$96,000,000 above the totals 12 months ago. At the same time the volume of letters of credit, acceptances and drafts have grown from

\$33,000,000 to more than \$40,000,000 indicating the increase in international business. Continuing the announcement says in part:

The Bank of Italy, it was explained, has achieved its goal of a billion dollars nearly six months ahead of time. Originally the employes planned to have a billion dollar bank by May 6 1930, the 60th birthday of A. P. Giannini, founder of the bank. To have built a bank of such proportions in the West, where no such vast aggregations of wealth exist as are found on the Atlantic seaboard, and where the entire population of the State is scarcely one-half that of Metropolitan New York, is an indication of the growing importance of the Pacific slope as a financial center.

"To have a billion dollar bank is not an end in itself," said Arnold J. Mount, President, in commenting upon the statement. "There is the responsibility for intelligent, efficient, constructive administration. California, during the past month, has had a demonstration of what this means to the community when the Bank of Italy was able to take over the entire \$41,000,000 Spring Valley purchase bonds enabling the City of San Francisco to complete its water system, and insuring work for thousands of men and contributing to the general prosperity of the State."

The directors of Barclay's Bank, Ltd., London, have to report that after payment of all charges, full provision having been made for bad and doubtful debts, the net profit for the year ended Dec. 31 1929 amounted to the sum of £2,331,579 12s. 2d., to which has to be added the sum of £537,201 8s. 6d. brought forward from Dec. 31 1928, making a total of £2,868,781 8d. A balance of £552,432 2s. 4d. is carried forward, after making the following appropriations, viz.:

To Contingency account.....	£500 000	
To Reduction of premises account.....	£150 000	
To Interim dividend, paid Aug. 1 1929 at the rate of 10% per annum on the "A" shares of £4 each, fully paid, and 14% per annum on the "B" and "C" shares of £1 each, fully paid, less income tax.....	£833,174	9d. 2d.
The directors recommend a final dividend at the rate of 10% per annum on the "A" shares of £4 each fully paid and 14% per annum on the "B" and "C" shares of £1 each, fully paid, less income tax, payable 1st proximo.....	£833,174	9s. 2d.

A typographical error occurred in our item of last week (page 66), with reference to the annual report of the Royal Bank of Canada (head office Montreal), the percentage of liquid assets to the bank's liabilities to the public being erroneously given as "\$6.91%," instead of "46.91%."

The 74th annual statement of the Bank of Toronto, Toronto, Ont., Canada, covering the fiscal year ending Nov. 30 1929, has just recently been issued. Outstanding features of the report are an increase of nearly \$7,000,000 (\$6,912,165) in the total assets of the institution and an increase in net earnings of \$188,465. Net profits for the twelve months, after providing for bad and doubtful debts, &c., were \$1,453,436 (as compared with \$1,264,971 last year), and, when added to \$901,175 balance to credit of profit and loss brought forward from the previous fiscal year and \$1,000,000 representing premiums on new stock, made \$3,354,611 available for distribution. After appropriating from this sum \$773,436 to pay dividends and bonus, \$58,055 to cover tax on circulation, \$100,000 reserved for taxes, \$60,000 contributed to officers' pension fund, \$200,000 written off bank premises and \$2,000,000 transferred to rest account, a balance of \$163,121 remained to be carried forward to the 1930 profit and loss account. Total assets are shown at \$142,185,620 as compared with \$135,273,455 a year ago. Call and short loans in Canada are up from \$10,176,328 last year to \$11,711,021, an advance of more than one and a half million dollars, but total deposits declined from \$105,326,799 a year ago to \$104,996,635. The bank's paid-up capital was increased during the year from \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000. The rest account (including the \$2,000,000 mentioned above) now stands at \$9,000,000.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Price movements on the New York Stock Market were again confined to a comparatively narrow range during the present week, though the trend on the whole was towards slightly higher levels. Speculative interest has leaned largely to the public utility issues, but they also have been subject to the backing and filling that has characterized the general list. The weekly statement of the Federal Reserve Bank, made public after the close of business on Thursday showed a reduction of \$72,000,000 in brokers' loans. Call money renewed at 5% on Monday, dropped to 4½% in the afternoon and fluctuated between 4½% and 4% during the rest of the week.

Trading displayed a firm tone throughout the short session on Saturday with pronounced strength in several sections of the list. The public utility issues continued in the foreground and numerous gains ranging from 2 to 3 or more points were registered during the day. The outstanding strong stocks included Detroit Edison, which forged ahead

4½ points to 200, Columbia Gas & Electric which improved 2 points to 76½, Consolidated Gas which advanced a point or more to 100, Standard Gas & Electric which surged upward nearly 3 points to 116½, American Water Works which gained 2¼ points to 93½ and Electric Power & Light which advanced more than a point to 52½. Toward the end of the session copper shares were in strong demand and there was a sharp run up in Anaconda Copper which closed with a gain of nearly 2 points. Kennecott improved a point or more at 60 and Calumet & Arizona was higher by 2½ points as it closed at 85½. United States Steel, and such market leaders as American Can, American Tel. & Tel., General Electric and Radio Corp. moved within a narrow range. Westinghouse Electric Mfg., on the other hand, was fairly buoyant and closed at 145 with a gain of 2½ points.

With the possible exception of the copper stocks the market was without noteworthy feature on Monday. Interest in the copper stocks centered in Anaconda which bounded forward 3½ points to 78¼, followed by Andes which ran up 2½ points to 36. Kennecott also moved up nearly two points as it closed at 61⅞, Granby Consolidated improved four points to 58, and Nevada Consolidated jumped ahead about 2¾ points to 31. The tone of the market was dull and prices were somewhat mixed on Tuesday, the list closing below the level of the preceding day. The early trading was featured by a sharp run-up in Wabash which opened at 58 with an overnight gain of about six points, though it sold off later in the day and closed at 56½ with a net gain of about five points. Motor shares were in supply and generally lower. United States Steel, common, American Can, Amer. Tel. & Tel. were inclined to sag and there was very little, if any, improvement in the copper, oil or specialties. On Wednesday the stock market was a dull affair, the day's movements being made up of equal parts of advances and declines. The total transactions were slightly over 1,600,000 shares and were less than any five hour market since July 1928. There were frequent intervals during the day when the ticker service was at an absolute standstill for minutes at a time. Railroad shares were the outstanding strong issues of the day, Ches. & Ohio closing at 207 with a gain of about four points. Other active issues were Mo.-Kan.-Tex. which moved sharply upward and crossed 50 with a gain of two points, Atehison advanced three points to 222, New York Central sold above 169 with an advance of two points, Balt. & Ohio closed one point higher at 116¾ and St. Louis & Southwestern ran up 2½ points to 62½. New York traction stocks were in strong demand, particularly Interborough which gained two points and crossed 25, followed by Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit which sold above 66 with a two point advance. Motor shares continued to sag and most of the active issues were at their lowest levels of the week.

Under the guidance of the public utility issues the market again turned upward on Thursday, the improvement extending to all parts of the list. United States Steel, common was a conspicuous feature as it climbed upward 3 points and sold above 171, followed by Bethlehem Steel which sold above 96, with a 1 point gain, and Republic Iron & Steel which shot ahead 4 points and sold above 79. Public Utilities again moved vigorously forward, Consolidated Gas selling above 102 with a gain of 4 points, while Standard Gas & Electric showed a corresponding gain as it crossed 117. Other active stocks prominent in the rise were Electric Power & Light, which broke through 53 with a 3 point gain, Columbia Gas & Electric which improved 2 points to 78, American & Foreign Power which gained 5 points and crossed 97, and American Water Works which recorded a gain of 3 points at 94. The specialties group was represented on the up side by Johns-Manville which advanced 3 points to 128, Texas Gulf Sulphur which ran ahead 3 points to 59, Allied Chemical & Dye which improved 3 points to 261, Air Reduction which closed at 129½ with a gain of 3⅝ points, J. I. Case which sold up to 200 with a gain of 4½ points and Westinghouse Electric Mfg. Co., which advanced to 148¾ with a gain of 5¼ points, American Tel. & Tel. shot ahead 2 points to 220¼, Int'l Tel. & Tel. closed at 75 with a gain of 1¾ points and Western Union Telegraph surged forward 14½ points to close at 210.

On Friday, the market displayed considerable irregularity and despite the fact that trading was somewhat more active than on the preceding day prices continued to move within a narrow range. In the early trading United States Steel and American Can both reached new tops for 1930. Bethlehem, Republic Iron & Steel and Crucible also received at-

tention but lost a part of their gains in the later recessions. The strong stocks of the day included among others, Commonwealth Power which advanced 3 points to 129, Gold Dust which gained 2 1/4 points to 42 7/8, Louisville Nashville RR. which ran ahead 5 points to 136, and National Biscuit which closed at 18 1/2 with a gain of 2 1/4 points.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week Ended Jan. 10.	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad, &c., Bonds.	State, Municipal & Foreign Bonds.	United States Bonds.
Saturday	1,314,890	\$2,826,000	\$1,232,000	\$213,000
Monday	2,171,740	4,948,000	2,237,000	288,000
Tuesday	2,029,290	6,380,000	2,854,000	295,000
Wednesday	1,638,830	5,920,000	2,740,000	459,000
Thursday	2,397,330	8,249,000	2,435,000	363,000
Friday	2,386,190	5,808,000	2,045,000	373,000
Total	11,938,270	\$34,131,000	\$13,543,000	\$1,991,000

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended Jan. 10.		Jan. 1 to Jan. 10.	
	1930.	1929.	1929.	1928.
Stocks—No. of shares.	11,938,270	23,803,950	*1,124,991,490	919,661,825
Bonds.				
Government bonds.	\$1,991,000	\$3,186,000	*\$142,079,800	\$187,634,250
State and foreign bonds	13,543,000	13,267,000	*657,827,100	748,626,425
Railroad & misc. bonds	34,131,000	39,167,000	*2,182,392,300	1,967,173,650
Total	\$49,665,000	\$55,620,000	*\$2,982,299,200	\$2,903,434,325

* Corrected figures.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended Jan. 10 1930.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	*23,796	\$13,000	444,206	\$6,000	993	\$10,000
Monday	*42,502	35,000	457,863	14,300	3,467	70,900
Tuesday	*48,957	29,000	454,058	14,000	6,840	64,000
Wednesday	*44,743	32,750	452,982	15,000	3,322	61,200
Thursday	*41,531	19,000	493,362	13,200	4,360	26,000
Friday	38,370	35,000	426,500	14,000	3,419	30,000
Total	239,899	\$163,750	331,971	\$66,500	22,406	\$262,100
Prev. week revised	391,242	\$174,000	477,501	\$15,100	18,640	\$88,400

* In addition, sales of rights were: Saturday, 1,166; Monday, 1,064; Tuesday, 1,996; Wednesday, 2,581.
 a In addition sales of rights were: Saturday, 10,300; Monday, 28,800; Tuesday, 41,100; Wednesday, 384,000; Thursday, 100,900; Friday, 18,400.

THE CURB EXCHANGE.

Price movements on the Curb Exchange in the forepart of the week were without definite trend, trading being extremely dull with the volume of business the smallest in some time. On Wednesday there was a better tone and prices improved somewhat, the upward trend continuing to the close. The utility shares continued prominent.

Allied Power & Light, com. after early advance from 36 1/4 to 41 7/8, declined to 37 3/8 and closed to-day at 38 5/8. Amer. & Foreign Power warrants sold off at first from 72 1/2 to 69, then up to 74 3/8, with a final reaction to 70 1/8. Amer. Gas & Elec., com. rose from 117 1/4 to 122, receded to 116 1/4 and recovered to 119. United Light & Power, class A, was in demand and gained some five points to 34, the close to-day being at 33 1/8. Among miscellaneous securities Ford of Canada, class B, was conspicuous for an advance from 41 1/4 to 58 though it reacted and sold finally at 49 1/2. Some of the chain stores reported good gains, Lerner Stores, com. moving up from 38 1/2 to 48 3/4. Lane Bryant, Inc., com. on few transactions improved from 22 1/4 to 29. Niles Bement-Pond, com. rose from 29 to 37 7/8 with the final transaction at 37. Among investment trusts Hydro-Elec. Securities advanced from 38 3/8 to 42 3/4, the close to-day being at 41 1/2. Tri-Utilities, com. gained almost five points to 44 7/8. Among oils Indian Territory Oil was strong and active and advanced from 21 5/8 to 32, the close to-day being at 31 1/2.

A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 273.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB EXCHANGE.

Week Ended Jan. 10.	Stocks (No. Shares)	Rights	Bonds (Par Value).	
			Domestic	Foreign Government
Saturday	486,300	1,500	\$832,000	\$88,000
Monday	652,700	8,600	1,197,000	253,000
Tuesday	583,100	9,000	1,333,000	197,000
Wednesday	600,500	22,800	1,251,000	159,000
Thursday	542,800	14,900	2,110,000	205,000
Friday	604,100	18,700	1,450,000	345,000
Total	3,469,500	75,500	\$8,173,000	\$1,247,000

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKET—PER CABLE.

The daily closing quotations for securities, &c., at London, as reported by cable, have been as follows the past week:

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	Jan. 4.	Jan. 6.	Jan. 7.	Jan. 8.	Jan. 9.	Jan. 10.
Silver, p. oz. d. 20 15-16	20%		20 11-16	20 5-16	20 13-16	20 13-16
Gold, p. fine oz 84.11 1/2	84.11 1/2		84.11	84.11 1/2	84.11 1/2	84.11 1/2
Consols, 2 1/2s. ---	53 1/2		53 1/2	53 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2
British, 5s. ---	100 1/4		100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4
British, 4 1/2s. ---	93 1/2		94	94 1/2	94 1/2	95
French Rentes (in Paris) fr. ---	84.70		85	86.25	87.80	87.75
French War L'n (in Paris) fr. ---	107.80		107.80	107.80	107.80	107.85

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been:
 Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.):
 Foreign..... 45 3/4 44 1/4 44 1/4 43 3/4 44 1/4 44 1/4

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. 11) bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will fall 21.8% below those for the corresponding week last year. Our preliminary total stands at \$11,603,149,601, against \$14,838,062,436 for the same week in 1928. At this centre there is a loss for the five days ended Friday of 25.9%. Our comparative summary for the week follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ending Jan. 11.	1930	1929	Per Cent.
New York	\$6,106,000,000	\$8,238,000,000	-25.9
Chicago	487,490,082	647,664,454	-24.7
Philadelphia	541,000,000	497,000,000	+8.9
Boston	420,000,000	440,000,000	-4.5
Kansas City	115,149,938	119,732,743	-3.8
St. Louis	*103,100,000	125,600,000	-17.9
San Francisco	158,562,000	183,934,000	-13.8
Los Angeles	155,795,000	204,835,000	-24.1
Pittsburgh	137,850,243	146,314,589	-5.8
Detroit	137,994,765	210,238,357	-35.4
Cleveland	120,127,260	109,426,939	+9.8
Baltimore	85,695,537	87,643,785	-2.2
New Orleans	54,534,349	61,733,135	-11.7
Thirteen cities, 5 days	\$8,623,302,174	\$11,072,123,002	-22.1
Other cities, 5 days	1,045,989,160	1,163,045,955	-10.2
Total all cities, 5 days	\$9,669,291,334	\$12,235,168,957	-21.0
A 1 cities, 1 day	1,933,858,267	2,602,893,479	-25.7
Total all cities for week	\$11,603,149,601	\$14,838,062,436	-21.8

* Estimated.

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 Jan. 4. For that week there is a decrease of 16.8%, the aggregate of clearings for the whole country being \$12,729,091,993, against \$15,293,003,839 in the same week of 1928. Outside of this city the decrease is 7.6%, the bank exchanges at this centre having recorded a loss of 21.1%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located, and from this it appears that in the New York Reserve district, including this city, there is a loss of 21.7% and in the Boston Reserve district of 10.1%, but the Philadelphia Reserve district shows a gain of 4.0%. In the Cleveland Reserve district the totals are smaller by 1.2%, in the Richmond Reserve district by 6.2% and in the Atlanta Reserve district by 7.9%. The Chicago Reserve district suffers a decrease of 13.8%, the St. Louis Reserve district of 13.0% and the Minneapolis Reserve district of 11.2%. The Kansas City Reserve district falls 1.0% behind, the Dallas Reserve district 4.4% and the San Francisco Reserve district 3.6%.

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Week Ended Jan. 4 1930.	1930.	1929.	Inc.or Dec.	1928.	1927.
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Federal Reserve Dists.					
1st Boston.....12 cities	\$53,517,376	641,641,597	-10.1	725,603,370	688,280,587
2nd New York.11 "	8,359,828,584	10,559,073,621	-21.7	8,423,039,634	7,928,556,919
3rd Philadelphia.10 "	735,821,998	710,590,165	+4.0	692,206,199	749,302,666
4th Cleveland..8 "	467,102,463	472,596,387	-1.2	437,334,638	494,879,712
5th Richmond..6 "	189,269,212	201,685,645	-6.2	212,000,539	262,081,036
6th Atlanta....12 "	192,733,363	209,273,713	-7.9	214,297,373	242,629,906
7th Chicago....20 "	966,039,139	1,120,268,130	-13.8	1,092,147,701	1,159,333,397
8th St. Louis...8 "	246,670,591	283,499,559	-13.0	266,977,625	290,441,854
9th Minneapolis.7 "	110,582,733	124,554,938	-11.2	119,573,993	132,593,086
10th Kansas City.11 "	222,171,375	224,455,643	-1.0	225,304,329	270,364,284
11th Dallas....5 "	88,685,870	92,739,602	-4.4	82,498,944	103,036,443
12th San Fran..17 "	563,579,199	652,624,659	-3.6	589,980,313	639,720,199
Total.....127 cities	12,729,091,993	15,293,003,839	-16.8	13,080,964,608	12,959,762,089
Outside N. Y. City	4,532,812,849	4,907,099,261	-7.6	4,826,643,748	5,211,730,680
Canada.....31 cities	374,370,731	493,414,373	-24.2	462,655,659	374,060,885

We also furnish to-day a summary by Federal Reserve districts of the clearings for the month of December. For that month there is a decrease for the entire body of clearing houses of 12.6%, the 1929 aggregate of the clearings being \$53,297,309,677, and the 1928 aggregate \$60,991,144,660. In the New York Reserve district the totals show a loss of 15.4% and in the Boston Reserve district of 4.3%, but in the Philadelphia Reserve district there is a gain of 1.7%. The Cleveland Reserve district falls 7.7% behind, the Richmond Reserve district 4.4% and the Atlanta Reserve district 12.0%. The Chicago Reserve district shows a decrease of 12.6%, the St. Louis Reserve district 10.3% and the Minneapolis Reserve district 8.2%. In the Kansas City Reserve district clearings show a diminution of 3.4%, in the Dallas Reserve district of 1.6% and in the San Francisco Reserve district of 11.4%.

	December 1929.	December 1928.	Inc. or Dec.	December 1927.	December 1926.
Federal Reserve Dist.	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
1st Boston...13 cities	2,442,819,596	2,558,630,427	-4.3	2,601,982,538	2,524,524,152
2nd New York...14 "	33,899,663,389	40,045,870,361	-15.4	32,677,521,616	27,457,870,447
3rd Philadelphia 14 "	3,092,304,135	3,042,358,664	+1.7	2,763,912,181	2,787,977,467
4th Cleveland...15 "	1,870,147,626	2,026,192,108	-7.7	1,905,916,409	1,912,867,698
5th Richmond...10 "	817,564,488	855,518,958	-4.4	899,513,001	957,161,139
6th Atlanta...18 "	1,810,425,259	1,918,801,087	-12.0	1,846,486,508	1,041,527,962
7th Chicago...29 "	4,328,437,167	4,954,097,781	-12.6	4,535,487,993	4,389,871,641
8th St. Louis...10 "	922,040,234	1,095,378,951	-10.3	1,049,622,989	1,017,746,671
9th Minneapolis 13 "	594,673,443	647,794,107	-8.2	586,157,153	573,570,341
10th Kansas City 16 "	1,241,982,161	1,284,981,990	-3.4	1,245,539,690	1,328,844,873
11th Dallas...12 "	619,306,364	629,404,313	-1.6	577,708,779	640,009,530
12th San Fran...28 "	2,597,936,815	2,931,115,916	-11.4	2,757,218,799	2,533,181,642
Total...193 cities	53,297,309,677	60,991,144,660	-12.6	52,587,368,246	47,165,253,663
Outside N. Y. City	20,197,186,904	21,773,012,887	-7.2	20,677,345,592	20,449,911,803
Canada...29 cities	1,952,718,831	2,216,190,054	-11.9	2,380,303,432	1,740,557,204

We append another table showing the clearings by Federal Reserve districts for the twelve months back to 1926:

Federal Reserve Dist.	Twelve Months.				
	1929.	1928.	Inc. or Dec.	1927.	1926.
1st Boston...13 cities	31,021,019,883	29,134,573,808	+6.9	29,608,240,625	28,182,070,347
2nd New York...14 "	487,553,450,643	400,416,198,002	+21.8	329,460,401,556	288,325,474,058
3rd Philadelphia 14 "	33,979,373,812	31,554,665,027	+7.7	30,564,388,289	31,434,918,154
4th Cleveland...15 "	24,434,092,878	22,728,442,163	+7.9	22,012,742,276	21,582,647,725
5th Richmond...10 "	9,834,566,699	9,785,185,874	+0.5	10,335,542,052	10,901,020,215
6th Atlanta...18 "	10,117,234,108	10,114,722,180	+0.1	11,108,531,915	12,456,122,556
7th Chicago...29 "	56,274,113,684	56,385,204,739	-0.2	52,677,335,684	51,641,391,122
8th St. Louis...10 "	11,787,219,479	11,932,994,630	-1.2	11,757,013,950	11,894,757,283
9th Minneapolis 13 "	7,255,029,624	7,178,775,087	+1.1	6,751,071,502	6,765,505,827
10th Kansas City 16 "	15,622,318,523	15,290,303,558	+2.0	14,833,186,711	14,872,742,225
11th Dallas...12 "	6,951,359,197	6,633,636,743	+4.8	6,558,572,517	6,816,626,306
12th San Fran...28 "	32,827,014,661	32,717,053,551	+0.3	32,472,714,989	28,903,424,957
Total...193 cities	727,736,843,191	633,872,155,470	+14.8	555,109,742,076	523,772,455,452
Outside N. Y. City	250,494,561,030	242,144,679,206	+3.5	233,875,528,414	233,418,628,977
Canada...29 cities	25,083,739,223	24,566,298,549	+2.1	20,568,490,856	17,646,961,411

The course of bank clearings at leading cities of the country for the month of December and since Jan. 1 in each of the last four years is shown in the subjoined statement:

City	December				Jan. 1 to Dec. 31			
	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
New York	33,100	39,218	31,910	26,715	477,242	391,727	321,234	290,364
Chicago	2,890	3,312	3,106	2,995	36,714	37,842	35,958	34,907
Boston	2,184	2,272	2,308	2,261	27,610	25,829	26,468	25,130
Philadelphia	2,929	2,859	2,558	2,594	31,837	29,377	28,354	29,258
St. Louis	617	661	642	647	7,278	7,566	7,387	7,632
Pittsburgh	781	850	784	837	10,294	9,453	9,289	9,198
San Francisco	864	1,011	992	844	10,938	11,491	10,118	9,800
Baltimore	422	438	483	504	5,286	5,260	5,618	5,970
Cincinnati	289	331	340	338	3,911	3,901	3,877	3,885
Kansas City	582	597	592	676	7,451	7,254	7,245	7,302
Cleveland	616	628	588	536	7,964	6,913	6,457	6,179
New Orleans	229	256	287	272	2,734	2,908	3,056	3,085
Minneapolis	387	396	346	340	4,705	4,420	4,095	4,110
Louisville	148	182	168	152	1,941	1,339	1,880	1,782
Detroit	825	976	758	724	11,558	10,434	8,770	8,172
Milwaukee	139	170	187	186	1,825	2,158	2,246	2,200
Los Angeles	863	986	850	804	10,067	10,826	9,382	8,917
Providence	69	72	70	61	876	814	729	714
Omaha	186	179	174	170	2,398	2,312	2,102	2,104
Buffalo	237	264	237	240	3,396	2,853	2,736	2,727
St. Paul	115	150	143	145	1,438	1,626	1,556	1,617
Indianapolis	98	104	103	103	1,286	1,208	1,208	1,192
Denver	160	169	152	150	1,861	1,864	1,733	1,689
Richmond	213	214	218	233	2,333	2,320	2,517	2,610
Memphis	110	130	120	102	1,240	1,173	1,192	1,197
Seattle	179	219	211	195	2,654	2,543	2,367	2,353

CLEARINGS FOR DECEMBER, FOR YEAR 1929, AND FOR WEEK ENDING JAN. 4.

Clearings at—	Month of December.			12 Months Ended Dec. 31.			Week Ended January 4.				
	1929.	1928.	Inc. or Dec.	1929.	1928.	Inc. or Dec.	1930.	1929.	Inc. or Dec.	1928.	1927.
First Federal Reserve District—	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Maine—Bangor	2,671,050	2,877,422	-7.2	35,535,067	35,894,326	-0.1	730,813	1,271,070	-42.5	833,037	1,044,024
Portland	15,970,777	19,077,000	-16.3	220,868,588	202,544,646	+9.0	4,015,730	4,511,211	-11.0	4,833,699	4,502,906
Mass.—Boston	2,183,865,714	2,271,907,623	-3.9	27,610,033,855	25,828,975,499	+6.9	512,541,171	567,000,000	-9.6	652,000,000	612,000,000
Fall River	6,252,032	6,917,306	-9.6	78,874,536	85,578,004	-9.4	1,255,987	1,413,276	-11.2	1,973,468	2,188,303
Holyoke	2,473,169	2,868,103	-13.8	33,400,307	35,209,151	-5.1	—	—	—	—	—
Lowell	5,496,395	5,925,270	-7.2	65,441,362	62,880,710	+4.1	1,172,797	1,289,618	-9.7	1,462,625	1,621,652
New Bedford	8,597,861	5,409,749	+58.9	68,951,283	58,428,583	+26.1	1,775,658	1,162,836	+52.1	1,154,519	1,362,513
Springfield	21,576,163	25,416,246	-15.1	297,921,251	296,082,026	+1.7	6,321,437	8,062,793	-15.7	7,429,347	8,370,462
Worcester	15,354,314	16,914,027	-9.2	196,246,089	187,941,048	+4.8	4,357,742	4,369,105	-0.3	5,044,095	4,940,618
Conn.—Hartford	64,509,559	78,157,207	-17.5	890,220,062	903,867,710	-1.5	22,188,735	22,884,094	-3.0	20,834,585	21,604,269
New Haven	32,270,531	37,005,849	-12.8	468,600,000	454,489,602	+3.1	9,075,917	9,584,258	-5.3	9,328,960	10,573,284
Waterbury	10,965,800	10,229,900	+7.2	139,691,400	131,318,200	+6.1	—	—	—	—	—
R. I.—Providence	69,020,800	72,069,100	-4.2	876,117,400	813,855,600	+7.6	—	—	—	—	—
N. H.—Manchester	3,795,931	3,855,625	-1.6	40,088,643	37,478,703	+7.2	926,489	908,636	+2.0	1,016,735	1,029,056
Total (14 cities)	2,442,819,596	2,558,630,427	-4.3	31,021,019,883	29,134,573,808	+6.5	583,517,376	641,641,597	-10.1	725,603,370	688,280,587

City	December			Jan. 1 to Dec. 31		
	1929.	1928.	1927.	1929.	1928.	1927.
Hartford	65	78	81	68	890	904
Salt Lake City	100	93	102	89	1,035	954
Total	49,397	56,815	48,490	42,981	678,732	587,886
Other cities	3,900	4,170	4,097	4,184	49,006	45,780
Total all	53,297	60,991	52,587	47,165	727,736	633,672
Outside N. Y. City	20,197	21,773	20,677	20,450	250,494	242,145

The following compilation covers the clearings by months since Jan. 1 in 1929 and 1928:

Month	Clearings, Total All.			Clearings Outside New York.		
	1929.	1928.	%	1929.	1928.	%
Jan.	66,121,376,486	51,499,545,411	+28.2	22,217,710,616	20,456,065,482	+8.7
Feb.	54,658,507,864	44,568,430,792	+22.7	18,728,749,534	17,744,304,726	+5.6
March	63,216,050,132	55,817,421,912	+13.3	20,897,211,454	20,363,586,823	+2.7
1st qu.	183,995,934,482	151,885,398,115	+21.2	61,843,671,604	58,563,957,031	+5.7
April	55,161,872,704	51,718,442,536	+6.7	20,164,319,300	19,678,582,063	+2.5
May	56,903,490,597	57,893,281,349	-1.7	20,121,551,005	21,188,294,482	-5.0
June	53,908,142,206	55,235,318,947	-2.4	19,347,496,068	20,496,576,935	-5.6
2d qu.	165,973,505,507	164,847,042,832	+0.4	59,633,366,373	61,363,453,480	-2.8
6 mos.	349,969,439,989	316,732,440,947	+10.5	121,477,037,977	119,927,410,511	+1.3
July	61,633,007,678	46,909,410,422	+31.4	21,425,258,718	19,153,952,924	+11.9
Aug.	60,075,748,471	45,612,687,866	+31.7	20,876,523,862	18,633,637,959	+12.1
Sept.	59,092,084,597	49,366,570,895	+19.7	20,138,667,910	19,264,242,535	+4.5
3d qu.	180,800,385,728	141,888,669,183	+27.4	62,440,450,491	57,051,833,418	+9.5
9 mos.	530,769,825,717	458,621,110,130	+15.8	183,917,488,468	176,979,243,929	+4.0
Oct.	78,197					

CLEARINGS—(Continued.)

Table with columns: Clearings at—, Month of December (1929, 1928, Inc. or Dec. %), 12 Months Ended Dec. 31 (1929, 1928, Inc. or Dec. %), Week Ended January 4 (1930, 1929, Inc. or Dec. %, 1928, 1927). Rows include Second Federal Reserve District (New York), Third Federal Reserve District (Philadelphia), Fourth Federal Reserve District (Cleveland), Fifth Federal Reserve District (Richmond), Sixth Federal Reserve District (Atlantic), Seventh Federal Reserve District (Chicago), and Eighth Federal Reserve District (St. Louis).

CLEARINGS—(Concluded.)

Clearings at—	Month of December.			12 Months Ended Dec. 31.			Week Ended January 4.					
	1929.	1928.	Inc. or Dec.	1929.	1928.	Inc. or Dec.	1930.	1929.	Inc. or Dec.	1928.	1927.	
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	
Ninth Federal Reserve District—												
Minnesota—												
Duluth	31,768,960	38,527,196	-17.5	390,823,396	439,673,409	-10.5	4,822,248	5,681,086	-15.1	6,652,998	6,327,590	
Minneapolis	386,839,131	395,889,944	-2.7	4,705,231,843	4,419,614,371	+6.5	76,965,546	80,711,396	-4.6	75,274,590	82,776,884	
Rochester	2,658,429	3,137,329	-15.3	32,731,386	33,204,246	-1.4						
St. Paul	114,876,588	150,216,379	-23.5	1,437,575,407	1,626,311,125	-11.6	22,092,310	30,298,746	-27.1	30,987,455	35,665,540	
N. Dak.— Fargo	9,061,411	9,005,146	+0.6	109,463,285	103,492,356	+5.8	1,826,992	1,965,577	-7.0	1,905,323	2,279,566	
Grand Forks	7,798,000	6,099,000	+27.9	94,786,000	72,127,000	+31.4						
Minot	1,989,080	2,166,769	-8.2	25,842,392	22,749,082	+13.6						
S. Dak.— Aberdeen	5,118,715	6,165,862	-17.0	64,504,526	72,551,959	-11.1	1,179,483	1,376,643	-14.3	1,185,436	1,465,990	
Sioux Falls	8,898,552	7,654,771	+16.2	99,565,055	86,345,219	+16.5						
Mont.— Billings	3,151,832	3,547,288	-11.0	38,736,025	38,765,611	-0.6	442,154	760,490	-41.9	596,191	697,627	
Great Falls	5,796,559	6,846,400	-15.3	72,724,161	69,659,550	+4.4						
Helena	16,153,152	17,750,000	-9.0	188,049,416	184,725,683	+1.8	3,254,000	3,761,000	-13.5	2,972,000	3,379,889	
Lewistown	567,734	788,023	-28.0	7,749,743	9,555,476	-18.9						
Total (13 cities)	594,678,443	647,794,107	-8.2	7,265,082,624	7,178,775,087	+1.2	110,582,733	124,554,938	-11.2	119,573,993	132,593,086	
Tenth Federal Reserve District—												
Kansas City—												
Nebraska— Fremont	1,540,709	1,678,655	-8.2	19,871,632	20,851,129	-4.7	361,953	491,492	-26.4	422,223	411,458	
Haastings	2,178,898	2,521,202	-13.6	30,058,874	28,820,191	+4.3	565,573	557,728	+1.4	540,929	494,958	
Lincoln	15,121,778	17,861,493	-15.3	208,468,855	246,146,704	-15.3	3,458,370	4,999,338	-30.8	5,494,475	6,143,502	
Omaha	185,641,936	178,502,270	+4.0	2,397,776,980	2,311,920,165	+3.7	40,300,932	39,966,406	+0.2	38,000,489	41,672,007	
Kan.— Kan. City	9,676,800	9,144,408	+5.8	114,549,255	109,011,087	+5.1						
Topeka	14,829,984	16,434,234	-9.8	188,162,771	193,908,504	-2.9	3,292,583	4,427,347	-25.6	3,987,090	3,862,490	
Wichita	34,166,147	40,042,228	-9.7	440,147,018	480,707,432	-8.4	7,899,815	9,992,474	-21.9	8,301,929	8,620,129	
Mo.— Joplin	4,901,008	6,763,725	-27.5	70,482,268	70,680,927	-0.3						
Kansas City	582,111,984	596,653,165	-2.4	7,451,111,541	7,254,046,094	+2.7	128,078,099	125,786,168	+1.9	130,586,142	168,638,570	
St. Joseph	27,801,307	28,889,000	-3.8	361,895,823	364,887,906	-0.8	6,152,992	6,623,708	-7.1	7,124,134	7,201,548	
Okla.— Oklahoma City	144,678,986	145,387,976	-0.5	1,646,089,362	1,568,022,225	+5.0	*30,000,000	28,723,000	+4.4	27,666,003	30,551,150	
Tulsa	47,050,177	59,947,459	-21.5	636,700,000	630,886,313	+1.1						
Colo.— Colo. Springs	5,144,419	5,651,261	-9.0	74,753,629	70,177,437	+6.5	797,626	1,087,572	-26.6	1,796,727	1,369,850	
Denver	159,648,033	168,824,810	-5.4	1,861,410,591	1,863,583,691	-0.1						
Pueblo	7,496,995	6,770,104	+10.7	90,836,614	77,153,861	+17.7	1,533,432	1,800,410	-14.8	1,384,188	1,398,622	
Total (16 cities)	1,241,982,161	1,284,981,990	-3.4	15,692,315,523	15,290,803,666	+2.6	222,171,375	224,455,643	-1.0	225,304,329	270,364,284	
Eleventh Federal Reserve District—												
Texas—												
Austin	7,140,406	7,666,911	-6.9	97,763,410	94,312,924	+3.7	1,285,597	2,046,421	-37.2	2,114,138	1,932,361	
Beaumont	8,644,000	9,800,000	-12.8	113,183,692	103,414,000	+9.4						
Dallas	265,860,631	259,564,606	+2.4	2,881,787,579	2,783,610,484	+3.5	64,266,238	63,847,918	+0.7	57,981,006	63,152,169	
El Paso	29,968,240	29,179,874	+2.7	324,538,201	295,164,967	+9.8						
Fort Worth	63,317,556	73,098,000	-13.4	744,516,447	729,207,147	+2.1	10,921,550	13,240,481	-17.5	9,381,461	13,961,878	
Galveston	23,604,000	31,131,000	-24.2	284,292,000	308,486,000	-7.8	3,933,000	6,727,876	-41.5	6,490,000	15,900,000	
Houston	179,562,966	176,885,128	+1.5	2,008,863,851	1,825,696,257	+10.0						
Port Arthur	3,422,810	2,604,330	+31.4	42,640,553	29,243,695	+45.8						
Texarkana	2,798,826	2,924,222	-4.3	33,303,527	33,372,049	-0.2						
Wichita Falls	10,169,000	11,495,422	-11.5	130,005,246	133,219,435	-13.6						
La.— Shreveport	24,919,929	25,034,820	-0.5	290,465,686	297,809,785	-2.5	8,279,485	6,876,906	+20.2	6,532,339	8,092,035	
Total (12 cities)	619,308,364	629,404,313	-1.6	6,951,359,197	6,633,536,743	+4.8	88,685,870	92,739,602	-4.4	82,498,944	103,038,443	
Twelfth Federal Reserve District—												
Washington—												
Bellingham	4,484,000	3,200,000	+40.0	47,274,000	42,524,000	+11.2						
Seattle	179,012,378	218,875,797	-18.2	2,653,702,788	2,542,920,892	+4.4	40,585,536	54,127,964	-25.0	43,506,261	47,134,966	
Spokane	54,172,000	63,687,000	-15.2	677,345,000	704,091,000	-3.8	12,084,000	13,795,000	-12.4	12,194,000	13,400,000	
Yakima	7,715,198	7,278,032	+6.0	87,403,918	81,862,225	+6.8	1,659,345	1,570,883	+5.6	1,532,445	1,978,840	
Idaho— Boise	7,366,720	6,164,053	+19.5	75,070,229	67,270,426	+11.6						
Oregon— Eugene	2,093,000	2,253,869	-7.1	26,603,724	25,408,725	+4.7						
Portland	165,167,105	169,180,872	-2.4	2,074,370,046	1,985,688,152	+4.5	36,088,194	37,861,988	-4.7	31,595,091	41,810,214	
Utah— Ogden	9,587,962	10,021,645	-4.3	97,404,763	95,237,940	+3.0						
Salt Lake City	100,456,824	93,117,081	+7.9	1,035,216,659	953,583,888	+8.6	22,662,287	19,769,698	+14.6	20,811,365	24,361,702	
Arizona— Phoenix	21,480,000	20,453,000	+4.9	243,368,000	196,964,000	+23.9						
Cal.— Bakersfield	7,592,149	7,072,074	+7.4	75,984,675	69,875,323	+9.1						
Berkeley	20,897,993	23,306,531	-9.3	235,711,123	264,618,148	-11.1						
Fresno	19,458,420	18,276,140	+6.5	234,749,359	202,467,913	+15.9	3,069,195	3,869,551	-20.7	4,323,165	5,128,132	
Long Beach	35,269,967	39,057,094	-9.7	455,777,616	427,047,254	+6.7	7,557,962	8,994,639	-16.0	8,153,001	9,170,556	
Los Angeles	863,346,000	986,111,000	-12.4	10,066,695,000	10,525,705,000	-7.0	195,998,000	237,993,000	-17.9	195,931,000	208,120,000	
Modesto	10,844,607	4,171,949	+160.2	59,977,580	49,969,110	+20.0						
Oakland	82,068,226	100,003,924	-17.9	1,020,614,221	1,046,040,933	-2.4	18,662,787	20,158,703	-17.3	21,492,319	25,050,737	
Pasadena	26,181,103	31,579,036	-17.1	364,472,854	359,077,275	+1.5	5,819,944	7,320,956	-20.6	7,527,146	9,127,299	
Riverside	3,605,304	4,820,652	-25.3	60,739,928	54,163,780	+12.1						
Sacramento	34,969,119	34,858,591	+0.3	394,182,830	387,204,230	+1.8	6,516,798	6,030,498	+8.1	7,284,993	9,375,849	
San Diego	30,518,458	30,155,086	+1.2	326,932,002	301,400,758	+8.5	6,077,854	6,919,117	-12.2	5,878,378	6,045,012	
San Francisco	864,377,972	1,010,879,213	-14.5	10,935,051,445	11,491,219,372	-4.8	197,440,246	228,885,812	-11.8	217,897,000	226,046,589	
San Jose	15,837,839	14,651,156	+8.1	190,592,939	194,259,282	-2.4	4,059,110	3,931,327	+3.3	3,962,174	4,965,319	
Santa Barbara	9,462,972	8,630,631	+9.9	106,813,676	92,052,377	+16.0	2,147,430	1,824,061	+17.8	2,087,066	1,745,501	
Santa Monica	8,932,430	9,229,557	-3.2	104,376,297	119,842,117	-13.3	1,924,011	2,246,563	-14.4	2,007,969	2,642,783	
Santa Rosa	2,352,169	2,340,953	+0.5	27,204,797	27,024,331	+0.7						
Stockton	10,689,000	11,800,900	-9.5	135,384,700	135,736,100	-0.4	1,826,500	2,328,100	-21.5	3,796,100	3,007,700	
Total (28 cities)	2,597,938,815	2,931,115,916	-11.4	32,827,014,661	32,717,053,551	+0.3	563,579,199	652,624,859	-3.6	589,980,313	639,720,199	
Grand total (193 cities)	53,297,309,677	60,991,144,660	-12.6									

Treasury Cash and Current Liabilities.

The cash holdings of the Government as the items stood Dec. 31 1929 are set out in the following. The figures are taken entirely from the daily statement of the United States Treasury as of Dec. 31 1929.

CURRENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

GOLD.		Liabilities—	
Assets—	\$		\$
Gold coin	733,445,731.16	Gold cts. outstanding	1,321,065,769.00
Gold bullion	2,597,995,799.27	Gold fund, Fed. Reserve Board (Act of Dec. 23 1913, as amended June 21 1917)	1,774,113,021.57
		Gold reserve	156,039,088.03
		Gold in general fund	80,223,651.83
Total	3,331,441,530.43	Total	3,331,441,530.43

Note.—Reserve against \$346,681,016 of U. S. notes and \$1,272,550 of Treasury notes of 1890 outstanding. Treasury notes of 1890 are also secured by silver dollars in the Treasury.

SILVER DOLLARS.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
	\$		\$
Silver dollars	493,942,442.00	Silver cts. outstanding	490,447,918.00
		Treasury notes of 1890 outstanding	1,272,550.00
		Silver dollars in gen. fund	2,221,974.00
Total	493,942,442.00	Total	493,942,442.00

GENERAL FUND.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
	\$		\$
Gold (see above)	80,223,651.83	Treasurer's checks outstanding	1,330,240.38
Silver dollars (see above)	2,221,974.00	Depos. of Govt. officers: Post Office Dept.	3,239,006.68
United States notes	5,331,713.00	Board of Trustees, Postal Sav. System:	
Federal Reserve notes	5,163,660.00	5% Reserve, lawful money	7,470,326.92
Fed. Res. bank notes	85,885.00	Other deposits	1,519,036.57
National bank notes	34,760,136.00	Postmasters, clerks of courts, disbursing officers, &c.	60,316,836.07
Subsidiary silver coin	3,383,700.34	Deposits for: Redemption of Fed'l Res. notes (5% fd. gold)	73,287,720.19
Minor coin	1,462,093.37	Redemption of nat'l bank notes (5% fd. lawful money)	27,518,209.18
Silver bullion	4,753,474.18	Retirement of add'l circulating notes, act May 30 1908	1,900.00
Unclassified, collections, &c.	2,129,758.52	Uncollected items, exchanges, &c.	3,291,284.96
Deposits in Federal Reserve banks	46,361,974.20	Net balance	172,996,078.25
Deposits in special depositaries act. of sales of cts. of indebtedness	132,477,000.00		
Deposits in foreign dep.: To credit of Treas. U.S.	886,986.13		
To credit of other Government officers	1,982,452.41		
Deposits in nat'l banks: To credit of Treas. U.S.	7,089,397.88		
To credit of other Government officers	21,637,048.75		
Dep. in Philippine Treas. To credit of Treas. U.S.	1,019,733.59		
Total	350,970,639.20	Total	350,970,639.20

Note.—The amount to the credit of disbursing officers and agencies to-day was \$325,172,893.52.

Under the Acts of July 14 1890 and Dec. 23 1913 deposits of lawful money for the retirement of outstanding National bank and Federal Reserve Bank notes are paid into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts, and these obligations are made, under the Acts mentioned, a part of the public debt. The amount of such obligations to-day was \$36,541,408.50.

\$4,431,020 in Federal Reserve Notes and \$34,599,963 in National bank notes are in the Treasury in process of redemption and are charges against the deposits for the respective 5% redemption funds.

Preliminary Debt Statement of the United States Dec. 31 1929.

The preliminary statement of the public debt of the United States Dec. 31 1929, as made upon the basis of the daily Treasury statement, is as follows:

Bonds—			
2% Consols of 1930	\$599,724,050.00		
2% Panama's of 1916-36	48,954,180.00		
2% Panama's of 1918-38	25,947,400.00		
3% Panama's of 1961	49,800,000.00		
3% Conversion bonds	28,894,500.00		
2 1/4% Postal savings bonds	18,053,360.00		
			\$771,373,490.00
First Liberty Loan of 1932-47:			
3 1/2% Bonds	\$1,392,257,750.00		
4% Bonds	5,005,450.00		
4 1/4% Bonds	536,302,150.00		
			\$1,933,565,350.00
4 1/4% Fourth Liberty Loan of 1933-38			
	6,268,269,050.00		
			\$8,201,834,400.00
4 1/4% Treasury Bonds of 1947-52	\$758,984,300.00		
4% Treasury Bonds of 1944-54	1,036,834,500.00		
3 1/4% Treasury Bonds of 1946-56	489,087,100.00		
3 1/4% Treasury Bonds of 1943-47	493,037,750.00		
3 1/4% Treasury Bonds of 1940-43	359,042,950.00		
			\$3,136,986,600.00
Total Bonds			\$12,110,194,490.00
Treasury Notes—			
3 1/2% Ser. A, 1930-32, maturing Mar. 15 1932	\$932,940,850.00		
3 1/2% Ser. B, 1930-32, maturing Sept. 15 1932	500,318,700.00		
3 1/2% Ser. C, 1930-32, maturing Dec. 15 1932	451,727,450.00		
			\$1,884,987,000.00
4% Adjusted service—Series 1930 to 1934	503,700,000.00		
4% Civil service—Series 1931 to 1934	123,400,000.00		
4% Foreign service—Series 1933 and 1934	848,000.00		
			2,512,935,000.00
Treasury Certificates—			
5 1/4% Series TM-1930, maturing Mar. 15 1930	\$404,209,500.00		
4 1/4% Series TJ-1930, maturing June 16 1930	549,707,500.00		
3 1/4% Series TS-1930, maturing Sept. 15 1930	351,624,500.00		
			1,305,541,500.00
Treasury Bills (Maturity Value)—			
Maturing Mar. 17 1930	100,000,000.00		
Total Interest-bearing debt			\$16,028,670,990.00
Matured Debt on Which Interest Has Ceased—			
Old debt matured—issued prior to Apr. 1 1917	\$1,771,500.26		
Second Liberty loan bonds of 1927-42	7,196,700.00		
Third Liberty loan bonds of 1928	12,927,000.00		
3 1/4% Victory notes of 1922-23	20,900.00		
4 1/4% Victory notes of 1922-23	1,552,000.00		
Treasury notes	509,100.00		
Certificates of indebtedness	12,801,100.00		
Treasury savings certificates	2,782,836.00		
			39,561,136.26
Debt Bearing no Interest—			
United States notes	\$346,681,016.00		
Less gold reserve	156,039,088.03		
			\$190,641,927.97

Deposits for retirement of national bank and Federal Reserve bank notes	36,541,408.50		
Old demand notes and fractional currency	2,044,150.46		
Thrift and Treasury savings stamps, unclassified sales, &c.	3,461,888.23		
			232,689,375.16
Total gross debt			\$16,300,921,501.42

COMPARATIVE PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT.

(On the basis of daily Treasury statements.)

	Aug. 31 1919.	When War Debt Was at Its Peak.	Dec. 31 1928, A Year Ago.	Sept. 30 1929, Last Quarter.
Gross debt	\$26,596,701,648.01	\$17,309,749,135.86	\$16,719,982,771.63	\$16,719,982,771.63
Net balance in gen. fund	1,118,109,534.76	269,543,968.46	407,637,360.60	407,637,360.60
Gross debt less net balance in gen. fund	\$25,478,592,113.25	\$17,040,205,167.40	\$16,312,345,411.03	\$16,312,345,411.03
		Nov. 30 1929, Last Month.	Dec. 31 1929.	
Gross debt		\$16,691,550,755.78	\$16,300,921,501.42	
Net balance in general fund		123,894,243.89	172,996,078.25	
Gross debt less net balance in general fund		\$16,567,656,511.89	\$16,127,925,423.17	

Treasury Money Holdings.

The following compilation, made up from the daily Government statements, shows the money holdings of the Treasury at the beginning of business on the first of October, November, December 1929 and January 1930:

Holdings in U. S. Treasury	Oct. 1 1929.	Nov. 1 1929.	Dec. 1 1929.	Jan. 1 1930.
Net gold coin and bullion	\$254,185,863	\$238,337,411	\$241,539,353	\$236,262,740
Net silver coin and bullion	9,271,197	9,590,006	7,690,337	6,975,448
Net United States notes	1,473,291	4,425,843	4,741,350	5,231,713
Net national bank notes	15,526,697	15,426,710	36,211,008	34,760,136
Net Federal Reserve notes	1,258,045	1,518,955	2,729,420	5,163,660
Net Fed'l Res. bank notes	41,368	75,909	50,228	85,885
Net subsidiary silver	4,068,001	4,222,377	3,751,579	3,383,700
Minor coin, &c.	4,451,301	3,639,472	3,480,781	3,591,853
Total cash in Treasury	290,275,763	277,236,683	300,194,087	*295,555,135
Less gold reserve fund	156,039,088	156,039,088	156,039,088	156,039,088
Cash balance in Treasury	134,236,675	121,197,595	144,154,999	139,516,047
Dep. in spec'l depositories, account Treas'y bonds, Treasury notes and certificates of indebtedness	325,823,000	181,309,000	71,680,000	132,477,000
Dep. in Fed'l Res. bank	67,248,829	27,063,183	46,704,816	46,361,974
Dep. in national banks:				
To credit Treas. U. S.	7,273,335	7,234,586	8,387,170	7,089,398
To credit disb. officers	18,122,027	17,759,286	18,271,522	21,637,049
Cash in Philippine Islands	843,966	1,080,315	930,204	1,019,733
Deposits in foreign depts.	2,212,188	2,509,602	2,912,603	2,869,438
Dep. in Fed'l Land banks				
Net cash in Treasury and in banks	555,780,021	358,153,567	293,101,193	350,970,639
Deduct current liabilities:	148,122,060	153,640,726	169,206,949	177,974,561
Available cash balance	407,657,961	204,512,841	123,894,244	172,996,078

* Includes Dec. 1, \$4,753,474 silver bullion and \$1,462,093 minor, &c., coin not included in statement "Stock of Money."

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

(All prices dollars per share)

Banks	Bid	Ask	Banks	Bid	Ask	Trust Cos.	Bid	Ask
New York			N. Y. (Con.)			N. Y. (Con.)		
America	126	130	Seward	120	130	Fidelity Trust	42	43
Amer Union*	109	120	U S par \$25*	72	74	Fulton	575	625
Bryant Park*	67		Yorkville	210		Guaranty	698	702
			Yorktown*	220				
Central	125	140				Int'l Germanic	40	45
Chase	168	170	Brooklyn			Interstate	34	35
Chath Phenix			Globe Exch*	250	300	Irving Trust	56	56 1/2
Nat Bk & Tr	119	121	Peoples	450	625	Lawyers Trust		
Chemical	75	77	Prospect		200			
Commercial	470	490				Manufacturers	138	140
Continental*	35	37	Trust Cos.			Murray Hill	245	265
Corn Exch.	192	195	New York			Mutual (Westchester)	400	425
			Bank of N. Y. & Trust Co.	695	710	N Y Trust	255	259
Fifth Avenue	2850	2950	Bankers Trust	139	141	Times Square	45	60
First	5175	5250	Bronx Co Tr.	85	85	Title Gu & Tr	148	152
Grace	600		Cent Hanover	321	325	United States	3100	3300
Harriman	1700	1850	Chelsea Bank & Trust Co.	58	65	Westches'r Tr	1000	1100
Lefcourt	125	140	County	245	255	Brooklyn	768	778
Liberty	100	112	Empire	74	77	Kings County	2850	3000
			Equitable Tr.	101 1/2	102 1/2	Midwood	210	230
Manhattan*	123	125						
National City	221	224						
Penn Exch.	65	80						
Port Morris	40							
Public	121	125						

* State banks. † New stock. ‡ Ex-dividend. § Ex-stock div. ¶ Ex-rights.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

(All prices dollars per share)

	Bid	Ask		Bid	Ask		Bid	Ask
Alliance R'ty	230	100	Lawyers West-	200	255	N. Y. Inv'trs		
Am Surety	108	113	chest M & T			1st pref.	98	
Bond & Mtg G						2d pref.	97	
(20 par)	88	90	Mtge Bond	193	203			
Home Title Ins	57	61	N Y Title &	42	43	Westchester	130	160
Lawyers Mtge	47	49	Mortgage			Title & Tr.		
Lawyers Title			U S Casualty	95	100			
& Guarantee	277	287						

National Banks.—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

Dec. 31 1929—	CHARTERS ISSUED.	Capital.
The American National Bank of Gadsden, Ala.		\$200,000
Conversion of Etowah Trust & Savings Bank of Gadsden, Ala. President, J. B. Wadsworth. Cashier, D. C. Wadsworth.		
Jan. 2 1930—		
The First National Bank of Waynesboro, Miss.		25,000
Conversion of The Merchants & Plant		

CHANGES OF TITLES.

Dec. 31 1929—
The National Bank of Boyertown, Pa., to "The National Bank & Trust Co. of Boyertown."
Jan. 2 1930—
The First-Stamford National Bank, Stamford, Conn., to "The First-Stamford National Bank & Trust Co."
The Northeast National Bank of Holmesbury in Philadelphia, Pa., to "The Northeast National Bank & Trust Co. in Phila."

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.

Dec. 30 1929—
Pipestone National Bank, Pipestone, Minn. 50,000
Effective Dec. 20 1929. Liq. Agents, A. C. Walker and A. Enger, Pipestone, Minn. Succeeded by "The Pipestone National Bank," Pipestone, Minn., No. 13399.
Dec. 31 1929—
The Farmers National Bank of Pleasant Hill, Mo. 35,000
Effective Dec. 27 1929. Liq. Agent, Robt. A. Wilson, Pleasant Hill, Mo. Absorbed by Pleasant Hill Banking Co., Pleasant Hill, Mo.
Jan. 2 1930—
The National Bank of Ogdensburg, N. Y. 300,000
Effective Dec. 31 1929. Liq. Agent, Arthur S. O'Neil, Ogdensburg, N. Y. Absorbed by Ogdensburg Trust Co., Ogdensburg, N. Y.
The Textile National Bank of Philadelphia, Pa. 500,000
Effective Jan. 1 1930. Liq. Committee: James J. Diamond, Chas. E. Firth and Edw. T. Flood, Philadelphia, Pa. Absorbed by Industrial Trust Co. of Philadelphia, Pa.
Jan. 3 1930—
The First National Bank of Glouster, Ohio. 25,000
Effective Jan. 2 1930. Liq. Committee: Board of directors of the liquidating bank. Absorbed by The Glouster State Bank, Glouster, Ohio.
The First National Bank of Strawberry Point, Iowa. 25,000
Effective Dec. 23 1929. Liq. Agent, J. J. Matthews, Strawberry Point, Iowa. Succeeded by Union Bank & Tr st Co., Strawberry Point, Iowa.
The First National Bank of Gardena, Calif. 50,000
Effective Nov. 16 1929. Liq. Agents: A. Cost, J. J. Bruckshaw and W. S. Rosecrans, care of the liquidating bank. Absorbed by Bank of America of Calif., Los Angeles, Calif.
Jan. 4 1930—
The National Bank of Sumter, So. Caro. 200,000
Effective Dec. 30 1929. Liq. Agent, W. J. Crowson, Sumter, So. Caro. Absorbed by Peoples State Bank of South Carolina, Columbia, So. Caro.

CONSOLIDATIONS.

Dec. 31 1929—
The First National Bank of Aurora, Ill. 100,000
The American National Bank of Aurora, Ill. 200,000
Consolidated today under the Act of Nov. 7 1918, under charter and title of "The First National Bank of Aurora," No. 38, with capital stock of \$300,000.
The Peoplescot National Bank of Brunswick, Me. 50,000
The Union National Bank of Brunswick, Me. 50,000
Consolidated today under the Act of Nov. 7 1918, under charter of The Peoplescot National Bank of Brunswick, No. 1315, and under corporate title of "Brunswick National Bank," with capital stock of \$100,000.
The First National Bank of Baraboo, Wisc. 100,000
Farmers & Merchants Bank, Baraboo, Wisc. 50,000
Consolidated today under the Act of Nov. 7 1918, as amended Feb. 25 1927, under charter of The First National Bank of Baraboo, No. 3609, and under corporate title of "First National Bank & Trust Co. of Baraboo," with capital stock of \$150,000.
The American Exchange National Bank of Dallas, Tex. 5,000,000
The City National Bank of Dallas, Tex. 3,000,000
Consolidated today under the Act of Nov. 7 1918, under charter of The American Exchange National Bank of Dallas, No. 3623, and under the corporate title of "First National Bank in Dallas," with capital stock of \$8,000,000.
The Citizens National Bank of Chickasha, Okla. 100,000
The Farmers National Bank of Chickasha, Okla. 100,000
Consolidated today under the Act of Nov. 7 1918, under charter of The Citizens National Bank of Chickasha, No. 5547, and under corporate title of "The Citizens-Farmers Nat'l Bank of Chickasha," with capital stock of \$200,000.
Jan. 2 1930—
The Citizens National Bank of Princeton, Ill. 100,000
The First National Bank of Princeton, Ill. 105,000
Consolidated today under the Act of Nov. 7 1918, under charter of The Citizens National Bank of Princeton, No. 2413, and under title of "Citizens First National Bank of Princeton," with capital of \$150,000.
The First National Bank of Vicksburg, Miss. 300,000
The Nat'l City Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Vicksburg, Miss. 100,000
Consolidated today under the Act of Nov. 7 1918, under charter of The First National Bank of Vicksburg, No. 3258, and under corporate title of "The First National Bank & Trust Co. of Vicksburg," with capital stock of \$500,000.
The American-First National Bank in Oklahoma City, Okla. 3,500,000
The Security National Bank of Oklahoma City, Okla. 1,000,000
Consolidated today under the Act of Nov. 7 1918, under charter of The American-First National Bank in Oklahoma City, No. 4862, and under corporate title of "The First National Bank & Trust Co. of Oklahoma City," with capital stock of \$5,000,000.
The First National Bank of Stanwood, Wash. 25,000
The Stanwood National Bank, Stanwood, Wash. 50,000
Consolidated today under the Act of Nov. 7 1918, under charter and corporate title of "The First National Bank of Stanwood," No. 11935, with capital stock of \$75,000.
The Public National Bank & Trust Co. of Houston, Tex. 500,000
The Guaranty National Bank of Houston, Tex. 300,000
Consolidated today under the Act of Nov. 7 1918, under charter of The Public National Bank & Trust Co. of Houston, No. 12055, and under the corporate title of "The Public National Bank & Trust Co. of Houston," with capital stock of \$800,000.

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Buffalo on Wednesday of this week:

By Adrian H. Muller & Son, New York:
Shares. Stocks. \$ per Sh. 5 Rockland & Rockport Lime Corp., 1st pref.; 1 com. \$120 lot

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:
Shares. Stocks. \$ per Sh. 10 Delaware Co. Nat. Bk., par \$10. 50
20 Delaware Co. Nat. Bk., par \$10. 45 1/2
15 Security Title & Tr., par \$50. 60
10 Phila. Nat. Ins. Co., par \$10. 20 3/4
1 Penna. Academy of the Fine Arts. 12 3/4
61 Colonial Trust Co., par \$50. 215
50 Central Nat. Bank, par \$10. 68
25 First Nat. Bk., Chester, Pa. 315
5 Citizens Nat. Bk. Jenkintown, Pa. 100
2 Bk. of Phila. & Tr. Co., par \$10. 30
15 Bk. of Phila. & Tr. Co., par \$10. 30 1/2
10 City Nat. Bk. & Tr. Co. 175
162 Com. Nat. Bk. & Tr. Co., par \$10. 34
46 Union Bank & Trust Co. 2
10 Woodland Bk. & Tr. Co., par \$50. 80

By R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Shares. Stocks.	\$ per Sh.	Shares. Stocks.	\$ per Sh.
2 Athol Industrial Corp., par \$50.		125 Beacon Partic., Inc., pref. A.	13 1/2
10 Boston Aurora Zinc Co., com., par \$25; 2 Central Utility Secur. Corp., com.; 66 Chapman Double Ball Bearing Co., par \$5; 1000 Crescent Mines Co., par \$10; 1000 Frisco Tunnel Co., par \$1; 1000 Indian Hill Hydraulic Mines, Co., par \$1; 10 Lockwood-Greene & Co., Inc., pref.; 20 New England Minerals Co.; 20 Robb-Monbray Mines, Ltd., par \$1; 300 St. Joseph Gold Mining & Milling Co., par \$1; 199 Salida Copper Co., par \$1; 20 U. S. Metal Products Corp. 7% cum. pref.; 40 Utah Consol. Mining Co., par \$5.	\$20 lot	100 Betty O'Neil Trust.	15
10 Boston Nat. Bank.	125	10 Robert Galr Co. A.	9
25 Atlantic Nat. Bank, par \$25.	99 1/2	50 Boston Herald-Traveler Corp.	28
20 Federal Nat. Bank, par \$20.	102-103 1/2	10 Rhode Island Ins. Co., par \$10.	32 1/2
50 First Nat. Bank, par \$20.	126 1/2	50 Boston Woven Hose & Rubber Co., com.	88-90
2 Merchants Nat. Bank.	495	20 Flintkote Co. A.	24 1/2
59 Berkshire Fine Spinning Associates, pref.	75	120 New England Southern Corp., com.	\$21 lo
10 Lancaster Mills, pref.	7 1/2	50 Heywood Wakefield Co., 1st pref.	40 1/2
15 Appleton Co., com., par \$20.	7	30 Nashua Gummed & Coated Paper Co., com.	28
5 Springfield Ry. Co., pref.	74	1000 Betty O'Neil Mines, par \$5.	\$110 lot
10 Florence Stove Co.	40	170 Biddison Associates.	\$110 lot
		10 Boston Metropolitan Bldg., Inc., pref.	71
		Bonds— Per Cent.	
		\$25,000 West Palm Beach 5% July 1929 coupon, Jan. '29 & sub. on \$10110	
		\$35,000 note of Aaron Smith to Bertha Salvin dated Sept. 8 1926, secured by mtge. on the premises 1999-2007 Washington St., and 5-9 Ball St., Roxbury, Mass., subject to assignment to Charlestown 5 Cent Savings Bank to secure the payment of \$30,000. \$100 lot	

By Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Shares. Stocks.	\$ per Sh.	Shares. Stocks.	\$ per Sh.
15 Medford Trust Co., Medford, par \$20.	80	21 Malden & Melrose Gas Light Co., par \$25.	43
5 Medford Trust Co., Medford, par \$20.	90	30 Home National Bank, Brockton.	240
25 Arlington Mills.	21 1/2	50 Walter M. Lowney Co., com.	1
4 Berkshire Fine Spinning Associates, 7% preferred.	75	25 Massachusetts Utilities Associates, conv. pref.	36-33 ex-div.
54 Associated Textile Co.	36	150 New Hampshire Fire Ins. Co., par \$10.	68 1/2-68
16 Great Falls Mfg. Co.	75c.	42 Plymouth Cordage Co.	90-85 ex-div.
36 Associated Textile Co.	36 1/2	70 New England P. S. Co., com.	26 1/2
40 Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co.	88 1/2-88	215 National Service Co's, pref.	35-25-24
45 Associated Textile Co.	36	15 Graton & Knight Co., com.	8
5 New England Public Service Co., \$6 cum. pref. ex-div.	84	10 Graton & Knight Co., pref.	62
100 Boston Herald-Traveler Corp., par \$25.	27	45 Bangor Hydr-Electric Co., com., par \$25.	41
17 Post Office Square Co., pref.	2	1 Boston Athenaeum, par \$300.	700
17 Bay State Fishing Co., com.	115	1,000 Improved Property Holding Co., com.; 8,000 Orange County Co., common.	\$10,450 lot
100 Royal Tiger Mines Co., par 1c.	3		
27 Old Colony Trust Associates.	43 1/2		

By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo:

Shares. Stocks.	\$ per Sh.	Shares. Stocks.	\$ per Sh.
20 Public Reserve Financial, Inc., class A, par \$50.	50c. lot	100 Boston & Montana Development Co., Boston, cts., par \$5.	50c. lot
3,000 Creighton Fairbanks Mines, Ltd., par \$1.	\$1 lot		
200 Tonopah Midway Consol. Mining Co., par \$1.	50c. lot	Bonds. Per Cent.	
1,000 Area Mines, par, \$1.	5c. lot	\$30,000 Avon Park Florida 6% bds. due 1936, coupons due Nov. 1 1929, attached.	\$3,500 lot

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:

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed, Days Inclusive.
Railroads (Steam).			
Allegheny Corp., pref. A (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Atchafalaya Topeka & Santa Fe, com. (qu.)	*2 1/2	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Long Island	*3	Jan. 20	*Holders of rec. Jan. 13
Wabash Ry., preferred A (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 25
Preferred B (for year 1929)	5	Feb. 6	Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Preferred B (for year 1928)	5	Feb. 6	Holders of rec. Dec. 31 '28
Western N. Y. & Pennsylvania Ry., com	*2	Jan. 31	*Holders of rec. Jan. 30
Preferred	*\$2.50	Jan. 31	*Holders of rec. Jan. 30
Public Utilities.			
Allied Pow. & Light, \$5 1st pref. (qu.)	*\$1.25	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
\$3 preference (quar.)	75c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
American Light & Traction, com. (qu.)	2 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 17a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 17a
American Natural Gas Corp., pref. (qu.)	\$1.75	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Amer. Water Works & Elec., com. (qu.)	25c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 24
Common (1-40th share common)	(f)	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 24
Central Hudson Gas & Electric, common	*50c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Central Public Service, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 2	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Columbia Gas & Electric, com. (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
6% preferred, series A (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
5% preferred, series A (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Commonwealth & Sou. Corp., com. (qu.)	*25c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Eastern States Power, cl. B (No. 1)	*\$1.75	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
\$7 preferred (quar.)	*\$1.50	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
\$6 preferred (quar.)	*\$1.50	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Empire Gas & Fuel 6% pref. (mthly.)	*50c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
6 1/2% preferred (monthly)	*54-1-6c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
7% preferred (monthly)	*66-2-3c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
8% preferred (monthly)	*66-2-3c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Grand Rapids RR, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Hartford Electric Light (quar.)	*68 3/4c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Interstate Fuel & Light, 1st pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Lone Star Gas, \$6.50 pf. (qu.) (No. 1)	*\$1.63	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Mohawk & Hudson Power, pref. (quar.)	*\$1.75	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Second preferred (quar.)	*\$1.75	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Municipal Service Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
New York & Richmond Gas—Dividend omitted			
North Boston Ltg. Properties, com. (qu.)	*\$1	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Preferred (quar.)	*75c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 4
Pacific Lighting common (quar.)	*75c.	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 31
\$5 preferred (quar.)	*\$1.25	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Standard Power & Light—			
One sh. Stand. Gas & El. com. for each 22 shs. Stand. Pow. & Lt. com)			
Texas Power & Light, 7% pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
6% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Western Pow., Lt. & Teleg., cl. A (qu.)	*50c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
West Penn Electric Co., 7% pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Fire Insurance.			
National Liberty (quar.)	*25c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 8
Extra	*50c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 8
Miscellaneous.			
Adams-Mills Corp. common (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
First and second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Altior Bros. Co. pref. (quar.)	*75c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
American Brick pref. (quar.)	*50c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 23
American Chain common (quar.)	75c.	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 13
American Glue pref. (quar.)	*2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 18
Amer., London & Empire Corp.—Pref. div. omitted			

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.	Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Continued).				Miscellaneous (Continued).			
Amer. Smeit. & Refg. com. (quar.)	*\$1	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 17	Moe-Bridges Co. pref. A (quar.)	*2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 31	Monarch Royalty Corp., pref. (mthly.)	1 1/2c	Feb. 10	*Holders of rec. Jan. 31
American Sugar Refg., com. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Apr. 2	*Holders of rec. Mar. 5	Moore Drop Forging, class A (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Apr. 2	*Holders of rec. Mar. 5	Nash Motors Co., com. (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Amsterdam Trading Co., Amer. shs	75c.	Jan. 22	Holders of rec. Jan. 16	National Bearing Metals, com. (qu.)	75c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Anglo-Persian Oil, Ltd.—				Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Amer. dep. rets. for 1st pref.	*104	Feb. 6	*Holders of rec. Jan. 6	National Battery Co., St. Paul (quar.)	*65c.	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 17
Amer. dep. rets. for 2d preferred.	*104 1/2	Feb. 6	*Holders of rec. Jan. 6	Extra	*35c.	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 17
Arizona Commercial Mining	*25c.	Jan. 31	*Holders of rec. Jan. 16	Nat. Dept. Stores, 1st pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Associated Security Investors, pf. (qu.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Second preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Atlantic Macaroni, Inc. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Nat. Distillers Products Corp., com. (qu)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Atlas Powder, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20a	Nat. Enameling & Stgp. (quar.)	*50c.	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. Feb. 28
Balaban & Katz, com. (quar.)	*75c.	Mar. 29	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Nat'l Short Term Securs. com. A (qu.)	12 1/2c	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 3
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 29	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Common A (in com. A stock)	/1	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 3
Bankinstocks Holding Corp., common	no actn.			Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 3
Barnsdall Corp., cl. A & B. (quar.)	*50	c. Feb. 7	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	National Terminals, pref. (quar.)	*43 1/2c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Bigelow-Hartford Carpet, com. (qu.)	*\$1.50	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 18	Participating pref. (quar.)	*25c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 18	Nelsner Brothers, Inc., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Birtman Electric Co., com. (quar.)	*25c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	New York Merchandise, com. (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Preferred (quar.)	*\$1.75	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Preferred (quar.)	*3 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 25
Bloomington Bros., Inc., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15	North & Jud. Mfg.	*50c.	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Borden Company (quar.)	2 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31	Northwest Engineering, com. (quar.)	*50c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Boss Manufacturing, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31	Oppenheim, Collins & Co., Inc., com. (qu)	\$1.25	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31	Orange Crush, Ltd., pref. B—dividend omitted			
Brading Breweries, Ltd., com. (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10	Pacific Fly Products (quar.)	*60c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Brockway Motor Truck, com.—dividend omitted				Pacific Finance Corp., pref. A (quar.)	*20c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Brown Shoe, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Preferred C (quar.)	*16 1/2c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining & Concentrating Co. (monthly)	*25c.	Jan. 6	*Holders of rec. Dec. 26	Preferred D (quar.)	*17 1/2c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Extra	*50c.	Jan. 6	*Holders of rec. Dec. 26	Packer Corporation (quar.)	31 1/4c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 5
California Packing com. (quar.)	*\$1	Mar. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 28	Parke Austin & Gipscombe, part. pf. (qu)	*50c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Canadian Paperboard, pref.—dividend omitted				Parker Young Co., pref.—dividend omitted			
Capital Management Corp. (quar.)	*25c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 25	Peabody Engineering	\$7	Jan. 30	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Extra	*75c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Penney (J. C.) Co., com.	\$2.50	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Castle (A. M.) & Co. (quar.)	*25c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Pennsylvania First Nat. Corp. pf. (qu)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Extra	*37 1/2c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Petroleum Royalties, pref. (monthly)	1c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 25
Central Illinois Secur. (qu.) (No. 1)	*44c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Preferred (estra)	1/2c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 25
Special (for period Oct. 21 to Nov. 1 '29)	15c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 5	Pickwick Corp., com. (quar.)	*20c.	Jan. 25	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Centrifugal Pipe Corp. (quar.)	15c.	May 15	Holders of rec. May 5	7% preferred (quar.)	*17 1/2c	Feb. 25	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Quarterly	15c.	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 5	8% preferred (quar.)	*20c.	Mar. 25	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Quarterly	15c.	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 5	Polygraph Co. of Am. pref. (quar.)	\$2	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Century Ribbon Mills, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 20	Power & Light Securities Trust—			
Cerro de Pasco Copper (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16	Shares of beneficial int. (in stock)	e1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Chain & General Equities pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 16	Prairie Cities Oil, Ltd., class A (quar.)	25c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Claggett Shares Corp. (No. 1)	*50c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Process Corp. (quar.)	*12 1/2c	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Cleutt, Peabody & Co., common (quar.)	\$1.25	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Pullman, Inc. (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Columbian Carbon (quar.)	*25c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Reed (C. A.) Co., class A (quar.)	\$3	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 9
Extra	*15c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 10	Reserve Investing Corp. com. (special)	\$1.75	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 9
Comwealth & Southern Corp., com. (qu.)	end pased.			Preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 9
Consolidated Paper Box, class B.—Divid	*87 1/2c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 21	Ryan (Joseph T.) & Sons, com. (qu.)	*50c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 17
Construction Materials (quar.)	62 1/2c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a	Sanford Mills	*\$1	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 7
Continental Can, common (quar.)	25c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 10	Extra	*\$1	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 7
Credit Alliance Corp., com. & cl. A (qu.)	*50c.	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. Mar. 10	Savannah Sugar Refg., com. (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Crowley, Milner & Co., com. (quar.)	*33c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Curtis Lighting, common (quar.)	*50c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Scott Paper, pref. A (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 18
De Mets, Inc., pref. (quar.)	2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Preferred B (quar.)	*97c.	Jan. 28	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Dennison Mfg., deb. stock (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 14	Shell Transport & Trading, Amer. shs	*75c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Preferred (quar.)	*75c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 14	Simmons Co. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Dietaphone Corp., common (quar.)	*20	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 14	Stock dividend	*50c.	Mar. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 14
Common (payable in common stock)	*25c.	Apr. 21	*Holders of rec. Mar. 31	Skelly Oil (quar.)	*75c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Dome Mines Ltd. (quar.)	*25c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Spiegel May Stern, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Electric Power Associates, com. & cl. A.	1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Preferred (quar.)	*50c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Eureka Pipe Line (quar.)	*\$1	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Sun Invest. Co., Inc. \$3 pref. (quar.)	75c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Eureka Vacuum Cleaner (quar.)	37 1/2c.	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 16	Super Malt Corp., com. (quar.)	*75c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Exchange Buffet Corp. (quar.)	*12c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 13	Tacony-Palmira F'y pf. (qu.) (No. 1)	*\$1.87 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Fairley Aviation Amer. shares	62 1/2c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 14	Thermoid Co., com. (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Faultless Rubber (quar.)	*62 1/2c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Federal Knitting Mills com. (quar.)	*12 1/2c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Tide Water Oil, 5% pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 17
Common (extra)	omitted.			Tobacco Products Co., A certificates	*76.8c.	Jan. 31	*Holders of rec. Jan. 16
Franklin (H. H.) Mfg., com.—Dividend omitted				Tri-National Trading Corp., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Tri-Utilities Corp., \$3 pref. (quar.)	75c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Galr (Robert) Co. class A.—Divid. omitted.				Union Oil Associates (quar.)	*50c.	Feb. 10	*Holders of rec. Jan. 17
General Cable class A (quar.)	*\$1	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 22	Union Oil of Calif. (quar.)	*61	Feb. 10	*Holders of rec. Jan. 17
Preferred (quar.)	*\$1.75	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 22	Stock dividend	75c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
General Cigar, common (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 17	U. S. British Internat. Co. \$3 pf. (qu.)	50c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 21	U. S. Lines pref. (quar.)	\$1.25	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 14
General Parts Corp. pref. (quar.)	*50c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20	U. S. Realty & Impt. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Gillette Safety Razor (quar.)	*\$1.25	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 1	Universal Pipe & Radiator pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Gilmore Oil (quar.)	*30c.	Jan. 31	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Upson Company, class A (quar.)	*40c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Goodyear Tire & Rubber common (qu.)	*\$1.25	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Class A (extra)	*10c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Great Britain & Canada Invest. pref.	2 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 28	Class B (quar.)	*40c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Hachmeister-Lind Co. pref. (quar.)	*75c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Class B (extra)	*10c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Haiku Pineapple pref. (quar.)	*43 1/2c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Viek Chemical (quar.)	*62 1/2c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 17
Hawaiian Pineapple pref. (quar.)	*43 1/2c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Virginia Bond & Mtze. pref.—Dividend omitted			
Hershey Chocolate com. (qu.) (No. 1)	*\$1.25	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 25	Warchel Corp. pref. (quar.)	*25c.	Jan. 25	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Convertible preference (extra)	*\$1	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 25	Wellington Oil (extra)	15c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Prior preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 25	Western Air Express (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Hollinger Consol. Gold Mines (mthly.)	*5c.	Jan. 28	*Holders of rec. Jan. 14	Will-Long Cafeterias, Inc., pref. (qu.)	*60c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Homestake Mining (monthly)	*50c.	Jan. 25	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Woolworth (F. W.) Co., com. (quar.)			
Extra	*\$1	Jan. 25	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Zenth Radio Corp.—Div. omitted.			
Goldman (H. C.) Co. (quar.)	75c.	Feb. 10	Holders of rec. Jan. 25				
Goldsmith's (P.) Sons Co. (quar.)	*30c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20				
Hamilton Watch pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 10				
Hammermill Paper common (quar.)	*25c.	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 31				
Horn Signal Co. class A & AA—Divs. omitted							
Hutchins Investing Corp. common	\$3	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 9				
Preferred (quar.)	*\$1.75	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 9				
Internat. Paper & Power com. A (qu.)	*60c.	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 1				
Internat. Paper common (quar.)	*60c.	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 1				
Internat. pref. (monthly)	50c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 15				
Intertype Corp. common (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31				
Jantzen Knitting Mills (quar.)	*50c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15				
Kleiber Motor Co.—Div. omitted.							
Keys Fibre, Inc.—Dividend omitted.							
Kress (S. H.) & Co. common (quar.)	*25c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20				
Special preferred (quar.)	*15c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20				
Lahey Foundry & Mach. (quar.)	*25c.	Jan. 30	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15				
Lawbeck Corp. pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20				
Lefcourt Realty Corp. com. (quar.)	40c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 5				
Common (extra)	25c.	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 18				
Loew's Boston Theatres Co. (quar.)	*15c.	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 18				
Loew's Inc. pref. (quar.)	\$1.62 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1				
Loose-Wiles Biscuit common (quar.)	*65c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 18				
Lord & Taylor 2d pref. (quar.)	*2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 17				
London Packing (quar.)	*75c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15				
Los Angeles Investment (quar.)	*30c.	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15				
Lynch Glass Machine com. (quar.)	*50c.	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 5				
Margay Oil Corp. (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 20				
Masco Oil (monthly)	*1c.	Jan. 25	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15				
Massachusetts Investors Trust (quar.)	*52c.	Jan. 20	*Holders of rec. Jan. 8				
Stock dividend	*e1	Jan. 20	*Holders of rec. Jan. 8				
Maytag Co. pref. (quar.)	*75c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15				
First preferred (quar.)	*\$1.50	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15				
McCord Radiator & Mfg. class B (qu.)	*50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 25				
McCroxy Stores Corp., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20				
Melville Shoe, com. (quar.)	50c.						

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.	Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.	
Public Utilities.				Public Utilities (Concluded).				
Alabama Power, \$5 pref. (quar.)	\$1.25	Feb. 12	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Philadelphia Company, com. (qu.)	\$1	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	
Amer. Cities Pow. & Lt. class A (quar.)	(b)	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 4	Common (extra)	75c	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	
Class B (quar.)	(b)	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 4	Philadelphia Electric \$5 pref. (quar.)	\$1.25	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10	
American Commonwealths Power—				Philadelphia Rapid Transit (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	
Com. A & B (pay. in class A stock)	e2 1/2	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Philadelphia Suburban Water, pf. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 8a	
First and second pref., ser. A (quar.)	\$1.75	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	May 31	Holders of rec. May 12a	
\$6.50 first preferred (quar.)	\$1.62	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Philadelphia & Western, pref. (qu.)	62 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	
\$6 first preferred (quar.) (No. 1)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Power Corp. of Canada, 6% pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
Amer. Dist. Teleg. of N. J., com. (qu.)	*13 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 14	6% partic. pref. (quar.)	75c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
Preferred (quar.)	*13 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 14	Public Ser. Corp. of Nor. Ills. com. (qu.)	*2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	
Amer. Gas & Elec., pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10	6% preferred (quar.)	*13 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	
Amer. Teleg. & Teleg. (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a	Pub. Serv. Corp. of N. J., pf. (monthly)	50c	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a	
Associated Gas & Elec., cl. A—				Puget Sound Pow. & Light, 6% pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 27	
(payable in cash of 2-125ths sh. A stk.)	*40c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Quebec Power (quar.)	62 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 27	
Associated Gas & Elec., class A (qu.)	*40c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10	Railway & Light Securities com. (qu.)	*50c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	
Associated Teleg. Utilities, com. (qu.)	*13 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Common (extra)	*83	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	
Bell Telephone of Canada (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 23	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	
Bell Tel. of Pa., 6 1/2% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a	Rhode Island Pub. Serv., class A (quar.)	*51	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	
Brazilian T. L. & Pow. ord. (quar.)	50c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 31	Preferred (quar.)	*50c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	
Ordinary (payable in ord. stock)	f1	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 31	San Diego Consol. G. & E., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
Bridgport Hydraulic Co. (quar.)	*40c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Southeastern Power & Light, com. (qu.)	40c	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
British Columbia Power class A	50c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Southern Calif. Edison, com. (quar.)	50c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a	
Bklyn.-Manhattan Tran., com. (qu.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Preferred C (quar.)	34 1/2c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	
Preferred, ser. A (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Original pref. (quar.)	75c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	
Preferred, series A (quar.)	\$1.50	Apr. 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 1a	Southern Calif. Gas, pref. A (quar.)	*37 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
Buff., Niagara & East. Pow., 1st pf. (qu.)	*\$1.25	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Southern Canada Pow., com. (quar.)	25c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
California-Oregon Power, 7% pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
Canada Northern Power, com. (quar.)	15c	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Southern N. E. Teleg. (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	South Pittsburgh Water, pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2	
Central Ill. Pub. Serv., \$6 pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Standard Gas & Elec., com. (quar.)	87 1/2c	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	
Chesapeake & Potomac Teleph., pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Prior preference (quar.)	\$1.75	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
Chc. Rap. Transit, pref. A (monthly)	*65c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21	Standard Pow. & Light, pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16	
Prior preferred, series B (monthly)	*60c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21	United Gas & Elec. Co., preferred	2 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
Prior preferred, series B (monthly)	*60c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21	United Gas Improvement, com. (qu.)	30c	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Feb. 28a	
Cities Service Pow. & Lt., \$6 pf. (mthly.)	*50c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	United Gas Impt., \$5 pref. (quar.)	\$1.25	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Feb. 28a	
\$7 pref. (monthly)	58 1/2c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	5% preferred (quar.)	\$1.25	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Feb. 28a	
Cleveland Elec. Illuminating, pref. (qu.)	1-1/3	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 14	United Gas & Pow., new com. A & B (qu.)	15c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	
Columbia G. & E. Corp., com. (in stk.)	f25	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Feb. 28	Old common B (quar.)	75c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	
Commonwealth Edison (quar.)	*2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Western Power Corp. pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
Commonwealth Power common (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a	Western Union Telegraph (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 23a	
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a	West Penn Power Co., 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 4a	
Community Water Service—				6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 4a	
Common (payable in common stock)	3	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Winnipeg Electric Co., com. (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10	
Consolidated Gas of N. Y., com. (quar.)	\$1	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 7a					
Preferred (quar.)	\$1.25	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 28a	Banks.				
Consolidated Traction of N. Y.	\$2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Harriman Nat. Bk. & Tr. (stk. div.)	*e	33 1-3	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 14
Consumers Power, \$5 pref. (quar.)	\$1.25	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Trust Companies.				
6% Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Corn Exchange Bank & Trust (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 24a	
6.6% preferred (quar.)	\$1.65	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Kings County (quar.)	*20	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 25	
7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Fire Insurance.				
6% preferred (monthly)	50c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	American Alliance (quar.)	*40c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
6% preferred (monthly)	50c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15	Great American (quar.)	*40c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
6% preferred (monthly)	50c	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Miscellaneous.				
6.6% preferred (monthly)	55c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Abtibi Power & Paper, 6% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a	
6.6% preferred (monthly)	55c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15	Abraham & Straus, Inc., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	
6.6% preferred (monthly)	55c	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Aene Steel—				
Dakota Central Teleg., com. (quar.)	*\$2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a	Stock div. (subj. to meeting Jan. 21)	e25	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1	
6 1/2% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a	Adams (J. D.) Mfg., com. (quar.)	60c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	
Detroit Edison (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Amer. Art. Wks., com. & pf. (quar.)	*21	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 20	
Duquesne Light, 1st pf. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Art. Dividing (quar.)	*7c	June 2	Holders of rec. May 30	
Eastern Mass. St. Ry. pref. B (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Alb. Reduction Co. (quar.)	75c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	
First pref. and sink. fund stks. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 10	Albert Pacific Grain, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 12	Holders of rec. Dec. 14	
Edison Elec. Ill. of Boston (quar.)	3-1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10	Alliance Realty, com. (quar.)	75c	Jan. 23	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a	
Elec. Bond & Share, com. (in com. stk.)	71 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 13a	Common (extra)	50c	Jan. 23	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a	
Electric Bond & Share, pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10	Allied Chemical & Dye Corp., com. (qu.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	
Elec. Pow. & Lt., allot. ctfs. full pd. (qu.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10	Allis-Chalmers Mfg. com. (quar.)	75c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 24a	
Electric Power & Light, com. (quar.)	25c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a	Alpha Portland Cement, com. (qu.)	75c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a	
Federal Public Service, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Aluminum Mfrs., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15	
General Pub. Service, \$5.50 pref. (qu.)	*1.37 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	
\$6 preferred (quar.)	*1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	
Hamilton Gas, preferred	\$7	Jan. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Amalgamated Elec. Corp., Ltd., pf. (qu.)	75c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 27	
Havana Elec. & Utilities, 1st pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Amerada Corp. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	
Cumulative preference (quar.)	\$1.25	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Amer. Art. Wks., com. & pf. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
Illinois Power & Light, \$6 pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10	American Light Roofing, com. (qu.)	*12	Jan. 18	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
Internat. Hydro-Elec. System—				Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 18	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
Class A (1-50 share, class A stock)	(f)	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 26a	American Can, com. (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31a	
Internat. Utilities, class A (quar.)	87 1/2c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a	Amer. Commercial Alcohol com. (quar.)	40c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a	
\$7 preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 18	Common (payable in com. stock)	f2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a	
Internat. Teleg. & Teleg. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a	Preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10	
Interstate Public Service prior lien (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Amer. Founders Corp. new com. (spec.)	33 1-3c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	
Kentucky Securities Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a	New common (1-70th sh. com. stock)	*81	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	
Manitoba Power (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10	Old common (extra)	*87 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	
Massachusetts Utilities Associates—				7% first pref. series A (quar.)	87 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	
5% participating conv. pref. (quar.)	62 1/2c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 24	7% first pref. series B (quar.)	70c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	
Middle West Utilities, new com. (pay. in com. stk.) (No. 1)	f2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	6% first pref. series D (quar.)	37 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	
\$6 conv. pref. ser. A (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	6% second pref. (quar.)	35c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	
Milwaukee Elec. Ry. & Light, pf. (qu.)	1-1/2	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a	Amer. Home Products Corp. (mthly.)	75c	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 7	
Mo. River-Sioux City Bridge, pref. (qu.)	1.75	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	American Ice, com. (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 7a	
Montreal L. H. & Pow. Cons. (quar.)	60c	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Common (extra)	1 1/2	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 7a	
Montreal Telegraph (quar.)	*2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 17a	
Montreal Tramways (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 1	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 17a	
Mountain States Power Co., pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	American Manufacturing, com. (quar.)	75c	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	
Mountain States Tel. & Tel. (quar.)	*2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Common (quar.)	75c	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15	
National Electric Power, cl. A (quar.)	45c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Common (quar.)	75c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	
National Gas (quar.)	*25c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Common (quar.)	75c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	
Nevada-Calif. Elec. Co., \$6 pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	
Nevada-Calif. Elec. Co., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 30	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15	
New Bedford Gas & Edges Light (qu.)	*\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 26	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	
New England Pow. Assn., com. (quar.)	*50c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15	
New England Pub. Serv., \$7 pref. (qu.)	*\$1.75	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	
\$6 preferred (quar.)	*\$1.50	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	
Adjustment preferred (quar.)	*\$1.75	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Amer. Rolling Mills, com. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 8a	
\$6 convertible pref. (quar.)	*\$1.50	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Amer. Shipbuilding, com. (quar.)	2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	
New York Telephone, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	
No. American Gas & Elec., class A (qu.)	*40c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10	Amer. Steel Foundries, com. (quar.)	75c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a	
Northern Ind. Pub. Serv. 7% pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 14	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Amer. Sumatra Tobacco, com. (qu.)	75c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a	
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 14	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	American Thermos Bottle, pref. (qu.)	*87 1/2c	Jan. 21	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	
5 1/2% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 14	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Amer. Type Founders, com. (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 4a	
Northern Ontario Power, com. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 4a	
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Amer. Vitriol Products, com. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 4	
Northern States Power, com. A. (qu.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	
7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Anaconda Copper Mining (quar.)	\$1.75	Feb. 17	Holders of rec. Jan. 11a	
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 20	Holders of rec.					

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Bastian Blessing Co., common (quar.)	*75c	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 14	Edison Brothers Stores, com. (quar.)	25c	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Bayuk Cigars, Inc., common (quar.)	75c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Electric Household Utilities (quar.)	*25c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 24
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Special	*81	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 24
Belding-Cortice, Ltd., com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Stock dividend	*e1 1/4	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 24
Bethlehem Steel common (quar.)	*81.50	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 18a	Electric Power Associates—			
Bohbs-Merrill Co. (quar.)	*68 1/2c	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 20	Common and class A (No. 1)	*25c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Quarterly	*68 1/2c	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 20	Elec. Stor. Bat., com. & pf. (in com stk.)	100	Subj. to e	*Holders, meeting Apr. 16
Bon Ami Co. class A (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 14	Elgin National Watch (quar.)	*62 1/2c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Class B (quar.)	50c	Jan. 17	Holders of rec. Jan. 14	Extra	*\$1	Jan. 21	*Holders of rec. Jan. 3
Class B (extra)	50c	Jan. 17	Holders of rec. Jan. 14	Ely-Walker Dry Goods, com. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 4
Borden Co. (stock dividend)	e3	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a	Empire Bond & Mtge. com. (quar.)	*71 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 26
Brandram-Henderson Ltd. com. (qu.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Preferred (quar.)	*\$1.75	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 26
British Amer. Tobacco ord. (final)	(v)	Jan. 17	See note (v)	Emco Derrick & Equip. (quar.)	40c	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
British Type Investors, Inc. (bi-monthly)	8c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 2	Fazel Motors preferred	*35c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 3
Brompton Pulp & Paper (quar.)	*50c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Fair (The) common (quar.)	40c	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Budd (E. G.) Mfg. common (quar.)	25c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a	Common (quar.)	60c	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 21a
7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a
Burger Bros., pref. (quar.)	*2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. June 16	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 21a
Preferred (quar.)	*2	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Fairfax Airports common (No. 1)	25c	Mar. 30	Holders of rec. Mar. 1
Burma Corp., Ltd., Am. dep. rets.—				Fashion Park Associates, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16a
6 annas interim and 1 anna bonus		Feb. 21	*Holders of rec. Jan. 14	Federated Publications, com. (quar.)	*30c	Jan. 31	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Burt (F. W.) Co., extra	*50c	Jan. 12	*Holders of rec. Dec. 13	Fenton United Clean'g & Dye'g com. (qu.)	*\$1	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Bush Terminal common (quar.)	50c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 27a	Common (extra)	*\$1	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Common (payable in common stock)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 27a	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Debenture stock (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 27a	Finance Co. of Amer. cl. A & B (quar.)	*20c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 6
Byers (A. M.) Co. pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 13a	Preferred (quar.)	*43 1/2	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 6
Bylesby (H. M.) & Co.—				Firestone Tire & Rubber, new com. (qu.)	6%	Preferred (quar.)	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a
Class A and B (1-20th sh. class A stk.)	(e)	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 10	6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
California Cotton Mills (quar.)	*\$1	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 10	Franklin (M. H.) Inc., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 3
Campe Corp. common (quar.)	*50c	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Flintkote Co., com. A (quar.)	*37 1/2c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Florsheim Shoe, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	May 1	*Holders of rec. Apr. 15	Fokker Aircraft Corp. of Am. pf. (qu.)	*43 1/2c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Canada Bud Breweries, common	25c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Food Machinery (quar.)	*37 1/2c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Canada Dry Ginger Ale (quar.)	\$1.25	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a	Stock dividend	*e1	Apr. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 31
Canada Foundries & Forg., cl. A (qu.)	*37 1/2c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Foote-Burt Co. (quar.)	65c	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 5
Canadian Brewing, com. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Foreign Power Securities com. (No. 1)	\$1	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Canadian Bronze, common (quar.)	62 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Participating pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Foremost Fabrics Corp. com. (quar.)	*50c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Canadian Fairbanks-Morse pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Fox Film Co., class A and B (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Mar. 16
Can. Indust. Alcohol, cl. A & B (qu.)	38c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Frank (A. B.) Co., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 16
Canadian Industries, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 15
Canadian Power & Paper Inv., pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Franklin Process (stock dividend)	*50	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Carman & Co., Ltd., class A (quar.)	*50c	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Freeport Texas Co. (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Class B	*50c	Jan. 25	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Extra	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Carnation Co. pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 2	Fyr-Fyter, class A (quar.)	*50c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Cent. Amer. Plantations Corp.	\$7	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	General Electric common (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 16a
Central Coal & Coke pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Special stock (quar.)	15c	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 16a
Century Shares Trust, partic. stock	*\$1	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 2	General Foods Corp. (quar.)	75c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Chapman Ice Cream (quar.)	*\$1 1/2c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 25	General Industrial and Bancshares Corp.			
Checker Cab Mfg. (monthly)	35c	Feb. 3	Holders of rec. Jan. 16a	Class A	37 1/2c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Monthly	35c	Mar. 3	Holders of rec. Feb. 17a	Class A (special)	5	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Chelsea Exchange Corp., cl. A & B (qu.)	25c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31	General Mills, Inc., com. (quar.)	75c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Class A & B (quar.)	25c	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1	General Motors Corp., 6% deb. stock (qu.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 6a
Cherry-Burrell Corp. com. (quar.)	*62 1/2c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 6a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 6a
Chicago Flexible Shaft, com. (quar.)	*50c	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20	General Outdoor Advertising (quar.)	50c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 6a
Common (quar.)	*30c	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 20	General Realty & Utility, pref.—			
Common (quar.)	*30c	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 20	\$1.50 cash or 75-1000 share stock		Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Chicago Yellow Cab (monthly)	25c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a	General Stock Yards common (quar.)	*50c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Monthly	25c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 19a	Preferred (quar.)	*\$1.50	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Cincinnati Advertising Products—				Gilbert (A. C.) Co., com. (qu.)	*25c	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. Mar. 19
Stock dividend	*e10	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 1	Common (quar.)	*25c	June 30	*Holders of rec. June 18
Cities Service common (monthly)	2 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Gilchrist Co. (stock div.)	*e2	Jan. 31	*Holders of rec. Jan. 13
Common (payable in common stock)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Gimbel Bros., Inc., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a
Preference and preference B (mthly.)	50c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Gold Dust Corp., com. (quar.)	62 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Preference B (monthly)	5c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Goodyear Tire & Rubber, com. (quar.)	*\$1.25	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 13a
City Ice & Fuel, stock dividend	*e1 1/2	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15	Gotham Silk Hosiery Co., pref. (quar.)	8 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a
Stock dividend	*e1 1/2	Sept. 1	*Holders of rec. Aug. 15	Granby Consol. Mtn. & Pow. (qu.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 13
City Investing com. (pay in com. stk.)	*e1 1/2	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 30a	Grand (F. & W.) 5-10-25c. Sts. com. (qu.)	25c	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 13
City Stores common (quar.)	7 1/2c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 13
Class A (quar.)	72 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Grand (F. & W.) Silver Stores, Inc.—			
Claude Neon Elec. Prod., stock div.	*3	July 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Common (quar.) (No. 1)	25c	Jan. 23	Holders of rec. Jan. 13
Cleveland Builders Supply (quar.)	*50c	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Gruen Watch, common (quar.)	*50c	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 18
Cleveland Tractor, com. (No. 1)	40c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Clorox Chemical, cl. A & B (in cl. A stk.)	2	Jan. 30	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Guardian Invest. Tr., com. (in stock)	*71	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 14
Coca Cola Bottling Sec. (quar.)	25c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 4	Hall (W. F.) Printing (quar.)	2-3	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Quarterly	*25c	Apr. 15		Stock dividend	e6 2-3	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Quarterly	*25c	July 15		Hamilton Bridge (Canada) pt. (qu.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Quarterly	*25c	Oct. 15		Hamilton Watch (extra)	*30c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 1
Cockshut Plow (quar.)	*37 1/2c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Hancock Knitting Mills	3	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 1
Coen Cos., class A (quar.)	*\$7 1/2c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Harbison-Walker Refrac., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a
Columbia Invest., com. (qu.) (No. 1)	*50c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 25	Harcis Bros. Refrac. (quar.)	*75c	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Commercial Bookbinding (quar.)	43 1/2c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Hercules Powder Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 4a
Consolidated Chemical class A (quar.)	*37 1/2c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Heyden Chemical Corp., com.	50c	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Consolidated Cigar, prior pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co. (mthly)	35c	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Consolidated Dairy Products (quar.)	*50c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Hillcrest Colleries, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Stock dividend	*e1 1/4	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Consol. Mining & Smelting (Canada)	1.25	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Holly Development (quar.)	*2 1/2	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Extra	\$5	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Holly Sugar Corp. pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Consolidated Royalty Oil (quar.)	*15c	Jan. 25	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Home Oil, Ltd.	20c	Jan. 20	Jan. 1 to Jan. 15
Continental Securities Corp. (quar.)	*\$1	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 2	Horn & Hardart com. (quar.)	*62 1/2c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 13
Copper Range Co. (quar.)	*50c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 14	Household Finance Corp.			
Corn Products Refg., com. (quar.)	75c	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 3a	Participating pref. (quar.)	75c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Common (extra)	75c	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 3a	Participating pref. (extra)	12 1/2c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 3a	Howe Found Co. (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Corporation Securities (quar.)	*m35c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 10	Extra	50c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Crown Zellerbach Corp., com. (quar.)	25c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Hunt Bros. Packing class A (quar.)	*50c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Crucible Steel common (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Hupp Motor Car (quar.)	50c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Common (extra) (in common stock)	73	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Stock dividend	e2 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Crum & Forster class A & B (quar.)	2 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 4	Hurley Machine (quar.)	25c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 24
Preferred (quar.)	2	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 20	Special	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 24
Crystal Tissue Co.	*37 1/2c	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Extra (payable in stock)	e1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 24
Cudahy Packing common (quar.)	1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 3a	Hussman-Ligonier Co. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 3
Cuneo Press, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 15	*Holders of rec. Mar. 1	Illinois Brick (quar.)	*60c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 3
Curtis Publishing, com. (mthly.)	50c	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a	Quarterly	*60c	Apr. 15	*Holders of rec. Apr. 3
Preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20a	Quarterly	*60c	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 3
Dahlberg & Co., com. & pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Illinois Pacific Glass A & B (quar.)	*50c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Dahlberg Corp. of America, pref. (qu.)	*25c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Independent Oil & Gas (quar.)	50c	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Darby Petroleum, com. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 1	Indiana Pipe Line (quar.)	50c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 24
Davenport Hosiery Mills, com. (quar.)	20c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30	Extra	25c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 24
Detroit & Cleveland Navigation (extra)	*40c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 4	Industrial Collateral Assn. (quar.)	20c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Detroit Forging (quar.)	*30c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 10	Industrial Rayon (stock div.)	*5	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 24
Detroit Michigan Stove, com.	*25c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 2	Insull Utilities Invest., com. (in stock)	*71 1/2	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 1
Detroit Steel Products (quar.)	*50c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 2	Common (payable in common stock)	*71 1/2	Apr. 15	*Holders of rec. Apr. 1
Devonshire Investing Corp. (quar.)	25c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2				

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Kawneer Company (quar.)	*62½c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Paepeke Corp., com. (quar.)	*1¼	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 8
Kayser (Julius) & Co., com. (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Paramount Indus. Bankers, com. A (qu.)	35c	Jan. 13	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Kelsey-Hayes Wheel, pref. (quar.)	1¼	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21	Common A (extra)	2¼c	Jan. 13	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Key Boiler Equip. (quar.)	*25c	Feb. 28	*Holders of rec. Dec. 23	Preferred (quar.)	1¼	Jan. 13	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Stock dividend	*50c		Holders of rec. Dec. 28	Park & Tilford, Inc. (quar.)	75c	Jan. 14	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
Keystone Steel & Wire, com. (quar.)	*50c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 5	Stock dividend	1	Jan. 14	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
Preferred (quar.)	*1¼	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 5	Quarterly	75c	Apr. 14	Holders of rec. Mar. 29a
Keystone Watch Case	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Stock dividend	1	Apr. 14	Holders of rec. Mar. 29a
Extra	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Parnele Transportation com. (mthly.)	12½c	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Knott Corp., com. (quar.)	*60c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30	Monthly	12½c	Feb. 10	Holders of rec. Jan. 31a
Kroger Grocery & Baking, stk. dividend	e1	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 21a	Penabody Coal pref. (quar.)	*2	Jan. 11	*Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Stock dividend	e1	June 2	Holders of rec. May 10a	Pennsylvania Salt Mfg. (quar.)	*\$1.25	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Stock dividend	e1	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 11a	Penn Traffic	7¼c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Laboratory Products (stock dividend)	*e3	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Philadelphia Insulated Wire	\$2.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Land & Building Investing pref.	\$3.50	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Extra	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Lane Bryant, Inc., pref. (quar.)	1¼	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Phillips-Jones Co., pref. (quar.)	1¼	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Lane Company, com. & pref. (extra)	*\$1	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 29	Pittsburgh Forgings (quar.)	*40c	Jan. 25	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Langendorf United Bakeries				Pittsburgh Screw & Bolt (quar.)	35c	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a
Class A and B (quar.)	*50c	Jan. 30	*Holders of rec. Dec. 30	Pittsburgh Steel pref. (quar.)	1¼	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 8a
Leiston Monotype Machine (quar.)	1¼	Feb. 28	Holders of rec. Feb. 18a	Pittsburgh Steel Foundry common (qu.)	*25c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Extra	25c	Feb. 28	*Holders of rec. Feb. 18a	Common (extra)	*25c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Leath & Co., common (quar.)	*25c	Mar. 30	*Holders of rec. Mar. 20	Plymouth Cordage (quar.)	1¼	Jan. 20	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Common (quar.)	*25c	Mar. 30	*Holders of rec. June 20	Procter & Gamble Co., pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 24a
Common (quar.)	*25c	Sept. 30	*Holders of rec. Sept. 20	Pure Gold Mfg. (quar.)	*50c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Lefcourt Realty Corp., pref. (quar.)	62½c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 6	Pyrene Mfg., common (quar.)	*20c	Feb. 1	Jan. 18 to Jan. 31
Lehigh Portland Cement, com. (quar.)	62½c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14a	Q-R T. Vary Corp., com. (quar.)	*20c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Liberty Shares Corp. stock dividend	*e1	Dec. 31		Quaker Oats common (quar.)	*\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a
Stock dividend	*e1	Mar. 31		Preferred	*50c	Feb. 28	*Holders of rec. Feb. 1a
Link Belt Co. common (quar.)	65c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a	Radio Products (No. 1)	*50c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a
Lion Oil Refining (quar.)	*50c	Jan. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 27	Republic Brass pref. (quar.)	1¼	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Liquid Carbonic Corp. (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a	Republic Supply (quar.)	*75c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 1
Lit Brothers, Phila., pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Quarterly	*75c	Apr. 15	*Holders of rec. Apr. 1
Loew's London Theatres (Canada) com.	3	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 6	Quarterly	*75c	July 15	*Holders of rec. July 1
Preference	3¼	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Quarterly	*75c	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 1
Loew's (Marcus) Theatres (Canada) pf.	3¼	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Rex-Hide Rubber	*25c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
London Tin Syndicate				Extra	*25c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Amer. dep. receipts for ordinary shs.	*e20	Jan. 16	*Holders of rec. Jan. 2	Revere Copper & Brass pref. (quar.)	1¼	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a
Loudon Packing (stock dividend)	*e25	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Richfield Oil common (quar.)	37½c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Louisiana Oil Refining pref. (quar.)	\$1.625	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a	Preferred (quar.)	50c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Ludlow Typograph				Rich Ice Cream Co., common (extra)	*43¼c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 4
Com. (stock div., 1 sh. for every 10)	(f)	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 21	Rio Grande Oil Co. (quar.)	*50c	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
MacAndrews & Forbes common (qu.)	65c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Riover Bros	*17½c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Common (extra)	25c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Royalty Corp. of Amer., partic. pf. (mthly)	1c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 1
Preferred (quar.)	1¼	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Participating pref. (extra)	¼c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 1
MacMillan Petroleum (quar.)	*50c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Royal Typewriter, common	\$1.50	Jan. 17	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Stock dividend	*e2	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Common (extra)	50c	Jan. 17	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Macy (R. H.) & Co., com. (quar.)	50c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 24a	Preferred	3¼	Jan. 17	Holders of rec. Jan. 16
Common payable in com. stock	75	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 24a	Russell Motor Car com. (quar.)	*1¼	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Madison Square Garden (quar.)	37½c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a	Common (extra)	*1	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Magma Copper Co. (quar.)	*\$1.25	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Preferred (quar.)	1¼	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Magnin (I.) & Co. (quar.)	*37½c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Rund Mfg., com. (quar.)	65c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Mahon (R. C.) Co. conv. pref. (quar.)	55c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	St. Joseph Lead Co. (quar.)	50c	Mar. 20	Mar. 8 to Mar. 20
Manschwartz (B.) Co., com. (in stk.)	*f1	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 20	Extra	25c	Mar. 20	Mar. 8 to Mar. 20
Com. (pay. in com. stock) (quar.)	*f1	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 20	Quarterly	50c	June 20	June 10 to June 20
Mrs. & Merchants Securities				Quarterly	25c	June 20	June 10 to June 20
Prior preferred (quar.)	*\$1.75	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 2	Quarterly	50c	Sept. 20	Sept. 10 to Sept. 21
Maple Leaf Milling, pref. (quar.)	1¼	Jan. 18	Holders of rec. Jan. 3	Extra	25c	Sept. 20	Sept. 10 to Sept. 21
Marchant Calculating Mach. (quar.)	*40c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Quarterly	50c	Dec. 20	Dec. 10 to Dec. 21
Mayflower Drug Stores, Inc., pf. (quar.)	75c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Extra	25c	Dec. 20	Dec. 10 to Dec. 31
McCall Corp., new stock (quar.)	62½c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	St. Lawrence Paper Mills, pref. (quar.)	1¼	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
McCull-Fontaine Oil (quar.)	1¼	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Salt Creek Producers (quar.)	50c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Mead Pulp & Pap. com. (pay. in com. stk.)	*f2	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	San Francisco Mines of Mexico			
Mengel Co. common (quar.)	*50c	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 31	Amer. dep. rets. (2 shll. 3 pence)	*1¼	Jan. 14	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Metalcraft Corp., stock dividend	*25c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Sarge Arts Corp., 2d pref. (quar.)	*87½c	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Metal Textile Corp., com. (qu.) (No. 1)	25c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 1	Schleuter & Zander, pref. (quar.)	*87½c	May 15	*Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Participating preferred (extra)	25c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 1	Preferred (quar.)	75c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Mexican Petroleum common (quar.)	3	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Seavrage Corp., com. (quar.)	30c	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Preferred (quar.)	2	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Sears, Roebuck & Co. (quar.)	*62½c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Mexican Premier Mines (No. 1)	*1c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 5	Sears, Roebuck & Co. stock div. (quar.)	e1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Michigan Steel (quar.)	62½c	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Stock dividend (quar.)	e1	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 14a
Mid-City Co. of Amer., com. (quar.)	*40c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 27	Securities Company	2¼	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Mid-Continent Industries, class A (qu.)	*30c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Seeman Brothers, Inc., com. (quar.)	75c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Mid-Continent Petroleum com. (quar.)	*50c	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Shaffer Oil & Refining, pref. (quar.)	1¼	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Mineapolis-Honeywell Reg., com.	\$1.50	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 4a	Sharon Steel Hoop, com. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 4a
Extra	50c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 4a	Sharp & Dohme Inc. pref. A (quar.)	87½c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 17a
Mitchell (Robert) Co., Ltd., com. (qu.)	25c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Shenck (Frank G.) Co. (extra)	50c	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
Mitten Bank Securities Corp., com. & pf.	93¾c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Shenck (Frank G.) Co. pref. (quar.)	75c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14
Modine Mfg., com. (quar.)	*75c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Signode Steel Strapping com. (quar.)	*20c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Mohawey Investment (quar.)	*50c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Common (payable in com. stock)	*f1	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Moloney Electric, class A (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Preferred (quar.)	*62½c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Montgomery Ward & Co., com. (quar.)	75c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 4a	Silver (Isaac) & Bro. com. (qu.) (No. 1)	25c	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 13
Morris (Philip) & Co., Ltd., com. (quar.)	25c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 3a	Preferred (quar.)	1¼	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 13
Mountain & Gulf Oil (quar.)	2c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Sinclair Consolidated Oil (quar.)	50c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 14a
Mullins Mfg. pref. (quar.)	1¼	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Southern Asbestos, common (quar.)	*\$1.25	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Murray Corp. (stock dividend)	e2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Common (extra)	*25c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Mutual Investment Trust class A (qu.)	*15c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Southland Royalty (quar.)	*25c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 1
National Acme Co., common (quar.)	37½c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	*Palding (A. G.) & Bros., com. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 28a
Nat. Bellas-Hess, new stock (quar.)	*1.25c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a	Sparta Foundry Co.			
Stock dividend (quar.)	e1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Common (payable in common stock)	*75c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
National Biscuit, com. (quar.)	\$1.60	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Spicer Manufacturing pref. (quar.)	75c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 4a
National Carbon, pref. (quar.)	2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Standard Investing Corp., pref. (qu.)	\$1.375	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 27
National Cash Register, class A (quar.)	75c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a	Stand. Roy. Wampka Corp. (mthly.)	1c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Class A (extra)	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a	Stand. Royalties Wewoka Corp. (mthly.)	1c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
National Dairy Products Co.				Stand. Royalties Wichta Corp. (mthly.)	1c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Com. (payable in com. stock) (quar.)	f1	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 3a	Stanley Works, com. (quar.)	*43¼c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 7
Com. (payable in com. stock) (quar.)	f1	July 1	Holders of rec. June 3a	State St. Investment, Boston (quar.)	*75c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
National Fuel Gas (quar.)	25c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Steel Co. of Canada, ordinary (quar.)	43¼c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 7
National Lead, com. pref. class B (quar.)	1¼	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 17a	Preference (quar.)	43¼c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 7
Nat. Rubber Machinery, com. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Stetson (John B.) common	\$3.75	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 1a
National Tea pref. (quar.)	13¼c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14	Preferred	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 1a
Newberry (J. J.) Realty, pref. A (quar.)	*1¼	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 16	Stewart-Warner Corp.			
Preferred B (quar.)	*1¼	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 16	New \$10 par stock (in stock)	e2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 5a
New Bradford Oil (quar.)	*12½c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Stone & Webster, Inc.	\$2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 18a
Newhall Buildings Trust, pref. (quar.)	1¼	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Sullivan Machinery (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Jan. 1 to Jan. 7
New Jersey Zinc (quar.)	*50c	Feb. 10	*Holders of rec. Jan. 1	Sun-Glow Industries (quar.)	*50c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Newmont Mining Corp. (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 27	Sunset Stores, preferred	50c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 22
Stock dividend	e5	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 27	Sunray Oil Corp.	\$3.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 19
New River (acc't accum. div.)	*\$1.50	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Superheater Co. (extra)	62½c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 26
Newton Steel pref. (quar.)	*\$1.50	Jan. 31	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Sweets Co. of America (quar.)	25c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
New York Brake (quar.)	90c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 7a	Swift International	\$1.25	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
N. Y. Air Brake, preferred	2¼	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 6	Teck Hughes Mines (quar.)	15c	Feb. 1	Jan. 18 to Jan. 31
New York Investors 1st pref.	3	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 6	Telautograph Corp. (quar.)	30c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
New York Transit (quar.)	40c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 27	Extra	5c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Extra	10c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 27	Thompson (J. R.) Co. (monthly)	30c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 23a
Niagara Share Corp. common (quar.)	*12½c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Monthly	30c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 21a
Nipissing Mines, Ltd. (quar.)	*7½c	Jan. 20	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Thompson Products pref. (quar.)	*1¼	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Noblitt-Sparks Industries (in stock)	*e1¼	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 20	Tide Water Associated Oil	30c	Feb. 15	

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Concluded).			
United Verde Extension Mining (qu.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a
U. S. Cast Iron Pipe & Fdy., com. (qu.)	50c.	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
First & second pref. (quar.)	30c.	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
United States Finishing common (qu.)	50c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 6
Common (payable in com. stock)	h1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 6
U. S. & Foreign Sec. 1st pf. (qu.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 11a
U. S. Industrial Alcohol, com. (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
U. S. Radiator, com. (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2
U. S. Smelting, Re'f'g & Min., com. (qu.)	87 1/2c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Preferred (quar.)	87 1/2c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Universal Leaf Tobacco common (qu.)	75c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 17a
Vadco Sales Corp. pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Victor Talking Machine, com. (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 11
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 11
Vogt Mfg. (quar.)	*50c.	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Vulcan Detinning pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 9a
Preferred (acc't accum. divs.)	h4	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 9a
Preferred A (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 9a
Preferred (acc't accum. divs.)	h4	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 9a
Warner Co., com. (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Common (extra)	50c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Western Grocers, Ltd. (Canada), pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Western Insurance Securities	*25c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Western Steel Products (special)	50c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Western Tablet & Stationery com. (qu.)	50c.	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Westinghouse Air Brake (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg., com. (qu.)	\$1.25	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Preferred (quar.)	\$1.25	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
White Eagle Oil & Refg. (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Wieboldt Stores (quar.)	*40c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 18
Will & Baumer Candle common (qu.)	10c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Williams (R. C.) & Co. (quar.)	*35c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Wilson Line, Inc., preferred	\$3.50	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Wrigley (Wm.) Jr., Co. (monthly)	25c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Monthly	50c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 20a
Monthly	25c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20a
Monthly	25c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 19a
Yellow Cab Co. (Pitts.) (mthly.)	*12 1/2c	Feb. 1	
Monthly	*12 1/2c	Mar. 1	

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- a Transfer books not closed for this dividend. d Correction. e Payable in stock.
- b Amer. Cities Power & Light dividends are as follows: On class A stock at option of stockholders, 75c. cash or 1-32 share of class B stock; class B, 2 1/4% in class B stock.
- c Unless notified by Jan. 10 will pay div. in common A stock.
- f Payable in common stock. g Payable in scrip. h On account of accumulated dividends. j Payable in preferred stock.
- i Middle West Utilities \$6 pref. stock div. payable at option of holder either \$1.50 cash or three-eighths share common stock.
- k Payable either in cash or one-fortieth share class A stock for each share held.
- m Corporation Securities dividend payable either 75c. cash or 1-40th share com. stk.
- o Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis stock dividend subject to approval by board of directors at meeting on Jan. 14.
- p Electric Bond & Share dividend is 1 1/4% payable (3-200ths of a share) in common stock. Similar dividend at same rate is payable on common stock issued after Dec. 13 1929 for common stock of the Electric Investors, Inc., under plan of re-organization.
- s N. Y. Stock Exchange rules Cutler Hammer, Inc., common stock be quoted ex the 20% stock dividend on Jan. 16.
- t International Hydro-Electric System dividend is 50c. cash or 1-50th share class A stock at option of stockholder.
- u Knott Corporation dividend payable either 60c. cash or 1-50th share stock for each share held.
- v British Amer. Tobacco dividend is one shilling, eight pence per share. Transfers received in London up to Dec. 28 will be in time for payment of div. to transferees.
- w Less deduction for expenses of depository.
- z Shenandoah Corp. dividend will be paid in common stock at rate of 1-32nd share common for each share pref. unless written notice is received on or before Jan. 14 of the desire to receive cash.
- † North American Gas & Electric dividend optional either cash or class A stock at rate of one-fortieth share.

Weekly Return of New York City Clearing House.—Beginning with Mar. 31 1928, the New York City Clearing House Association discontinued giving out all statements previously issued and now makes only the barest kind of a report. The new returns show nothing but the deposits, along with the capital and surplus. We give it below in full:

STATEMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE ASSOCIATION FOR THE WEEK ENDED SATURDAY, JAN. 4 1930.

Clearing House Members.	*Capital.	*Surplus and Undivided Profits.		Net Demand Deposits Average.	Time Deposits Average.
		\$	\$		
Bank of N. Y. & Tr. Co.	6,000,000	14,240,000	67,274,000	9,877,000	
Bank of Manhattan Tr. Co.	22,250,000	43,228,400	201,153,000	41,263,000	
Bank of America Nat. Assn	35,775,300	39,281,300	165,908,000	52,015,000	
National City Bank	110,000,000	126,952,400	a1151,753,000	216,863,000	
Chem. Bk. & Trust Co.	15,000,000	21,317,400	215,911,000	20,407,000	
Guaranty Trust Co.	90,000,000	198,809,000	b856,229,000	102,630,000	
Chat. Ph. Nat. Bk. & Tr. Co.	\$16,200,000	\$19,380,500	167,249,000	36,621,000	
Cent. Han. Bk. & Tr. Co.	21,000,000	79,023,800	379,897,000	43,996,000	
Corn Exch. Bk. Trust Co.	12,100,000	22,804,200	132,548,000	30,706,000	
First National Bank	10,000,000	102,357,300	272,940,000	15,308,000	
Irving Trust Co.	50,000,000	82,750,000	388,504,000	52,088,000	
Continental Bk. & Tr. Co.	6,000,000	11,275,400	10,446,000	768,000	
Chase National Bank	105,000,000	136,206,100	c782,859,000	88,866,000	
Fifth Avenue Bank	500,000	3,814,100	25,330,000	1,347,000	
Equitable Trust Co.	\$50,000,000	\$63,988,000	d504,311,000	57,433,000	
Bankers Trust Co.	25,000,000	82,753,300	e431,832,000	49,734,000	
Title Guar. & Trust Co.	10,000,000	24,498,700	39,484,000	1,541,000	
Fidelity Trust Co.	h6,000,000	h5,617,400	41,609,000	4,836,000	
Lawyers Trust Co.	3,000,000	4,508,200	17,400,000	1,886,000	
New York Trust Co.	12,500,000	34,047,700	174,446,000	22,834,000	
Commercial Nat. Bk. & Tr.	7,000,000	8,416,700	47,105,000	6,830,000	
Harriman Nat. Bk. & Tr.	1,500,000	2,822,200	33,964,000	5,751,000	
Clearing Non-Members—					
City Bank Farmers Tr. Co.	10,000,000	11,093,900	8,510,000	1,449,000	
Mech. Tr. Co., Bayonne.	500,000	860,500	3,043,000	5,445,000	
Totals	625,325,300	1,140,056,500	6,169,705,000	870,494,000	

* As per official reports: National, Oct. 4 1929; State, Sept. 27 1929; Trust Companies, Sept. 27 1929. † As of Oct. 8 1929. ‡ As of Dec. 19 1929. § As of Oct. 2 1929. Includes deposits in foreign branches: (a) \$316,610,000; (b) \$151,369,000; (c) \$12,277,000; (d) \$126,352,000; (e) \$60,727,000.

The New York "Times" publishes regularly each week returns of a number of banks and trust companies which are not members of the New York Clearing House. The following are the figures for the week ending Jan. 3:

INSTITUTIONS NOT IN CLEARING HOUSE WITH CLOSING OF BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK ENDED FRIDAY, JAN. 3 1930.

NATIONAL AND STATE BANKS—Average Figures.						
	Loans.	Gold.	Other Cash Including Br. Notes.	Res. Dep. N. Y. and Elsewhere.	Dep. Other Banks and Trust Cos.	Gross Deposits.
Manhattan—	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Bank of U. S.	219,511,000	162,000	5,375,000	31,745,000	2,223,000	216,917,000
Bryant Park Bk.	2,520,300	-----	191,600	334,200	-----	2,034,000
Chelsea Exch. Bk.	21,871,000	-----	1,475,000	1,372,000	-----	19,723,000
Grace National	21,372,051	5,000	181,422	2,036,842	74,290	20,984,995
Port Morris	3,478,000	34,500	93,300	176,300	-----	2,784,800
Public National	146,199,000	78,000	2,730,000	9,422,000	22,768,000	150,443,000
Brooklyn—						
Brooklyn Nat'l	8,523,400	16,000	61,700	516,300	667,500	5,773,000
Peoples Nat'l	7,300,000	5,000	133,000	520,000	73,000	7,100,000

TRUST COMPANIES—Average Figures.					
	Loans.	Cash.	Res'v. Dep. N. Y. and Elsewhere.	Depos. Other Banks and Trust Cos.	Gross Deposits.
Manhattan—	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
American	51,851,600	12,462,200	1,477,300	25,700	55,101,400
Bank of Europe & Tr.	16,148,230	858,860	105,411	-----	15,399,830
Bronx County	24,660,163	835,983	1,914,860	-----	25,188,933
Central-Hanover	450,088,000	2,933,000	1,622,000	24,023,000	566,419,000
Empire	84,408,100	*5,197,000	7,512,700	4,193,100	85,830,300
Federation	17,458,458	160,643	1,221,022	132,139	17,034,194
Fulton	18,700,000	*2,590,600	573,200	-----	16,958,800
Manufacturers	371,181,000	4,110,000	62,439,600	3,985,000	364,089,000
United States	83,676,969	5,000,000	11,260,959	-----	73,336,278
Brooklyn—					
Brooklyn	115,276,000	2,832,000	23,825,000	-----	117,954,000
Kings County	27,612,781	2,206,049	3,893,858	-----	27,097,371
Bayonne, N. J.—					
Mechanics	88,705,805	307,254	822,901	314,173	8,892,627

* Includes amount with Federal Reserve Bank as follows: Empire, \$3,392,100; Fulton, \$2,431,700.

Boston Clearing House Weekly Returns.—In the following we furnish a summary of all the items in the Boston Clearing House weekly statement for a series of weeks:

BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS.				
	Jan. 8 1930.	Changes from Previous Week.	Jan. 1 1930.	Dec. 24 1929.
Capital	\$96,975,000	Unchanged	\$96,975,000	\$96,975,000
Surplus and profits	102,059,000	+549,000	101,510,000	101,510,000
Loans, disc'ts & invest's	1,111,595,000	-6,700,000	1,109,973,000	1,114,497,000
Individual deposits	716,944,000	+1,622,000	723,644,000	706,375,000
Due to banks	171,477,000	+16,987,000	154,490,000	154,961,000
Time deposits	259,264,000	-3,148,000	262,412,000	263,695,000
United States deposits	3,703,000	-1,292,000	4,995,000	5,675,000
Exchanges for C'g House	37,842,000	-2,750,000	40,592,000	30,638,000
Due from other banks	99,335,000	-7,556,000	106,891,000	93,203,000
Res'v. in legal deposit's	91,054,000	+4,658,000	86,396,000	86,351,000
Cash in bank	9,436,000	-1,152,000	10,638,000	10,693,000
Res'v. excess in F. R. Bk.	4,158,000	+3,451,000	707,000	1,423,000

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending Jan. 4, with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding, is given below. Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve System are 10% on demand deposits and 3% on time deposits, all to be kept with the Federal Reserve Bank. "Cash in vaults" is not a part of legal reserve. For trust companies not members of the Federal Reserve System the reserve required is 10% on demand deposits and includes "Reserve with legal depositaries" and "Cash in vaults."

Beginning with the return for the week ending May 14 1928, the Philadelphia Clearing House Association discontinued showing the reserves and whether reserves held are above or below requirements. This will account for the queries at the end of the table.

Two Claphers (00) omitted.	Week Ended Jan. 4 1930.			Dec. 28 1929.	Dec. 21 1929.
	Members of F. R. System	Trust Companies.	Total.		
Capital	\$61,491,000	\$7,500,000	\$68,991,000	\$69,485,000	\$69,485,000
Surplus and profits	214,109,000	16,671,000	230,780,000	231,699,000	231,699,000
Loans, disc'ts. & invest.	1,073,027,000	66,360,000	1,139,387,000	1,149,601,000	1,156,941,000
Exch. for Clear. House	62,994,000	509,000	63,503,000	41,703,000	42,216,000
Due from banks	119,980,000	13,000	119,993,000	89,603,000	101,566,000
Bank deposits	148,241,000	1,658,000	149,899,000	147,579,000	142,149,000
Individual deposits	662,307,000	32,435,000	694,742,000	651,215,000	663,115,000
Time deposits	210,720,000	15,067,000	225,787,000	227,334,000	228,501,000
Total deposits	1,021,268,000	49,160,000	1,070,428,000	1,026,128,000	1,033,765,000
Res. with legal depos.	71,184,000	-----	71,184,000	71,542,000	71,338,000
Res. with F. R. Bank	9,436,000	6,817,000	16,253,000	4,741,000	5,220,000
Cash in vault*	12,287,000	1,650,000	13,937,000	15,711,000	17,056,000
Total res. & cash held	83,477,000	8,467,000	91,944,000	91,994,000	93,614,000
Reserve required	?	?	?	?	?
Excess reserve and cash in vault	?	?	?	?	?

* Cash in vault not counted as reserve for Federal Reserve members.

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Jan. 9, 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 211, 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 JAN. 8 1930.

	Jan. 8 1930.	Dec. 31 1929.	Dec. 24 1929.	Dec. 18 1929.	Dec. 11 1929.	Dec. 4 1929.	Nov. 27 1929.	Nov. 20 1929.	Jan. 9 1929.
RESOURCES.									
Gold with Federal Reserve agents	1,685,479,000	1,676,918,000	1,732,160,000	1,756,080,000	1,628,207,000	1,642,065,000	1,629,465,000	1,548,485,000	1,219,166,000
Gold redemption fund with U. S. Treas.	73,787,000	73,287,000	73,787,000	74,787,000	76,787,000	76,287,000	76,287,000	76,287,000	73,400,000
Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes	1,759,266,000	1,750,205,000	1,805,947,000	1,830,867,000	1,704,994,000	1,718,352,000	1,705,752,000	1,624,772,000	1,292,566,000
Gold settle'ment fund with F. R. Board	534,305,000	511,243,000	489,879,000	485,531,000	523,502,000	550,717,000	593,449,000	718,728,000	684,091,000
Gold and gold certificates held by banks	635,776,000	595,603,000	525,814,000	566,410,000	735,652,000	723,897,000	688,227,000	698,195,000	655,015,000
Total gold reserves	2,929,347,000	2,857,051,000	2,821,640,000	2,882,808,000	2,964,148,000	2,992,966,000	2,987,428,000	3,041,695,000	2,631,672,000
Reserves other than gold	175,783,000	153,877,000	129,106,000	143,345,000	145,719,000	145,782,000	147,192,000	153,933	151,435,000
Total reserves	3,105,130,000	3,010,928,000	2,950,746,000	3,026,153,000	3,109,867,000	3,138,748,000	3,134,620,000	3,195,628,000	2,783,107,000
Non-reserve cash	85,674,000	81,909,000	61,310,000	67,687,000	76,472,000	79,883,000	79,061,000	91,042,000	99,091,000
Bills discounted:									
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	319,217,000	353,559,000	430,556,000	382,461,000	398,729,000	424,932,000	463,173,000	429,160,000	558,186,000
Other bills discounted	248,398,000	278,862,000	332,225,000	334,577,000	370,193,000	447,378,000	449,176,000	470,398,000	318,361,000
Total bills discounted	567,615,000	632,421,000	762,781,000	717,038,000	768,922,000	872,310,000	912,349,000	899,558,000	876,547,000
Bills bought in open market	319,167,000	392,209,000	354,943,000	309,411,000	321,840,000	256,518,000	257,315,000	283,831,000	477,100,000
U. S. Government securities:									
Bonds	72,304,000	76,817,000	68,837,000	68,818,000	50,971,000	37,955,000	62,791,000	76,791,000	52,666,000
Treasury notes	180,624,000	215,604,000	201,082,000	198,794,000	193,374,000	183,413,000	184,649,000	121,998,000	113,425,000
Certificates and bills	231,914,000	218,166,000	215,124,000	265,653,000	142,589,000	133,776,000	128,658,000	127,739,000	73,151,000
Total U. S. Government securities	484,842,000	510,587,000	485,043,000	533,265,000	386,934,000	355,144,000	326,098,000	326,528,000	239,242,000
Other securities (see note)	12,700,000	12,300,000	9,770,000	9,752,000	13,603,000	18,698,000	18,698,000	20,348,000	9,825,000
Foreign loans on gold									
Total bills and securities (see note)	1,384,324,000	1,547,517,000	1,612,537,000	1,589,466,000	1,491,299,000	1,502,670,000	1,514,460,000	1,530,265,000	1,602,714,000
Gold held abroad									
Due from foreign banks (see note)	724,000	721,000	721,000	722,000	724,000	724,000	723,000	728,000	729,000
Uncollected items	674,493,000	748,736,000	776,546,000	870,381,000	682,767,000	689,918,000	676,919,000	789,400,000	691,004,000
Bank premises	58,149,000	57,359,000	59,329,000	59,268,000	59,172,000	59,171,000	59,157,000	59,120,000	58,591,000
All other resources	11,788,000	11,275,000	11,089,000	10,779,000	13,021,000	11,928,000	11,637,000	11,493,000	7,678,000
Total resources	5,320,282,000	5,458,445,000	5,472,278,000	5,624,456,000	5,433,322,000	5,483,042,900	5,476,577,000	5,677,676,000	5,242,914,000
LIABILITIES.									
F. R. notes in actual circulation	1,836,854,000	1,909,723,000	1,989,159,000	1,926,023,000	1,918,314,000	1,938,470,000	1,930,181,000	1,924,990,000	1,745,262,000
Deposits:									
Member banks—reserve account	2,367,250,000	2,355,263,000	2,320,118,000	2,408,216,000	2,396,984,000	2,401,001,000	2,375,650,000	2,518,202,000	2,404,678,000
Government	23,871,000	28,852,000	30,671,000	3,091,000	3,310,000	25,346,000	35,847,000	18,936,000	14,108,000
Foreign banks (see note)	6,048,000	5,710,000	5,339,000	5,798,000	5,880,000	5,774,000	5,021,000	5,480,000	5,853,000
Other deposits	25,130,000	23,850,000	18,883,000	22,027,000	19,519,000	20,562,000	20,519,000	19,995,000	27,600,000
Total deposits	2,422,299,000	2,413,675,000	2,375,211,000	2,439,132,000	2,425,693,000	2,452,683,000	2,437,037,000	2,562,613,000	2,452,239,000
Deferred availability items	598,980,000	672,922,000	634,746,000	787,634,000	620,399,000	623,940,000	641,558,000	723,722,000	629,574,000
Capital paid in	170,367,000	170,973,000	170,760,000	170,148,000	168,357,000	168,388,000	168,321,000	167,854,000	146,826,000
Surplus	276,936,000	276,936,000	254,398,000	254,398,000	254,398,000	254,398,000	254,398,000	254,398,000	254,398,000
All other liabilities	14,846,000	14,216,000	48,004,000	47,121,000	46,161,000	45,163,000	45,082,000	44,099,000	14,615,000
Total liabilities	5,320,282,000	5,458,445,000	5,472,278,000	5,624,456,000	5,433,322,000	5,483,042,900	5,476,577,000	5,677,676,000	5,242,914,000
Ratio of gold reserves to deposits and F. R. note liabilities combined	69.0%	68.4%	64.6%	66.0%	68.2%	68.1%	68.4%	67.7%	62.7%
Ratio of total reserves to deposits and F. R. note liabilities combined	72.9%	69.6%	67.6%	69.3%	71.6%	71.5%	71.8%	71.2%	66.3%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	527,816,000	547,962,000	540,863,000	539,798,000	517,659,000	505,491,000	509,380,000	510,172,000	333,971,000
Distribution by Maturities—									
1-15 days bills bought in open market	207,684,000	280,459,000	258,148,000	177,017,000	176,762,000	93,042,000	74,963,000	65,270,000	146,784,000
1-15 days bills discounted	439,800,000	508,072,000	619,597,000	584,000,000	588,602,000	667,708,000	692,626,000	674,184,000	741,362,000
1-15 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness			160,000	69,800,000	62,751,000	61,453,000	490,000	570,000	23,020,000
1-15 days municipal warrants	103,000	103,000	150,000	150,000	125,000				89,543,000
16-30 days bills bought in open market	42,908,000	45,814,000	55,742,000	90,483,000	99,308,000	93,268,000	76,510,000	60,158,000	37,328,000
16-30 days bills discounted	34,874,000	36,331,000	45,414,000	52,654,000	60,820,000	65,403,000	65,415,000	61,074,000	57,243,000
16-30 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness									
16-30 days municipal warrants			103,000	85,000	50,000	556,000	100,000	600,000	139,511,000
31-60 days bills bought in open market	45,823,000	47,422,000	30,234,000	32,944,000	36,346,000	63,078,000	99,088,000	145,298,000	49,880,000
31-60 days bills discounted	45,295,000	48,742,000	54,317,000	58,326,000	70,713,000	81,928,000	92,360,000	100,044,000	90,000
31-60 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness									
31-60 days municipal warrants									
61-90 days bills bought in open market	22,684,000	18,310,000	10,344,000	8,493,000	8,803,000	6,600,000	6,068,000	12,676,000	97,221,000
61-90 days bills discounted	30,247,000	25,932,000	29,878,000	28,200,000	32,669,000	40,410,000	43,954,000	47,283,000	35,162,000
61-90 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	87,793,000	81,338,000	80,409,000	65,101,000				13,090,000	22,888,000
61-90 days municipal warrants									
Over 90 days bills bought in open market	596,000	204,000	475,000	478,000	621,000	526,000	698,000	429,000	4,041,000
Over 90 days bills discounted	12,871,000	13,340,000	13,875,000	13,858,000	16,118,000	16,891,000	17,994,000	16,973,000	12,905,000
Over 90 days certif. of indebtedness	144,121,000	136,828,000	134,555,000	130,752,000	79,838,000	72,323,000	69,918,000	56,746,000	27,243,000
Over 90 days municipal warrants	47,000	47,000	17,000	17,000	18,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	
F. R. notes received from Comptroller	3,588,714,000	3,644,332,000	3,672,456,000	3,692,970,000	3,687,654,000	3,617,348,000	3,601,128,000	3,597,498,000	3,001,234,000
F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent	1,225,186,000	1,217,748,000	1,166,538,000	1,192,324,000	1,229,468,000	1,167,103,000	1,172,108,000	1,170,449,000	758,582,000
Issued to Federal Reserve Banks	2,363,528,000	2,426,584,000	2,505,918,000	2,500,646,000	2,458,186,000	2,450,245,000	2,429,020,000	2,427,049,000	2,242,652,000
How Secured—									
By gold and gold certificates	413,959,000	414,048,000	455,090,000	455,510,000	342,937,000	355,695,000	355,695,000	357,715,000	371,273,000
Gold redemption fund									
Gold fund—Federal Reserve Board	1,271,520,000	1,262,870,000	1,277,070,000	1,300,570,000	1,285,270,000	1,286,370,000	1,273,770,000	1,190,770,000	746,222,000
By eligible paper	854,099,000	920,462,000	1,084,535,000	1,017,101,000	1,044,119,000	1,094,771,000	1,125,269,000	1,136,223,000	1,314,853,000
Total	2,539,578,000	2,647,380,000	2,816,695,000	2,773,181,000	2,672,326,000	2,736,836,000	2,754,734,000	2,684,708,000	2,534,019,000

*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 JAN. 8 1930

Two ciphers (00) omitted. Federal Reserve Bank of—	Total.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.
RESOURCES.													
Gold with Federal Reserve Agents	1,685,479,000	229,917,000	238,594,000	129,000,000	130,900,000	71,401,000	115,130,000	289,564,000	81,330,000	63,157,000	75,000,000	34,723,000	226,763,000
Gold red'n fund with U. S. Treas.	73,787,000	6,928,000	16,814,000	4,920,000	5,493,000	3,180,000	3,169,000	11,420,000					

RESOURCES (Concluded)— Two ciphers (00) omitted.	Total.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.
Foreign securities	12,700.0	1,000.0	7,550.0	1,000.0	1,500.0	-----	-----	1,500.0	30.0	120.0	-----	-----	-----
Foreign loans on gold	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total bills and securities	1,384,324.0	65,757.0	506,319.0	106,862.0	127,647.0	53,333.0	62,944.0	199,212.0	58,466.0	33,047.0	39,759.0	50,079.0	80,899.0
Due from foreign banks	724.0	53.0	240.0	70.0	72.0	30.0	26.0	96.0	26.0	17.0	22.0	22.0	50.0
Uncollected items	674,493.0	65,638.0	175,435.0	60,206.0	61,984.0	50,294.0	23,449.0	81,272.0	34,154.0	14,791.0	42,350.0	28,735.0	36,185.0
Bank premises	58,149.0	3,580.0	15,694.0	1,762.0	7,058.0	3,194.0	2,658.0	8,295.0	3,811.0	2,018.0	3,972.0	1,876.0	4,261.0
All other	11,788.0	95.0	3,542.0	144.0	1,039.0	711.0	3,867.0	628.0	351.0	501.0	178.0	368.0	364.0
Total resources	5,320,282.0	450,113.0	1,580,670.0	386,479.0	474,597.0	223,365.0	245,119.0	773,108.0	224,694.0	142,456.0	227,414.0	153,594.0	438,673.0
LIABILITIES.													
F. R. notes in actual circulation	1,836,854.0	193,015.0	308,083.0	153,107.0	185,635.0	89,873.0	137,622.0	295,337.0	91,931.0	67,283.0	87,675.0	44,904.0	182,389.0
Deposits:													
Member bank—reserve acc't.	2,367,250.0	155,888.0	956,073.0	136,325.0	183,805.0	65,233.0	63,687.0	340,151.0	79,693.0	51,866.0	88,944.0	64,995.0	180,590.0
Government	23,871.0	3,627.0	2,911.0	473.0	1,249.0	3,049.0	2,673.0	1,826.0	1,588.0	1,274.0	1,015.0	2,020.0	2,196.0
Foreign bank	6,048.0	406.0	2,365.0	532.0	549.0	230.0	198.0	735.0	198.0	126.0	165.0	165.0	379.0
Other deposits	25,130.0	102.0	12,672.0	45.0	1,415.0	308.0	144.0	758.0	997.0	285.0	251.0	283.0	7,870.0
Total deposits	2,422,299.0	160,023.0	974,021.0	137,375.0	187,018.0	68,820.0	66,702.0	343,470.0	82,476.0	53,551.0	90,375.0	67,463.0	191,005.0
Deferred availability items	598,980.0	63,531.0	148,193.0	52,289.0	55,935.0	45,152.0	22,630.0	71,775.0	32,758.0	10,561.0	35,367.0	27,180.0	33,629.0
Capital paid in	170,367.0	11,593.0	66,701.0	16,467.0	15,832.0	6,062.0	5,409.0	20,007.0	5,260.0	3,083.0	4,288.0	4,452.0	11,413.0
Surplus	276,936.0	21,751.0	80,001.0	26,965.0	29,141.0	12,495.0	10,857.0	40,094.0	10,877.0	7,143.0	9,162.0	8,935.0	19,514.0
All other liabilities	14,846.0	200.0	3,671.0	276.0	1,236.0	962.0	1,899.0	2,445.0	1,392.0	835.0	547.0	660.0	723.0
Total liabilities	5,320,282.0	450,113.0	1,580,670.0	386,479.0	474,597.0	223,365.0	245,119.0	773,108.0	224,694.0	142,456.0	227,414.0	153,594.0	438,673.0
Memoranda.													
Reserve ratio (per cent)	72.9	86.0	67.4	73.4	72.7	69.4	71.7	73.7	69.1	74.1	77.9	60.7	82.7
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	527,816.0	38,890.0	175,179.0	50,977.0	52,554.0	22,073.0	18,919.0	70,422.0	18,919.0	12,087.0	15,766.0	15,766.0	36,262.0
F. R. notes on hand (notes rec'd from F. R. Agent less notes in circulation)	526,674.0	69,101.0	131,378.0	30,687.0	32,832.0	18,445.0	31,269.0	80,264.0	18,405.0	6,719.0	13,216.0	9,310.0	84,958.0

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE ACCOUNTS OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JAN. 8 1930.

Federal Reserve Agent at—	Total.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.
Two ciphers (00) omitted.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
F. R. notes rec'd from Comptroller	3,588,714.0	345,956.0	914,351.0	228,094.0	303,447.0	169,184.0	270,002.0	522,201.0	134,806.0	122,864.0	135,751.0	73,611.0	368,447.0
F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent	1,225,186.0	83,750.0	474,890.0	44,300.0	84,980.0	60,866.0	101,111.0	146,600.0	24,470.0	48,862.0	34,860.0	19,397.0	101,010.0
F. R. notes issued to F. R. Bank	2,363,528.0	262,206.0	439,461.0	183,794.0	218,467.0	108,318.0	168,891.0	375,601.0	110,336.0	74,002.0	100,891.0	54,214.0	267,347.0
Collateral held as security for F. R. notes issued to F. R. Bank													
Gold and gold certificates	413,959.0	35,300.0	229,968.0	39,900.0	10,900.0	16,401.0	7,480.0	-----	7,630.0	14,157.0	-----	17,223.0	35,000.0
Gold redemption fund	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Gold fund—F. R. Board	1,271,520.0	194,617.0	8,626.0	89,100.0	120,000.0	55,000.0	107,650.0	289,564.0	73,700.0	49,000.0	75,000.0	17,500.0	191,763.0
Eligible paper	854,099.0	38,830.0	262,370.0	56,330.0	94,534.0	43,297.0	54,011.0	128,964.0	29,068.0	16,297.0	36,507.0	24,989.0	68,902.0
Total collateral	2,539,578.0	268,747.0	500,964.0	185,330.0	225,434.0	114,698.0	169,141.0	418,528.0	110,398.0	79,454.0	111,507.0	59,712.0	295,665.0

Weekly Return for the Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System.

Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board, giving the principal items of the resources and liabilities of the member banks in 101 cities from which weekly returns are obtained. These figures are always a week behind those for the Reserve banks themselves. Definitions of the different items in the statement were given in the statement of Dec. 12 1917, published in the "Chronicle" of Dec. 29 1917, page 3475. The comment of the Reserve Board upon the figures for the latest week appears in our department of "Current Events and Discussions," on page 211, immediately preceding which we also give the figures of New York and Chicago reporting member banks for a week later.

Beginning with the statement of Jan. 9 1929, the loan figures exclude "Acceptances of other banks and bills of exchange or drafts sold with endorsement," and include all real estate mortgages and mortgage loans held by the bank. Previously acceptances of other banks and bills sold with endorsement were included with loans, and some of the banks included mortgages in investments. Loans secured by U. S. Government obligations are divided to show the amount secured by U. S. obligations and those secured by commercial paper, only a lump total being given. The number of reporting Francisco district with loans and investments of \$135,000,000 on Jan. 2 which recently merged with a non-member bank. The figures are now given in sound millions instead of in thousands.

PRINCIPAL RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF ALL REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN EACH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT AS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 31 1929. (In millions of dollars.)

Federal Reserve District—	Total.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.
Loans and investments—total	23,163	1,510	9,487	1,219	2,174	668	630	3,266	676	383	676	478	1,996
Loans—total	17,649	1,228	7,215	930	1,570	514	508	2,630	528	265	459	375	1,426
On securities	8,304	542	3,862	506	752	195	152	1,277	249	85	125	107	452
All other	9,344	686	3,353	424	818	319	356	1,353	279	179	334	268	974
Investments—total	5,514	281	2,272	289	604	154	122	636	148	119	218	102	570
U. S. Government securities	2,593	126	1,166	82	281	69	55	237	37	66	93	63	318
Other securities	2,921	155	1,106	207	323	85	66	399	112	53	124	39	252
Reserve with F. R. Bank	1,726	97	838	78	120	40	38	243	46	30	52	32	111
Cash in vault	262	19	76	16	31	13	11	43	7	6	11	7	22
Net demand deposits	14,118	959	6,651	724	1,033	359	338	1,840	398	232	501	293	789
Time deposits	6,787	465	1,779	270	935	235	230	1,190	220	134	169	138	1,024
Government deposits	82	3	19	7	8	3	7	9	1	-----	1	9	16
Due from banks	1,316	102	170	71	99	58	75	217	57	50	125	64	248
Due to banks	3,150	124	1,223	178	199	108	119	435	122	83	210	103	227
Borrowings from F. R. Bank	405	7	127	25	40	24	20	78	7	8	18	9	33

Condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

The following shows the condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at the close of business Jan. 8 1930, in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

Resources—	Jan. 8 1930.	Dec. 31 1929.	Jan. 9 1929.	Resources (Concluded)—	Jan. 8 1930.	Dec. 31 1929.	Jan. 9 1929.
Gold with Federal Reserve Agent	238,594,000	238,594,000	198,684,000	Gold held abroad	-----	240,000	221,000
Gold redemp. fund with U. S. Treasury	16,814,000	16,814,000	18,383,000	Due from foreign banks (See Note)	-----	218,000	-----
Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes	255,408,000	255,408,000	217,067,000	Uncollected items	-----	175,435,000	188,017,000
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board	182,001,000	154,835,000	211,842,000	Bank premises	-----	15,664,000	16,087,000
Gold and gold certificates held by bank	369,754,000	339,617,000	410,923,000	All other resources	-----	3,542,000	1,055,000
Total gold reserves	807,163,000	749,860,000	838,932,000	Total resources	-----	1,580,670,000	1,586,237,000
Reserves other than gold	56,878,000	50,382,000	30,717,000	LIABILITIES—			
Total reserves	864,041,000	800,242,000	869,649,000	Fed'l Reserve notes in actual circulation	-----	308,083,000	332,699,000
Non-reserve cash	15,429,000	12,946,000	33,378,000	Deposits—Member bank, reserve acc't.	-----	956,073,000	950,927,000
Bills discounted—				Government	-----	2,911,000	5,851,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	109,339,000	127,012,000	206,677,000	Foreign bank (See Note)	-----	2,365,000	1,801,000
Other bills discounted	21,838,000	44,747,000	74,883,000	Other deposits	-----	12,672,000	10,927,000
Total bills discounted	131,177,000	171,759,000	281,560,000	Total deposits	-----	974,021,000	1,004,370,000
Bills bought in open market	152,336,000	191,745,000	131,618,000	Deferred availability items	-----	148,193,000	162,470,000
U. S. Government securities	13,657,000	16,997,000	1,384,000	Capital paid in	-----	68,701,000	50,064,000
Bonds	96,723,000	131,383,000	28,127,000	Surplus	-----	80,001,000	71,282,000
Treasury notes	104,876,000	90,826,000	35,141,000	All other liabilities	-----	3,671,000	4,208,000
Certificates and bills	-----	-----	-----	Total liabilities	-----	1,580,670,000	1,586,237,000
Total U. S. Government securities	215,256,000	239,206,000	64,652,000	Ratio of total reserves to deposit and Fed'l Resv note liabilities combined	-----	67.4%	60.5%
Other securities (see note)	7,550,000	7,150,000	-----	Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondences	-----	175,179,000	104,546,000
Foreign loans on gold	-----	-----	-----				
Total bills and securities (See Note)	508,319,000	609,860,000	477,830,000				

NOTE.—Beginning with the statement of Oct. 7 1925, two new items were added in order to show separately the amount of balances held abroad and amounts due to foreign correspondents. In addition, the caption "All other earning assets," previously made up of Federal Intermediate Credit Bank debentures, was changed to "Other securities," and the caption "Total earning assets" to "Total bills and securities." The latter term was adopted as a more accurate description of the total of the discounts, acceptances and securities acquired under the provisions of Sections 13 and 14 of the Federal Reserve Act, which, it was stated, are the only items included therein.

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Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 241.

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. 10., Sales for Week., Range for Week. (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Rows include Railroads, Industrial & Miscell., and various stock categories.

Table with columns: STOCKS. Week Ended Jan. 10., Sales for Week., Range for Week. (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Rows include Par. Shares, \$ per share, and various stock categories.

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.

Table with columns: Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices, Jan. 4, Jan. 6, Jan. 7, Jan. 8, Jan. 9, Jan. 10. Rows include First Liberty Loan, Fourth Liberty Loan, Treasury, and various bond types.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were: 1 1st 4s, 98 to 98; 7 4th 4 1/2s, 101 1/2 to 101 1/2; 2 Treasury 3 1/2 1943-1947, 99 1/2 to 99 1/2.

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Btd., Asked, Maturity, Int. Rate, Btd., Asked. Rows include Mar. 15 1930, June 15 1930, Sept. 15 1930.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.—p. 246. New York City Banks and Trust Companies.—p. 246.

Table with columns: Foreign Exchange. Rows include Sterling, Paris Bankers' Francs, Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders, Germany Bankers' Marks.

The Curb Exchange.—The review of the Curb Exchange is given this week on page 242. A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 273.

Report of Stock Sales—New York Stock Exchange

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For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see preceding page.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.						Sales for the Week.	STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.			PER SHARE Range for Year 1929. On basis of 100-share lots		PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1928.	
Saturday, Jan. 4.	Monday, Jan. 6.	Tuesday, Jan. 7.	Wednesday, Jan. 8.	Thursday, Jan. 9.	Friday, Jan. 10.		Shares	Railroads	Par	Lowest.	Highest.	Lowest.	Highest.
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share				\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	
220 221 ¹ / ₂	219 ³ / ₄ 222	219 ³ / ₄ 220 ¹ / ₂	220 ⁵ / ₈ 222 ³ / ₈	221 ¹ / ₂ 222 ³ / ₈	222 ³ / ₈ 223 ¹ / ₈	4,500	Ach Topeka & Santa Fe...	100	195 ¹ / ₂ Mar 26	298 ³ / ₄ Aug 30	182 ³ / ₄ Mar	204 Nov	
102 ³ / ₄ 103	*102 ³ / ₄ 103	102 ³ / ₄ 103 ¹ / ₄	103 103 ¹ / ₄	103 ¹ / ₄ 103 ¹ / ₄	102 ³ / ₄ 102 ³ / ₄	500	Preferred	100	99 May 16	104 ³ / ₄ Dec 18	102 ¹ / ₂ Jan	108 ¹ / ₂ Apr	
*168 172	*168 172	*167 170	*165 175	*165 169	*165 170	6,600	Atlantic Coast Line RR...	100	105 ¹ / ₂ Nov 13	209 ¹ / ₂ July 16	157 ¹ / ₂ Oct	191 ¹ / ₂ May	
116 ³ / ₄ 116 ³ / ₄	116 116 ³ / ₄	115 ¹ / ₂ 116 ³ / ₄	116 116 ³ / ₄	116 ¹ / ₂ 116 ³ / ₄	117 117 ¹ / ₂	800	Baltimore & Ohio...	100	101 ¹ / ₂ Nov 13	145 ¹ / ₂ Sept 14	103 ¹ / ₄ June	128 ³ / ₄ Dec	
80 80	80 80	80 80 ¹ / ₄	80 80 ¹ / ₄	*80 80 ¹ / ₄	80 80	40	Bangor & Coastbrook...	50	55 Oct 29	90 ³ / ₄ Sept 19	61 June	85 Apr	
*64 64 ¹ / ₂	63 63	64 ¹ / ₂ 64 ¹ / ₂	*63 64	63 ¹ / ₄ 63 ¹ / ₄	64 64	500	Preferred	100	103 ¹ / ₄ Oct 17	115 Sept 23	68 Feb	84 ¹ / ₂ Jan	
*110 ¹ / ₄ 112	*110 ¹ / ₄ 112	110 ¹ / ₄ 110 ¹ / ₄	*110 ¹ / ₄ 112	112 112	*110 ¹ / ₄ 112	100	Boston & Maine...	100	85 Apr 4	145 July 25	68 Feb	85 Apr	
99 ³ / ₄ 99 ³ / ₄	*90 100	*95 100	*90 100	*90 100	*90 100	12,800	Bklyn-Manh Tran v t c...	No par	40 Oct 29	81 ¹ / ₂ Feb 25	53 ¹ / ₂ Jan	77 ¹ / ₂ May	
64 ¹ / ₂ 66 ¹ / ₂	64 ¹ / ₂ 65 ¹ / ₄	64 ¹ / ₂ 66 ¹ / ₂	65 66 ¹ / ₂	65 66 ¹ / ₂	65 66	1,200	Preferred v t c...	No par	76 ¹ / ₂ Nov 14	93 ¹ / ₂ Feb 1	52 Jan	95 ¹ / ₂ May	
*81 86	84 ³ / ₄ 84 ³ / ₄	85 85 ¹ / ₂	85 ¹ / ₂ 86	*85 ¹ / ₂ 86	*85 ¹ / ₂ 86	6,300	Brunswick Term & Ry Sec...	100	4 ¹ / ₂ Oct 29	44 ¹ / ₂ Jan 18	16 ¹ / ₂ Jan	47 ¹ / ₂ Sept	
*141 ¹ / ₂ 15	16 16	*15 16	16 16	16 ¹ / ₂ 16 ¹ / ₂	17 17 ¹ / ₂	100	Buffalo & Susquehanna...	100	54 ¹ / ₂ Jan 26	85 Mar 2	32 ¹ / ₂ July	64 ¹ / ₂ Nov	
*60 82	*60 82	*60 82	*60 82	*60 82	*60 82	4,600	Preferred	100	51 ¹ / ₂ July 1	81 ¹ / ₂ Aug 2	38 Sept	63 ¹ / ₂ Nov	
*75 84	*75 ¹ / ₂ 84	*75 ¹ / ₂ 84	*75 ¹ / ₂ 84	*75 ¹ / ₂ 84	*75 ¹ / ₂ 84	2,700	Canadian Pacific...	100	185 Dec 23	269 ³ / ₄ Feb 2	195 ¹ / ₂ Jan	253 Nov	
189 ¹ / ₂ 189 ³ / ₄	189 190	189 190 ³ / ₄	189 ¹ / ₂ 191 ¹ / ₄	191 ¹ / ₂ 192	192 ³ / ₄ 193 ¹ / ₄	30	Caro Clinch & Ohio cts st d...	100	90 ¹ / ₂ Sept 17	101 ¹ / ₂ Mar 14	98 Sept	107 ¹ / ₂ Mar	
*95 97	97 97	*95 ¹ / ₄ 97	97 97	*95 ¹ / ₄ 97	97 97	4,000	Chesapeake & Ohio...	100	160 Nov 13	279 ¹ / ₂ Sept 3	175 ¹ / ₂ Jan	218 ¹ / ₂ Dec	
*205 207	204 206 ¹ / ₂	203 203	205 207 ¹ / ₂	207 207 ¹ / ₂	207 208 ¹ / ₂	2,700	Chicago & Alton...	100	4 Nov 13	19 ¹ / ₂ Feb 4	5 ¹ / ₂ Jan	18 ¹ / ₂ May	
*44 47 ¹ / ₂	*44 47 ¹ / ₂	*44 47 ¹ / ₂	*44 47 ¹ / ₂	*44 47 ¹ / ₂	*44 47 ¹ / ₂	400	Chicago & East...	100	15 Dec 23	25 ¹ / ₂ Feb 4	7 ¹ / ₂ Feb	26 ¹ / ₂ May	
*54 57 ¹ / ₂	*54 57 ¹ / ₂	*54 57 ¹ / ₂	*54 57 ¹ / ₂	*54 57 ¹ / ₂	*54 57 ¹ / ₂	6,000	Chicago & Great Western...	100	36 ¹ / ₂ Dec 26	66 ¹ / ₂ Feb 4	37 Feb	43 ¹ / ₂ May	
*14 20	15 15	14 ¹ / ₂ 15	*16 20	*18 20	*18 20	8,800	Chicago Great Western...	100	7 Nov 13	23 ¹ / ₂ Feb 1	8 ¹ / ₂ Feb	25 Dec	
*35 37	36 ¹ / ₂ 37	36 ¹ / ₂ 39 ¹ / ₄	40 ¹ / ₄ 41 ¹ / ₂	40 ¹ / ₄ 40 ¹ / ₄	40 ¹ / ₄ 40 ¹ / ₄	4,600	Preferred	100	17 ¹ / ₂ Nov 13	63 ¹ / ₂ Jan 31	30 ¹ / ₂ Feb	50 ¹ / ₂ Dec	
15 15 ¹ / ₂	14 ¹ / ₂ 14 ¹ / ₂	*14 ¹ / ₂ 15	14 ¹ / ₂ 15 ¹ / ₂	14 ¹ / ₂ 15 ¹ / ₂	14 ¹ / ₂ 15 ¹ / ₂	5,000	Chicago Mllw St Paul & Pac...	100	16 Nov 13	44 ¹ / ₂ Aug 29	32 ¹ / ₂ Mar	40 ¹ / ₂ Apr	
38 38 ¹ / ₂	37 ¹ / ₂ 37 ¹ / ₂	36 ¹ / ₂ 37 ¹ / ₂	37 ¹ / ₂ 39 ¹ / ₄	39 ¹ / ₂ 40	40 40 ¹ / ₄	14,300	Preferred new...	100	28 ¹ / ₂ Nov 13	68 ¹ / ₂ Aug 29	27 Mar	59 ¹ / ₂ Nov	
*24 ¹ / ₂ 25 ¹ / ₂	24 ¹ / ₂ 24 ¹ / ₂	24 ¹ / ₂ 24 ¹ / ₂	24 ¹ / ₂ 25 ¹ / ₂	24 ¹ / ₂ 25 ¹ / ₂	24 ¹ / ₂ 25 ¹ / ₂	2,600	Chicago & North Western...	100	75 Nov 13	108 ¹ / ₂ Sept 7	37 June	54 ¹ / ₂ May	
43 ¹ / ₄ 44 ¹ / ₂	42 ³ / ₄ 43 ¹ / ₄	42 ³ / ₄ 43 ¹ / ₄	42 ³ / ₄ 44	43 ¹ / ₄ 44	43 ¹ / ₄ 44 ¹ / ₂	1,000	Chicago Rock Isl & Pacific...	100	134 Apr 24	145 Feb 4	158 Dec	160 May	
84 ¹ / ₂ 84 ¹ / ₂	84 84 ¹ / ₂	84 ¹ / ₂ 85	84 ¹ / ₂ 85	84 ¹ / ₂ 85	84 84 ¹ / ₂	1,500	7% preferred...	100	101 Nov 13	143 ¹ / ₂ Sept 3	100 Feb	139 ¹ / ₂ Nov	
*138 ¹ / ₄ 140	*138 ¹ / ₄ 139 ¹ / ₄	*135 ¹ / ₄ 139 ¹ / ₄	*138 ¹ / ₄ 139 ¹ / ₄	*138 ¹ / ₄ 139 ¹ / ₄	*138 ¹ / ₄ 139 ¹ / ₄	2,000	6% preferred...	100	100 Nov 14	102 Oct 10	105 Dec	111 ¹ / ₂ May	
114 ¹ / ₂ 114 ¹ / ₂	114 114	114 ¹ / ₂ 114 ¹ / ₂	114 ¹ / ₂ 115 ¹ / ₂	115 ¹ / ₂ 116 ¹ / ₂	116 116 ¹ / ₂	800	Colorado & Southern...	100	94 ¹ / ₂ Nov 14	103 ¹ / ₂ Nov 26	99 Dec	126 May	
*107 108	*107 108	*107 108	*106 107	*106 107	*106 107	100	First preferred...	100	64 ¹ / ₂ Dec 4	135 July 20	105 Aug	128 May	
*99 ¹ / ₄ 100 ¹ / ₂	99 ¹ / ₄ 100 ¹ / ₂	100 ¹ / ₄ 101	*100 ¹ / ₄ 101 ¹ / ₂	*100 ¹ / ₄ 101 ¹ / ₂	*101 ¹ / ₄ 101 ¹ / ₂	100	Second preferred...	100	65 ¹ / ₂ Oct 29	80 Jan 25	67 July	85 Apr	
*81 ¹ / ₂ 88 ¹ / ₂	*81 ¹ / ₂ 88 ¹ / ₂	*81 ¹ / ₂ 88 ¹ / ₂	*81 ¹ / ₂ 88 ¹ / ₂	*81 ¹ / ₂ 88 ¹ / ₂	*83 88 ¹ / ₂	1,700	Consol RR of Cuba pref...	100	45 Nov 14	70 ¹ / ₂ Jan 20	63 ¹ / ₂ Dec	87 ¹ / ₂ June	
*69 70	*69 ¹ / ₂ 70	70 70	*69 70	*69 70	*69 70	1,400	Delaware & Hudson...	100	141 ¹ / ₂ Oct 29	226 July 20	103 ¹ / ₂ Feb	226 Apr	
*48 ¹ / ₂ 49	*48 ¹ / ₂ 49	*48 ¹ / ₂ 49	*48 ¹ / ₂ 49	*48 ¹ / ₂ 49	*48 ¹ / ₂ 49	500	Denver & Rio Gr West pref...	100	120 ¹ / ₂ June 11	139 ¹ / ₂ Sept 10	125 ¹ / ₂ Dec	150 Apr	
*162 164	161 ¹ / ₂ 162	161 ¹ / ₂ 163	162 163	163 ¹ / ₂ 164	164 164	500	Duluth So Shore & Atl...	100	49 Oct 30	77 ¹ / ₂ Feb 21	50 ¹ / ₂ Feb	65 ¹ / ₂ Apr	
*139 141	140 140	139 ¹ / ₄ 140	*137 140	*137 ¹ / ₂ 140 ³ / ₄	*137 ¹ / ₂ 140 ³ / ₄	12,400	Preferred	100	1 ¹ / ₂ Dec 19	47 ¹ / ₂ Feb 4	3 Aug	9 ¹ / ₂ Jan	
*59 61	*57 61	60 ¹ / ₂ 60 ¹ / ₂	*60 ¹ / ₂ 60 ¹ / ₂	*60 ¹ / ₂ 60 ¹ / ₂	*60 ¹ / ₂ 60 ¹ / ₂	2,200	Eric...	100	41 ¹ / ₂ Nov 13	93 ¹ / ₂ Sept 9	6 ¹ / ₂ June	9 ¹ / ₂ May	
*13 ¹ / ₂ 2	*13 ¹ / ₂ 2	*13 ¹ / ₂ 2	*13 ¹ / ₂ 2	*13 ¹ / ₂ 2	*13 ¹ / ₂ 2	800	First preferred...	100	55 ¹ / ₂ Nov 14	66 ¹ / ₂ July 2	49 ¹ / ₂ June	72 ¹ / ₂ Dec	
*21 ¹ / ₂ 2 ³ / ₄	*21 ¹ / ₂ 2 ³ / ₄	*21 ¹ / ₂ 2 ³ / ₄	*21 ¹ / ₂ 2 ³ / ₄	*21 ¹ / ₂ 2 ³ / ₄	*21 ¹ / ₂ 2 ³ / ₄	7,000	Second preferred...	100	52 Nov 7	63 ¹ / ₂ July 2	49 ¹ / ₂ June	62 ¹ / ₂ Jan	
57 ¹ / ₂ 58 ¹ / ₂	56 ¹ / ₂ 57 ¹ / ₂	56 ¹ / ₂ 57 ¹ / ₂	56 ¹ / ₂ 57 ¹ / ₂	56 ¹ / ₂ 57 ¹ / ₂	56 ¹ / ₂ 57 ¹ / ₂	1,400	Great Northern preferred...	100	85 ¹ / ₂ Nov 13	128 ¹ / ₂ July 22	93 ¹ / ₂ Feb	114 ¹ / ₂ Nov	
61 ¹ / ₂ 61 ¹ / ₂	*61 ¹ / ₂ 62 ¹ / ₂	62 ¹ / ₂ 62 ¹ / ₂	61 ¹ / ₂ 62	61 ¹ / ₂ 62	61 ¹ / ₂ 62	4,000	Pref certificates...	100	85 ¹ / ₂ Nov 14	122 ¹ / ₂ July 22	91 ¹ / ₂ Feb	111 ¹ / ₂ Nov	
*55 58	57 ¹ / ₂ 57 ¹ / ₂	57 ¹ / ₂ 57 ¹ / ₂	57 ¹ / ₂ 57 ¹ / ₂	57 ¹ / ₂ 57 ¹ / ₂	57 ¹ / ₂ 57 ¹ / ₂	9,000	Gulf Mobile & Northern...	100	18 Nov 13	59 Feb 4	43 Aug	61 ¹ / ₂ May	
*95 98	97 ¹ / ₂ 97 ¹ / ₂	98 98	98 98	97 ¹ / ₂ 98	97 ¹ / ₂ 97 ¹ / ₂	100	Preferred	100	70 Nov 13	103 Jan 3	69 Aug	109 May	
*90 ¹ / ₂ 94 ¹ / ₂	*91 ¹ / ₂ 94 ¹ / ₂	*92 94 ¹ / ₂	92 ¹ / ₂ 92 ¹ / ₂	94 ¹ / ₂ 94 ¹ / ₂	94 ¹ / ₂ 94 ¹ / ₂	100	Havana Electric Ry... No par	100	6 ¹ / ₂ Dec 17	11 ¹ / ₂ Apr 20	7 Aug	17 ¹ / ₂ June	
40 40	40 ¹ / ₂ 42 ¹ / ₂	40 ¹ / ₂ 41	41 41 ¹ / ₂	40 ¹ / ₂ 40 ¹ / ₂	41 41 ¹ / ₂	100	Preferred	100	5 ¹ / ₂ Feb 16	73 ¹ / ₂ Dec 20	51 Dec	78 ¹ / ₂ Sep	
*94 ¹ / ₂ 100	*94 ¹ / ₂ 100	*94 ¹ / ₂ 98	*94 ¹ / ₂ 98	*94 ¹ / ₂ 98	*94 ¹ / ₂ 98	2,100	Hocking Valley...	100	370 Nov 18	600 Oct 16	340 July	478 Nov	
*72 72	*72 72	*72 72	*72 72	*72 72	*72 72	1,000	Hudson & Manhattan...	100	34 ¹ / ₂ May 28	58 ¹ / ₂ Jan 5	50 ¹ /		

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HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.						Sales for the Week.	STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		PER SHARE Range for Year 1929. On basis of 100-share lots		PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1928.	
Saturday, Jan. 4.	Monday, Jan. 6.	Tuesday, Jan. 7.	Wednesday, Jan. 8.	Thursday, Jan. 9.	Friday, Jan. 10.		Shares	Railroads (Cos.)	Lowest.	Highest.	Lowest.	Highest.
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share					\$ per share	\$ per share	
52 1/4	53 1/4	55 1/4	55 1/4	55 1/4	54 1/4	12,400	Wabash.....100	40 Nov 27	81 1/2 Jan 8	51 Feb	85 Apr	
*80 1/2	87	83 1/4	*84	*84 1/4	84 1/4	1,500	Preferred A.....100	32 Nov 15	104 1/2 Jan 7	83 Feb	102 1/2 May	
*72	80	*76 1/2	80 1/4	*82 1/2	83 1/2	400	Preferred B.....100	73 Dec 7	91 Jan 8	87 Feb	99 1/2 May	
*25 1/2	26 1/4	*25 1/2	25 1/2	*25 1/2	26 1/4	24,800	Western Maryland.....100	10 Oct 29	54 Feb 4	31 1/2 Feb	64 1/2 May	
*25 1/2	26 1/4	*25 1/2	25 1/2	*25 1/2	26 1/4	27	Second Preferred.....100	14 1/2 Nov 14	53 1/2 Feb 4	23 1/2 Feb	54 1/2 May	
22 1/2	22 1/2	*23	23 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/2	1,600	Western Pacific.....100	15 Oct 30	41 1/2 Mar 5	28 1/2 Dec	62 1/2 Dec	
42 1/4	42 1/4	*40	42 1/4	42 1/4	43 1/4	1,200	Preferred.....100	37 1/2 Nov 14	67 1/2 July 22	52 1/2 Aug	68 1/2 Jan	
30	32 1/4	28 3/8	30 1/2	29 3/4	30 1/4	29 1/2	Industrial & Miscellaneous					
*75	78	73 3/8	*73 3/8	*73 3/8	73 3/8	7,000	Abtibi Pow & Pap.....No par	34 1/2 Dec 30	57 1/2 Aug 15	30 1/2 Nov	85 Apr	
*43	50	*43 1/2	*46 1/2	*46 1/2	46 1/2	600	Preferred.....100	69 Nov 13	85 1/2 Jan 7	76 Nov	102 1/2 July	
*102	108	*102 1/2	*102 1/2	*102 1/2	104	43	Abraham & Straus.....No par	43 Dec 21	159 1/2 Jan 3	90 June	143 Dec	
25 1/4	26 1/8	25 1/2	26 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	14,500	Preferred.....100	100 1/2 Nov 15	112 1/2 Oct 25	109 Oct	114 1/2 June	
*86	87 1/2	*86 1/2	87 1/2	*87 1/2	87 1/2	4,400	Adams Express new.....No par	20 Nov 13	34 Nov 4	105 Jan	99 1/2 Mar	
*23 1/2	25	*23 1/2	24	*23 1/2	24 1/2	1,700	Adams.....100	54 Nov 14	35 1/2 Jan 3	93 Jan	99 1/2 Mar	
22 1/2	22 1/2	*23	23 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/2	1,200	Advance Rumely.....100	7 Oct 29	104 1/2 May 1	11 Jan	65 Sept	
22 1/2	22 1/2	*23	23 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/2	2,700	Humada Lead.....100	15 Oct 29	119 May 1	34 1/2 Jan	69 1/2 Sept	
125 1/2	126 1/2	123 1/2	126 1/2	126 1/2	126 1/2	28,600	Air Reduction, Inc.....No par	77 Nov 13	223 3/4 Oct 18	59 June	99 1/2 Dec	
*22	22 1/2	*21 1/4	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	800	Air-Way Elec Appliance No par	18 1/2 Dec 30	48 1/2 May 13	47 1/2	76 1/2 Jan	
13 1/4	13 1/4	13 1/4	13 1/4	13 1/4	13 1/4	9,700	Ajax Rubber, Inc.....No par	1 Dec 1	11 1/4 Jan 2	7 1/2	10 Nov	
*84	9 1/4	*84	9 1/4	*84	9 1/4	74,100	Alaska Juneau Gold Min.....10	4 1/2 Nov 13	10 1/2 Jan 8	1 Jan	10 Nov	
*95 1/2	96	*95 1/2	96	*95 1/2	96	115,100	Albany Perf Wrap Pap.....No par	5 Oct 29	25 Jan 2	25 1/2	31 1/2 Jan	
*90 1/2	91	*90 1/2	91	*90 1/2	91	2,000	Preferred.....100	17 Nov 13	56 1/2 Sept 3	56 1/2	62 1/2	
258 1/2	263	257 1/2	261 1/2	258 1/2	261 1/2	200	Pre ex-war.....100	90 Nov 14	118 1/2 July 15	92 Oct 25	146 Feb	
*122 1/2	123	*121 1/2	121 1/2	*120 1/2	121 1/2	15,000	Preferred.....100	197 Nov 13	354 1/2 Aug 30	120 1/2 June	127 1/2 May	
50 1/8	50 7/8	50 1/8	51 1/2	49 5/8	50 1/2	6,400	Allis-Chalmers Mig new No par	35 1/2 Nov 13	75 1/2 Sept 26	9 1/2 Oct	16 1/2 Apr	
*28 3/8	3	28 3/8	2 1/2	*2 1/2	3	100	Amalgamated Leather No par	2 Nov 15	11 1/2 Jan 13	9 1/2	16 1/2 Apr	
20 1/2	20 1/2	*20 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	5,500	Amerada Corp.....No par	17 1/2 Oct 29	42 1/2 Jan 4	37 1/2 Feb	43 1/2 Nov	
7 1/4	7 1/4	7 1/4	7 1/4	7 1/4	7 1/4	900	Amer Agricultural Chem.....100	4 Oct 29	23 1/2 Jan 15	15 1/2 Feb	20 Nov	
*27 1/2	28 1/4	*27 1/2	28 1/4	*28	28 1/2	400	Preferred.....100	18 Nov 13	73 1/2 Jan 11	55 1/2 Feb	70 1/2 May	
80	80	*78 3/4	78 3/4	78 3/4	78 3/4	900	Amer Bank Note.....50	65 Nov 13	157 Oct 10	74 1/2 Jan	80 1/2 Jan	
*63	64	*63 1/4	64	*63 1/4	64	600	Preferred.....50	57 July 23	65 1/2 June 14	60 1/2	65 1/2 Jan	
7	7	7 1/8	7 1/8	7 1/8	7 1/8	100	American Beet Sugar No par	5 1/2 Dec 16	20 1/2 Jan 16	14 1/4 July	24 1/2 Aug	
*35	45	*35 1/2	42 1/2	*35 1/2	45	36 1/8	Preferred.....100	34 1/2 Dec 30	60 1/2 Feb 6	36 Feb	61 1/2 Sept	
42 1/2	44	41 1/4	43 1/4	42 1/4	42 1/4	6,100	Amer Bosch Magneto No par	27 Nov 13	75 Nov 13	78 1/2 Sept 7	15 1/2 Feb	
47 1/4	47 3/4	*46 1/4	47 3/4	47 3/4	47 3/4	160	Amer Brown Shoe & F.....No par	40 1/2 Nov 14	62 Feb 4	39 1/2 July	49 1/2 Jan	
*119 1/2	120	*119 1/2	120	*118 1/2	120	113	Preferred.....100	113 Nov 20	126 1/2 Mar 21	120 Dec	128 June	
8 5/8	8 5/8	8 5/8	8 5/8	8 5/8	8 5/8	5,100	Amer Brown Beverl El No par	4 1/2 Oct 29	34 1/2 June 1	10 1/2 Apr	26 1/2 May	
62	62	63 1/4	63 1/4	63 1/4	63 1/4	4	Preferred.....100	49 1/2 Jan 7	104 Jan 12	40 1/4 Apr	65 1/2 May	
120 1/4	121 1/8	119 1/2	121 1/8	118 1/2	120 3/4	195,300	American Can.....25	56 Nov 13	154 Aug 24	70 1/2 Jan	117 1/2 Nov	
*143	145	*143 1/4	145	*144 1/4	145	100	Preferred.....100	133 1/2 Nov 14	145 Dec 13	136 1/2 Jan	147 Apr	
82	82	81 3/4	81 3/4	80 1/2	81 1/2	100	American Car & Fdy.....No par	29 Oct 32	106 1/2 Jan 8	88 1/2 July	111 1/2 Jan	
116 1/2	116	*112 1/2	116	*110 1/2	116	100	Preferred (8%).....100	110 1/2 Oct 10	120 Jan 29	110 1/2 Aug	127 1/2 Mar	
76 1/4	80	81	81	78 3/4	82	600	American Chair pref.....100	70 1/2 May 31	95 1/2 Oct 10	71 Dec	105 June	
38 1/2	41 1/2	39 1/4	41 1/2	39 1/4	40 1/2	4,200	American Chicle.....No par	27 Nov 13	81 1/2 Sept 5	64 Dec	50 1/2 Dec	
29	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	30	30 1/2	11,200	Am Comm'l Alcohol.....No par	20 Oct 29	55 May 20	55	55	
25 1/4	25 1/4	*25 1/2	25 1/2	*24 1/2	25	200	Amer Encaustic Tilling No par	18 1/4 Nov 14	47 1/2 Feb 25	47 1/2	47 1/2	
36	36	35 3/8	36 1/2	35 3/8	36 1/2	3,800	Amer European Sec's.....No par	23 Nov 13	98 1/2 Sept 3	22 1/2 Feb	85 Dec	
94 1/8	96 1/8	92 7/8	96 1/8	92 7/8	94 1/2	496,600	Amer & For'n Power.....No par	50 Oct 29	199 1/2 Sept 21	104 1/2 June	110 May	
107 1/2	107 1/2	108	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	900	Preferred.....No par	101 1/2 Nov 18	103 1/2 Feb 14	104 1/2	110 May	
95 1/2	96	96 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	96	3,300	2d preferred.....No par	86 1/2 Oct 30	103 Feb 21	81 Feb	100 Sept	
20	20	20 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	6,300	Am Hawaiian S S Co.....100	17 1/2 Dec 26	42 Apr 19	3 1/2	15 1/2 Feb	
29 1/2	30 1/4	*29 3/8	30 1/4	29 3/8	29 3/8	700	Preferred.....100	3 1/2 Dec 27	10 Jan 2	5 1/4 Oct	15 1/2 Feb	
55 1/2	56 1/4	56 1/4	56 1/4	55 5/8	56 1/4	1,700	Amer Home Products.....No par	40 Nov 13	52 1/2 Aug 24	31 Nov	67 1/2 Feb	
38 1/2	39	39 1/2	37 3/4	37 3/4	38	7,100	Amer Ice.....No par	40 Nov 13	55 1/2 Jan 24	55 1/2	80 Nov	
87	90	87 1/2	87 1/2	86 1/2	87 1/2	100	Preferred.....100	37 Oct 32	53 1/2 Aug 23	28 Jan	46 1/2 Aug	
37 1/2	38 1/2	37 3/8	38 1/2	37 1/2	38 1/2	11,300	Amer Internat Corp.....No par	29 1/2 Nov 12	96 1/2 Sept 6	90 Jan	99 1/2 May	
*21 1/2	21 1/2	*21 1/2	21 1/2	*21 1/2	21 1/2	110	Amer La France & Foams.....100	2 1/2 Oct 29	8 1/2 Jan 10	5 1/4 Jan	11 1/2 Oct	
*35	36 3/8	31 1/2	31 1/2	*30 3/4	30 3/4	110	Preferred.....100	27 1/2 Nov 26	7 1/2 Feb 21	56 Jan	86 1/2 Oct	
103 1/4	104 1/8	*104 1/8	103 1/4	103 1/4	103 1/4	1,800	American Locomotive No par	90 Nov 13	136 July 16	87 June	115 Jan	
*114 1/4	115	*114 1/4	115	*114 1/4	114 1/4	200	Preferred.....100	111 1/4 Nov 15	120 Dec 10	103 1/2 Oct	124 Mar	
*210	215	*212 1/2	212 1/2	*210 1/2	212 1/2	1,500	Amer Machine & Fdy.....No par	142 Nov 14	279 1/2 Oct 0	120 1/2 Jan	183 1/2 Dec	
46 1/8	46 1/8	*46 1/2	47 1/2	*46 1/2	47 1/2	7,900	Amer Metal Co Ltd.....No par	31 1/2 Nov 13	81 1/2 Feb 8	89 Mar	92 1/2 Nov	
*110	112	*112 1/2	112 1/2	*112 1/2	112 1/2	60	Amer Nat Gas pref.....100	106 Nov 13	135 Feb 9	109 Aug	117 1/2 May	
67	69 1/4	*68 7/8	70	*68 7/8	69 3/4	3,700	American Piano.....No par	58 Nov 21	95 1/2 Jan 7	96 1/2 Dec	99 1/2 Nov	
5	6	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	190	Preferred.....100	4 Dec 20	55 Jan 21	38 Dec	90 Jan	
81 1/8	83	80 1/8	83 1/8	79 1/2	81 1/2	14,400	Am Power & Light.....No par	64 1/2 Nov 13	175 1/2 Sept 7	62 1/2 Jan	95 May	
101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	1,200	Preferred.....No par	92 1/4 Oct 29	105 Feb 28	100 1/2 Dec	107 1/2 May	
*75 1/2	76	*75 1/2	76	*75 1/2	76	1,200	Preferred A.....No par	70 1/2 May 31	80 Feb 13	70 1/2 Nov	77 1/2 Nov	
80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	1,700	Pref A stamped.....No par	72 1/2 Nov 14	84 Feb 15	81 1/2 Dec	86 1/2 Nov	
30 1/4	30 3/8	30 1/2	31 1/2	30 3/8	31 1/2	21,200	Am Rad & Stand San'y No par	28 Oct 28	55 1/2 Sept 7	55 1/2	55 1/2	
*126	135	*126 1/2	126 1/2	*126 1/2	126 1/2	60	Preferred.....100	125 Nov 26	139 Sept 13	125 Feb	135 Apr	
22 1/2	25 1/2	24 1/4	23 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/4	2,100	American Republics.....No par	12 1/2 Nov 12	64 1/2 Jan 2	51 1/2 Feb	55 Apr	
81 1/8	82	83 3/4	81 1/8	83 3/4	82 1/4	15,300	Amer Rolling Mill.....25	80 Nov 13	144 1/2 Sept 9	59 Jan	74 1/2 Sept	
60	60 1/4	*59 5/8	60 1/4	*59 5/8	60	800	American Safety Razor No par	44 Nov 14	74 1/2 Jan 31	59 Jan	74 1/2 Sept	
18 1/2	19	20 1/2	20 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	3,200	Amer Seating v c.....No par	17 Dec 30	41 1/2 Feb 5	27 1/2 Nov	45 May	
85 1/2	87 1/2	*83 1/2	85 1/2	*85 1/2	85 1/2	120	Amer Ship & Comm.....No par	7 Oct 29	7 1/2 Feb 5	8 1/2 Aug	6 1/2 May	
73 1/8	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	20,900	Am Smelting & Refining.....100	70 Oct 29	112 1/2 Aug 8	80 Sept	119 Jan	
135	136	*136 1/2	136 1/2	*136 1/2	137	900	Preferred.....25	62 Nov 13	130 1/2 Sept 5	169 Feb	293 Dec	
*42 1/2	43	*42 1/2	42 1/2	*42 1/2	42 1/2	1,400	American Snuff.....25	123 1/2 Nov 15</				

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* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. d Ex-div. 100% in common stock. g Ex-dividend and ex-rights. s Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

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Saturday, Jan. 4.	Monday, Jan. 6.	Tuesday, Jan. 7.	Wednesday, Jan. 8.	Thursday, Jan. 9.	Friday, Jan. 10.	Lowest.			Highest.	Lowest.	Highest.	
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	Shares	Indus. & Miscel. (Con.) Par	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	
80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	11,200	Corn Products Refining...25	70 Nov 13	126 1/2 Oct 23	64 1/2 Jan 9	96 Nov 9	
142 1/2	141 1/2	141 1/2	141 1/2	141 1/2	141 1/2	150	Preferred.....100	137 Nov 13	144 1/2 Jan 19	188 1/2 Jan 19	146 1/2 Apr 19	
25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	17,400	Coty Inc.....No par	15 Dec 5	82 1/2 Jan 28	62 1/2 Dec 27	87 1/2 Nov 27	
*8 1/2	*15	*15	*15	*15	*15		Crescent Carpet.....100	18 Dec 26	57 1/2 Apr 17	12 1/2 Sept 27	Nov 27	
18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	5,600	Crown Cork & Seal.....No par	15 Dec 31	125 Feb 25			
45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	1,100	Crown Will Pap 1st Pf.....No par	37 1/2 Nov 14	79 Aug 5			
*92 1/2	*102	*92 1/2	*92 1/2	*92 1/2	*92 1/2	1,100	Crown Zellerbach.....No par	17 Oct 30	101 1/2 Jan 18	96 1/2 Dec 23	105 1/2 Nov 23	
*17 1/2	*18	*17 1/2	*17 1/2	*17 1/2	*17 1/2	3,400	Cruible Steel of America.....100	71 Nov 14	121 1/2 Aug 26	60 1/2 July 23	93 Feb 23	
89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	600	Cuba Co.....No par	103 Nov 14	116 1/2 Feb 28	111 Dec 12	121 May 12	
*109 1/2	*110	*110 1/2	*110 1/2	*110 1/2	*110 1/2	10,100	Cuba Cane Sugar.....No par	5 Nov 13	24 1/2 Jan 3	20 Oct 23	23 1/2 May 12	
*9 1/2	*10	*9 1/2	*9 1/2	*9 1/2	*9 1/2	1,600	Preferred.....100	3 1/2 Aug 13	5 1/2 Jan 3	4 1/2 July 7 1/2	7 1/2 May 12	
*2 1/2	*2 1/2	*2 1/2	*2 1/2	*2 1/2	*2 1/2	500	Preferred.....100	1 1/2 Dec 30	1 1/2 Jan 3	1 1/2 Oct 32 1/2	3 1/2 Jan 3	
7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	3,900	Cuban-American Sugar.....10	6 1/2 Dec 10	17 Jan 3	15 1/2 Dec 9	34 1/2 May 12	
59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	110	Preferred.....100	5 1/2 Dec 10	5 1/2 Jan 3	9 1/2 Dec 10	108 Feb 12	
1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	100	Cuban Dom'can Sug.....No par	1 Nov 13	6 1/2 Jan 5	6 Nov 12	12 Jan 5	
47 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	1,700	Cudahy Packing.....50	36 Nov 14	67 1/2 Jan 25	54 Jan 25	78 1/2 Jan 25	
114	114	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	100	Curtiss Aer & Mot Co.....No par	50 Dec 3	173 1/2 Feb 5	58 1/2 Feb 5	192 1/2 May 12	
114	114	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	100	Curtiss Publishing Co.....No par	100 Nov 13	132 Oct 10			
114	115	114 1/2	114 1/2	114 1/2	114 1/2		Preferred.....No par	112 1/2 Nov 19	121 1/2 May 25			
7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	42,000	Curtiss-Wright.....No par	6 1/2 Dec 23	30 1/2 Aug 22			
14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	7,200	Class A.....100	13 1/2 Dec 23	37 1/2 Aug 27	11 1/2 Jan 14	141 Sept 19	
*75 1/2	*82	*75 1/2	*82	*75 1/2	*82	300	Cutler-Hammer Mfg.....10	58 Nov 13	126 1/2 Oct 15	52 Jun 5	65 1/2 Nov 5	
*99 1/2	*104	*99 1/2	*104	*99 1/2	*104	100	Cuyamel Fruit.....No par	63 Jan 3	126 1/2 Oct 15	49 July 6	85 Oct 6	
*29 1/2	*30 1/2	*29 1/2	*30 1/2	*29 1/2	*30 1/2	2,300	Evans Chemical.....No par	21 1/2 Oct 29	69 1/2 Jan 31	84 1/2 Feb 28	85 1/2 Nov 28	
*23 1/2	*26 1/2	*23 1/2	*26 1/2	*23 1/2	*26 1/2	600	Debenham Securities.....68	20 Dec 26	45 1/2 Jan 24	32 Oct 4	49 1/2 Apr 19	
117 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	1,130	Deere & Co pref.....100	151 Nov 13	385 Aug 2	115 1/2 Feb 12	128 1/2 May 12	
200	200	200 1/2	200 1/2	200 1/2	200 1/2	1,400	Detroit Edison.....100	20 Nov 13	385 Aug 2	163 1/2 Jan 24	224 1/2 Dec 12	
*33 1/2	*34	*33 1/2	*34	*33 1/2	*34	3,800	Devos & Reynolds A.....No par	24 Nov 13	64 1/2 Feb 5	40 Jan 6	61 Apr 19	
*106 1/2	*111	*106 1/2	*111	*106 1/2	*111	50	1st preferred.....No par	102 Dec 2	115 1/2 Jan 15	108 Jan 15	120 May 12	
*136 1/2	*140	*136 1/2	*140	*136 1/2	*140	120	Diamond Match.....100	117 Nov 14	164 1/2 Jan 11	184 1/2 Jan 11	172 Nov 12	
*6 1/2	*7	*6 1/2	*7	*6 1/2	*7	2,300	Dome Mines, Ltd.....No par	6 Nov 14	114 Aug 10	8 June 12	13 1/2 Jan 12	
*21 1/2	*21 1/2	*21 1/2	*21 1/2	*21 1/2	*21 1/2	1,700	Dominion Stores.....No par	12 Oct 29	54 1/2 July 1	80 Mar 12	120 1/2 Nov 12	
78	78 1/2	77 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	5,200	Drug Inc.....No par	69 Nov 14	126 1/2 Feb 4	55 1/2 Jan 2	105 1/2 Nov 12	
*32 1/2	*35	*32 1/2	*35	*32 1/2	*35	4,600	Dunhill International.....No par	25 Oct 29	92 Jan 2	66 1/2 Jan 2	99 1/2 Oct 12	
*100 1/2	*101	*100 1/2	*101	*100 1/2	*101	300	Duquesne Light 1st pref.....100	49 1/2 Jan 24	100 1/2 Mar 5	92 1/2 Oct 12	110 1/2 Mar 12	
178 1/2	179 1/2	178 1/2	178 1/2	178 1/2	178 1/2	3,800	Durham Hosiery Mills B.....50	2 1/2 Nov 12	11 1/2 Mar 4	183 Aug 8	194 1/2 July 12	
*126	*126	*126	*126	*126	*126	8,000	Eastman Kodak Co.....No par	15 Nov 13	264 1/2 Oct 8	228 Jan 28	281 Apr 12	
118 1/2	119 1/2	117 1/2	120 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	18,800	Preferred.....No par	17 Nov 7	123 Mar 9	128 Jan 28	134 Apr 12	
*117 1/2	*117 1/2	*117 1/2	*117 1/2	*117 1/2	*117 1/2	700	Eaton Axle & Spring.....No par	18 Nov 7	78 1/2 Feb 1	28 Jan 28	68 1/2 Nov 28	
*77 1/2	*9	*77 1/2	*9	*77 1/2	*9	300	E I du Pont de Nem.....30	107 1/2 Nov 15	119 1/2 Aug 28	114 July 12	121 1/2 Mar 12	
*40 1/2	46	40 1/2	46	40 1/2	46	100	6% non-vot deb.....100	4 Dec 20	39 1/2 Jan 10	35 1/2 Jan 10	45 Nov 10	
85	85	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	19,700	Ettington Schld.....No par	39 Dec 21	113 Jan 19	101 1/2 Jan 19	121 1/2 Nov 10	
*106 1/2	110	106 1/2	110	106 1/2	110	20	Preferred 8 1/4%.....100	50 Oct 29	174 July 12	108 1/2 Sept 12	112 1/2 Dec 12	
5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	600	Electric Autolite.....No par	102 1/2 Nov 15	115 Apr 2	80 1/2 Oct 19	87 1/2 June 12	
51 1/2	52 1/2	50 1/2	53 1/2	51 1/2	53 1/2	76,900	Electric Boat.....No par	29 1/2 Nov 13	85 1/2 Sept 17	28 1/2 Jan 4	49 1/2 Dec 12	
107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	1,800	Electric Row & Lt.....No par	98 Nov 14	109 1/2 Feb 13	102 1/2 Mar 12	110 1/2 Mar 12	
*125 1/2	*128	*125 1/2	*128	*125 1/2	*128	1,700	Preferred 50% paid.....No par	106 Nov 15	140 1/2 June 28	120 1/2 Apr 12	129 1/2 Apr 12	
*70 1/2	71 1/2	70 1/2	71 1/2	70 1/2	71 1/2	400	Elee Storage Battery.....No par	64 Nov 14	104 1/2 Oct 16	69 Feb 9	91 1/2 Dec 12	
*4 1/2	*4 1/2	*4 1/2	*4 1/2	*4 1/2	*4 1/2	400	Elk Horn Coal Corp.....No par	3 1/2 June 15	10 1/2 Oct 18	6 one 9	15 1/2 Jan 12	
*34 1/2	*44	*34 1/2	*44	*34 1/2	*44	600	Emerson-Brant class A.....No par	3 1/2 Oct 29	22 1/2 Feb 7	5 1/2 Feb 7	16 1/2 Dec 12	
*52 1/2	*54 1/2	*52 1/2	*54 1/2	*52 1/2	*54 1/2	100	Endicott-Johnson Corp.....50	49 1/2 Nov 13	83 1/2 Jan 4	74 1/2 Dec 8	85 1/2 Apr 12	
*107 1/2	*109	*107 1/2	*109	*107 1/2	*109	7,400	Preferred.....100	104 1/2 Sept 21	124 1/2 Feb 28	121 1/2 Jan 12	127 1/2 Dec 12	
39 1/2	40 1/2	39 1/2	40 1/2	39 1/2	40 1/2	200	Engineers Public Serv.....No par	31 Oct 29	79 1/2 Aug 5	33 Feb 5	51 Nov 12	
*94 1/2	*94 1/2	*94 1/2	*94 1/2	*94 1/2	*94 1/2	300	Preferred.....No par	80 Nov 13	123 1/2 Aug 5	90 1/2 Dec 10	102 1/2 Oct 12	
*39 1/2	40	39 1/2	40	39 1/2	40	500	Equitable Office Bldg.....No par	31 1/2 Jan 4	41 May 1	29 1/2 Oct 12	35 1/2 Jan 12	
*36 1/2	37 1/2	36 1/2	37 1/2	36 1/2	37 1/2	900	Eureka Vacuum Clean.....No par	36 1/2 Dec 26	54 Feb 28	43 Dec 7	79 Jan 12	
*21 1/2	*21 1/2	*21 1/2	*21 1/2	*21 1/2	*21 1/2	600	Evans Auto Loading.....5	15 Nov 13	73 1/2 Mar 15	88 Aug 10	17 1/2 June 12	
*22 1/2	*22 1/2	*22 1/2	*22 1/2	*22 1/2	*22 1/2	900	Fairbanks Morse.....No par	22 1/2 Jan 15	27 1/2 July 20	19 1/2 July 20	94 1/2 Oct 12	
*35 1/2	*36 1/2	*35 1/2	*36 1/2	*35 1/2	*36 1/2	600	Fairbanks Morse.....No par	20 1/2 Oct 29	54 1/2 Sept 9	32 1/2 Jan 4	54 Apr 12	
*10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	140	Preferred.....No par	10 1/2 Dec 27	110 1/2 Jan 2	104 Jan 12	114 1/2 May 12	
*20 1/2	*25	*20 1/2	*25	*20 1/2	*25	1,000	Fashion Park Assoc.....No par	22 Dec 27	72 1/2 Mar 21			
*61 1/2	*65 1/2	*61 1/2	*65 1/2	*61 1/2	*65 1/2	100	Preferred.....100	73 Dec 30	101 1/2 Mar 21			
*60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	10	Federal Light & Trac.....15	60 1/2 Nov 18	109 June 19	42 Jan 12	71 Dec 12	
*91 1/2	*95 1/2	*91 1/2	*95 1/2	*91 1/2	*95 1/2	100	Preferred.....No par	90 Nov 11	104 Feb 6	120 Jan 12	109 Apr 12	
*100 1/2	*102 1/2	*100 1/2	*102 1/2	*100 1/2	*102 1/2	100	Federal Mining & Smelt's.....100	170 Dec 18	310 Feb 6	98 Jan 12	230 Dec 12	
*96 1/2	*100	*96 1/2	*100	*96 1/2	*100	100	Preferred.....100	95 Oct 29	102 July 5	91 1/2 Jan 12	102 1/2 Sept 12	
*84 1/2	*87 1/2	*84 1/2	*87 1/2	*84 1/2	*87 1/2	2,500	Federal Motor Truck.....No par	5 Oct 29	22 1/2 Feb 6	16 1/2 Jan 12	26 1/2 May 12	
*66 1/2	*70	*66 1/2	*70	*66 1/2	*70	70	Fidel Phen Fire Ins N Y.....10	47 1/2 Nov 13	123 Sept 3	75 1/2 Jan 12	107 1/2 Dec 12	
*33 1/2	*34	*33 1/2	*34	*33 1/2	*34	60	Fifth Ave Bus.....No par	6 Oct 24	13 1/2 Mar 2	11 1/2 Jan 12	16 1/2 May 12	
94	94	92 1/2	95 1/2	92 1/2	95 1/2	5,900	Filene's Sons.....No par	30 Dec 28	92 1/2 Feb 25			
52 1/2	53 1/2	50 1/2	54 1/2	52 1/2	54 1/2	9,900	First National Stores.....No par	44 1/2 Nov 14	90 Sept 19	28 Apr 12	76 1/2 Dec 12	
*14 1/2	*14 1/2	*14 1/2	*14 1/2	*14 1/2	*14 1/2	680	Flak Rubber.....No par	2 1/2 Dec 30	20 1/2 Jan 23	8 1/2 Aug 12	14 1/2 Jan 12	
*42 1/2	*42 1/2	*42 1/2	*42 1/2	*42 1/2	*42 1/2	1,000	Florsheim Shoe of A.....No par	8 Dec 31	72 1/2 Jan 8	69 1/2 Nov 12	56 1/2 Nov 12	
*92 1/2	*98	*92 1/2	*98	*92 1/2	*98	200	Preferred 8%.....100	38 Nov 18	54 Jan 8	49 1/2 Nov 12	56 1/2 Nov 12	
*38 1/2	*38 1/2	*38 1/2	*38 1/2	*38 1/2	*38 1/2	700	Follansbee Bros.....No par	90 1/2 Oct 29	76 1/2 Jan 18	98 1/2 Oct 12	100 Dec 12	
16 1/2	16 1/2	15 1/2	16 1/2	15 1/2	16 1/2	1,400	Fordham Union Co.....No par	33 Nov 13	82 1/2 Aug 26	56 1/2 Dec 6	69 1/2 Dec 12	
21 1/2	23 1/2	20 1/2	23 1/2	21 1/2	23 1/2	527,000	Fox Film.....No par	12 1/2 Nov 14	60 1/2 Apr 5	36 1/2 Oct 8		

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HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and corresponding high and low sale prices for various stocks.

Main table listing various stocks under 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' with columns for 'PER SHARE' (Lowest, Highest) and 'PER SHARE Previous Year 1928' (Lowest, Highest).

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. Ex-div 1 additional sh. for each sh. held. Ex-div. 75% in stock. Ex-div. \$ Shillings. Ex-rights.

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Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Jan. 4 to Friday, Jan. 10); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range for Year 1929; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1928. Rows list various stocks like Mallison (H R) & Co., Manati Sugar, Mandel Bros., etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. b Ex-dividend and ex-rights. f Ex-dividend. o Ex-dividend distributed 1 additional share for each share held.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see seventh page preceding.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Indus. & Miscell. (Com.) Par, Phill & Read Co., etc.); PER SHARE Range for Year 1929 (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1928 (Lowest, Highest).

* Bid and asked price. † Sales on this day. x Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights. d Ex-div. 200% in common stock.

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HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.						Sales for the Week.	STOCKS		PER SHARE		PER SHARE	
Saturday, Jan. 4.	Monday, Jan. 6.	Tuesday, Jan. 7.	Wednesday, Jan. 8.	Thursday, Jan. 9.	Friday, Jan. 10.		NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE	Lowest.	Highest.	Range for Year 1929. On basis of 100-share lots	Lowest.	Highest.
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	Shares	Indus. & Miscel. (Cov.)	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	
*19 20	*19 20	*19 20	*19 20	*19 20	*19 20	300	Thatcher Mig.....No par	10 1/2 Mar 14	35 Sept 16	22 Jan 22	89 1/2 Mar 22	
*41 43	*41 43	*41 43	*41 43	*41 43	*41 43	---	Preferred.....No par	35 Mar 9	49 1/2 Sept 4	45 Oct 5	53 1/2 Dec 5	
28 28	*27 30	30 30	*28 30	*28 30	*28 30	300	The Palmetto.....No par	25 1/2 Dec 27	51 Jan 15	34 Jan 31	52 1/2 Dec 31	
*105 105	*103 105	*103 105	*103 105	*103 105	*103 105	10	Preferred.....No par	102 Nov 7	110 Oct 9	104 1/2 Jan 11	114 1/2 Oct 11	
12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	600	Thompson (J R) Co.....25	30 Nov 30	62 Jan 12	56 1/2 June 7	71 1/2 June 7	
81 1/2	*82 84	*82 84	*82 84	*82 84	*82 84	10,500	Tidewater Assoc Oil.....No par	10 Nov 13	23 1/2 June 7	14 1/2 Fe. 25	25 Sept 25	
*20 23	*20 23	*20 23	*20 23	*20 23	*20 23	300	Preferred.....No par	74 1/2 Nov 14	90 1/2 Aug 2	81 1/2 Mar 9	91 1/2 Dec 9	
*85 88 1/2	*87 88 1/2	*87 88 1/2	*87 88 1/2	*87 88 1/2	*87 88 1/2	300	Tide Water Oil.....100	14 Nov 13	40 June 7	19 1/2 Mar 9	41 1/2 Dec 9	
16 16 1/2	16 16 1/2	16 16 1/2	16 16 1/2	16 16 1/2	16 16 1/2	1,200	Preferred.....100	85 1/2 Nov 14	97 1/2 Jan 17	86 1/2 July 10	100 1/2 Dec 10	
77 1/2	79 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	2,100	Timken Detroit Axle.....10	11 1/2 Oct 30	34 1/2 Sept 24	15 1/2 Jan 3	15 1/2 Nov 3	
*25 3	3 3	3 3	3 3	3 3	3 3	3,200	Timken Roller Bearing.....No par	58 1/2 Nov 13	150 Jan 23	112 1/2 Mar 19	154 Nov 19	
*82 9	8 9	8 9	8 9	8 9	8 9	7,500	Tobacco Products Corp.....20	1 Oct 28	22 1/2 Mar 18	---	---	
*13 2 1/2	*13 2 1/2	*13 2 1/2	*13 2 1/2	*13 2 1/2	*13 2 1/2	100	Class A.....20	5 1/2 Nov 13	15 Feb 18	19 Aug 19	25 1/2 Jan 19	
*11 2 1/2	*11 2 1/2	*11 2 1/2	*11 2 1/2	*11 2 1/2	*11 2 1/2	---	Div cts A.....20	2 1/2 Dec 31	20 Mar 28	19 Aug 19	24 Jan 19	
*11 2 1/2	*11 2 1/2	*11 2 1/2	*11 2 1/2	*11 2 1/2	*11 2 1/2	---	Dividends C.....20	2 1/2 Dec 31	19 1/2 Jan 15	19 Dec 25	25 Aug 25	
8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	91,200	Transatlantic Oil.....No par	5 1/2 Oct 29	15 1/2 Aug 28	6 1/2 June 14	16 1/2 Nov 14	
16 16 1/2	*15 1/2 20	*16 20	*16 20	*16 20	*16 20	1,700	Transatlantic & Williams Oil.....No par	15 1/2 Dec 24	53 1/2 Apr 18	44 1/2 Feb 9	59 1/2 Feb 9	
32 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	32 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	2,900	Trico Products Corp.....No par	30 Dec 23	63 July 8	32 1/2 June 6	44 1/2 Sept 6	
*14 17	15 15	*14 16 1/4	*14 16 1/4	*16 16 1/4	*16 16 1/4	400	Truxon Truer Coal.....No par	13 1/2 Dec 20	31 1/2 Jan 23	---	---	
*36 37	33 3/8	33 3/8	34 3/8	34 3/8	34 3/8	500	Truxon Steel.....10	30 1/2 Nov 13	61 1/2 Jan 3	55 1/2 Jan 3	63 1/2 Dec 3	
99 1/2	100 1/2	*120 103	101 103	101 103	102 1/2 104	7,600	Under Elliott Fisher Co No par	82 Nov 13	18 1/4 Oct 10	63 June 9	92 1/2 Dec 9	
*120 120 1/2	*120 120 1/2	*120 120 1/2	*120 120 1/2	*120 120 1/2	*120 120 1/2	---	Preferred.....100	120 Dec 20	125 Jan 5	119 Mar 5	126 Apr 5	
*10 10 1/2	*10 11 1/2	*10 11 1/2	*10 11 1/2	*10 11 1/2	*10 11 1/2	100	Union Bag & Paper Corp.....100	7 Nov 13	43 Jan 14	30 Dec 6	40 1/2 Feb 6	
78 79 1/2	78 79 1/2	77 78 1/2	77 78 1/2	77 78 1/2	77 78 1/2	80,800	Union Carbide & Carb.....No par	59 Nov 13	140 Sept 30	---	---	
*45 46	*45 46	*45 46	*45 46	*45 46	*45 46	1,400	Union Oil California.....25	42 1/2 Nov 13	57 Sept 30	42 1/2 Feb 5	58 Nov 5	
*140 145	*140 145	138 138	*138 138	*140 144	*140 144	200	United Tank Car.....100	12 1/2 Jan 15	163 1/2 Sept 11	110 Oct 12	128 1/2 May 12	
49 50	48 50	46 48	46 48	47 48	47 48	84,300	United Aircraft & Tran No par	31 Nov 13	162 May 1	---	---	
58 58 1/2	59 59 1/2	60 60 1/2	60 60 1/2	60 60 1/2	60 60 1/2	4,000	Preferred.....50	44 1/2 Nov 14	109 1/2 May 1	---	---	
36 1/2	36 1/2	36 36 1/4	36 36 1/4	37 1/4	37 1/4	1,700	United Biscuits.....No par	33 1/2 Dec 28	60 Oct 10	34 1/2 Apr 5	57 Oct 5	
*106 118	*106 118	*106 118	*106 118	*106 118	*106 118	4,700	Preferred.....100	11 1/2 June 11	185 Oct 2	127 1/2 Apr 2	227 1/2 Apr 2	
28 29 3/4	31 31 1/4	34 34 1/4	35 35 1/4	36 36 1/4	36 36 1/4	700	United Cigar Stores.....100	3 Dec 21	175 Oct 2	104 Jan 2	103 1/2 Dec 1	
31 1/2	32 3/4	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	207,500	United Corp.....No par	19 1/2 Nov 13	28 1/2 Oct 11	104 Jan 2	103 1/2 Dec 1	
47 47 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	5,200	United Fruit.....No par	42 1/2 Nov 14	49 1/2 July 29	---	---	
11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	2,900	United Electric Coal.....No par	6 Dec 30	8 1/4 Feb 6	5 1/4 Oct 9	5 1/4 Dec 9	
101 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2	9,900	United Fruit.....No par	99 Oct 29	158 1/2 Jan 31	158 1/2 Oct 31	168 Nov 31	
*72 8 1/2	*72 8 1/2	*72 8 1/2	*72 8 1/2	*72 8 1/2	*72 8 1/2	2,300	United Paperboard.....100	7 Nov 19	26 1/2 Jan 22	16 1/2 Dec 27	27 1/2 Apr 27	
*32 34	*32 34	*32 34	*32 34	*32 34	*32 34	100	Universal Leaf Tobacco No par	25 1/2 Nov 13	85 1/2 May 10	60 1/2 June 8	87 1/2 Nov 8	
23 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	50	Universal Pictures Ltd pfd. 100	28 Dec 4	93 Jan 2	9 1/4 Nov 10	100 Feb 10	
*99 99	*99 99	*99 99	*99 99	*99 99	*99 99	2,100	Universal Pipe & Rad. No par	2 1/2 Dec 28	22 Jan 2	15 1/2 June 3	35 1/2 Dec 3	
19 19 1/2	19 19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	43,800	U S Cast Iron Pipe & Fcy.....20	12 Oct 29	57 1/2 Mar 18	38 Dec 5	53 Nov 5	
15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	3,200	1st preferred.....No par	15 Oct 24	19 Jan 11	18 Nov 19	19 1/2 Nov 19	
*18 1/2	*18 1/2	*18 1/2	*18 1/2	*18 1/2	*18 1/2	400	2nd preferred.....No par	18 1/2 Nov 27	20 June 18	18 1/2 Nov 19	19 1/2 Dec 19	
*15 1/4	*15 1/4	*15 1/4	*15 1/4	*15 1/4	*15 1/4	3,700	U S Distrib Corp.....No par	9 Oct 29	23 Sept 24	18 1/2 Jan 20	20 1/2 Jan 20	
*80 90	*80 90	*80 90	*80 90	*80 90	*80 90	700	U S Preferred.....100	7 1/4 Mar 12	97 Sept 24	76 Oct 9	90 1/2 Jan 9	
*2 1/2	*2 1/2	*2 1/2	*2 1/2	*2 1/2	*2 1/2	100	U S Express.....100	2 Jan 22	10 Apr 8	2 1/2 Nov 6	3 Jan 6	
19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	800	U S Hoff Mach Corp.....No par	17 1/2 Dec 20	49 1/2 Jan 2	41 Dec 5	58 1/2 Jan 5	
135 135 1/2	132 1/2	136 1/2	130 1/2	133 1/2	134 1/2	21,000	U S Industrial Alcohol.....100	95 Nov 13	243 1/2 Oct 11	102 1/2 Jan 12	138 Oct 12	
8 1/2	8 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	1,700	U S Leather.....No par	5 Nov 13	35 1/2 Jan 14	23 Jan 14	23 Jan 14	
17 1/2	19 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	5,700	Class A.....No par	8 1/4 Dec 26	107 Feb 1	100 1/2 Dec 1	109 1/2 Mar 1	
*60 60 1/2	*60 60 1/2	*60 60 1/2	*60 60 1/2	*60 60 1/2	*60 60 1/2	100	U S Realty & Imp.....No par	50 1/2 Nov 13	110 1/2 Feb 6	6 1/4 Feb 6	9 3/4 Mar 6	
25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	13,100	United States Rubber.....10	15 Oct 29	65 Mar 18	27 June 27	34 Jan 27	
50 52 1/2	51 52 1/2	50 50 1/2	49 49 1/2	49 49 1/2	49 49 1/2	2,400	1st preferred.....100	40 1/2 Nov 14	92 1/2 Jan 16	55 July 10	109 1/2 Jan 10	
34 1/2	35 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	4,400	U S Smelting, Ref & Min.....50	29 1/2 Oct 29	72 1/2 Mar 20	39 1/2 Feb 7	71 1/2 Nov 7	
*53 54	*53 54	*53 54	*53 54	*53 54	*53 54	1,100	Preferred.....50	48 Nov 4	58 Jan 3	61 Jan 5	58 Dec 5	
168 1/4	169 1/4	167 1/2	169 1/2	167 1/2	169 1/2	469,900	United States Steel Corp.....100	150 Nov 13	261 1/2 Sept 3	138 1/2 Jan 1	147 1/4 Apr 1	
141 141 1/4	141 1/4	141 1/4	141 1/4	141 1/4	141 1/4	2,900	Preferred.....100	137 Nov 14	144 1/4 Mar 1	138 1/2 Jan 1	147 1/4 Apr 1	
61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	400	U S Tobacco new.....No par	55 1/2 Nov 13	7 1/2 Nov 6	127 1/2 Jan 1	159 June 1	
*124 1/2 144	*124 1/2 144	*124 1/2 144	*124 1/2 144	*124 1/2 144	*124 1/2 144	---	Preferred.....100	125 1/4 Nov 13	143 May 3	139 Jan 3	139 Jan 3	
*205 250	*213 250	*213 250	*213 250	*225 225	*225 225	8,800	Utah Copper.....No par	22 1/2 Nov 25	353 Mar 19	159 Jan 3	273 Feb 3	
31 1/2	32 1/4	31 1/4	31 1/4	32 1/2	32 1/2	5,500	Utilities Pow & Lt A.....No par	24 1/2 Nov 13	58 1/2 Aug 5	28 1/2 Feb 5	45 1/4 Mar 5	
*4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	---	Vadso Sales.....No par	3 Nov 14	18 1/2 Jan 21	---	---	
*57 64	*57 64	*57 64	*57 64	*57 64	*57 64	15,400	Vanadium Corp.....No par	37 1/2 Nov 13	116 1/2 Feb 8	60 Jan 7	111 1/2 Nov 7	
51 51 1/2	52 53 1/2	51 52 1/4	51 51 1/4	51 52 1/2	53 54 1/2	---	Van Raalte.....No par	17 Dec 9	42 Sept 6	70 Jan 6	40 1/2 Oct 6	
*18 1/2	*19 20	*19 20	*19 20	*19 20	*19 20	20	2nd preferred.....100	50 Nov 27	53 Apr 24	48 1/2 Jan 7	58 Dec 7	
*50 59	*50 59	*50 59	*50 59	*54 59	*54 59	800	Vick Chemical.....No par	33 Oct 29	109 May 15	63 Jan 5	58 Dec 5	
*38 1/2	*39 39	*38 1/2	*38 1/2	*38 1/2	*38 1/2	600	Vic Talk Mach 7% pr pref. 100	110 Oct 29	24 1/2 Jan 28	12 1/2 Jan 20	20 1/2 Nov 20	
*5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	300	Virg-Caro Chem.....No par	15 Oct 29	65 1/2 Jan 28	44 1/2 Jan 28	64 1/2 Nov 28	
*105 110	*105 110	*105 110	*105 110	*105 110	*105 110	10	Virg Elec Pow Dr (7).....100	69 Nov 12	110 Sept 16	106 1/2 Dec 1	114 1/2 Apr 1	
*39 43	*39 43	*39 43	*39 43	*39 43	*39 43	290	Virg Iron Coal & Coke Pl.....100	39 Dec 18	48 Jan 29	47 Oct 7	62 1/2 Jan 7	
69 69 1/2	*65 70	*65 65	*65 65	*69 70	*68 71	60	Class A.....100	38 Nov 13	149 1/2 Aug 12	22 1/2 June 7	74 Nov 7	
*85 1/2 95	*85 1/2 95	*93 95	*95 95	*90 95	*92 90 9 1/2	1,700	Waldorf System.....No par	81 Nov 14	110 Apr 25	7 1/2 June 9	99 Sept 9	
*65 70	*65 70	*65 70	*65 70	*65 70	*65 70	100	Walgreen Co pref.....100	40 Jan 2	142 Sept 9	19 1/2 Jan 2	43 1/2 Nov 2	
25 25	24 1/2	25 25 1/4	25 25 1/4	26 26	26 1/4	2,200	Walworth Co.....No par	22 Nov 12	36 1/2 Oct 11	19 1/2 Jan 2	28 1/2 Dec 2	
*97 100	*97 100	*97 100	*97 100	*97 100	*97 100	40	Ward Baking Class A.....No par	20 Dec 20	34 1/2 Jan 17	70 Dec 12	132 Feb 12	
*26 1/2 28	*26 1/2 27	*26 27 1/2	*26 27 1/2	*27 27 1/2	*27 27 1/2							

Jan. 1 1900 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now "and interest" — words for income and defaulted bonds.

Main table containing bond listings for U.S. Government, State and City Securities, and Foreign Govt. & Municipals. Columns include Bond Description, Price (Bid/Ask), Week's Range, Range for Year, and various other market data.

On the basis of \$5 to the £ sterling. o Sales for cash.

Table with columns: Bonds, Interest Period, Price Friday, Week's Range, Bonds Sold, Range for Year 1929. Includes entries like 'Ala Gt Sou Ist cons A 6s', 'Alb & Susq Ist guar 3 1/2s', 'Alleg & West Ist gur g 4s'.

Table with columns: Bonds, Interest Period, Price Friday, Week's Range, Bonds Sold, Range for Year 1929. Includes entries like 'Ch M & St P gen g 4s A. May 1989', 'Gen g 3 1/2s ser B. May 1986', 'Gen 4 1/2s series C. May 1989'.

Table with columns: BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended Jan. 10, Interest Period, Price Friday, Jan. 10, Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range for Year 1929, Low, High, No.

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N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Jan. 10.										N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Jan. 10.									
BONDS		Interest Period.	Price Friday, Jan. 10.		Week's Range or Last Sale.		Bonds Sold.	Range for Year 1929.		BONDS		Interest Period.	Price Friday, Jan. 10.		Week's Range or Last Sale.		Bonds Sold.	Range for Year 1929.	
Industrials	Govt		Bid	Ask	Low	High		Low	High	Govt	Industrials		Bid	Ask	Low	High		Low	High
Abtldl Pow & Pap 1st 5e	1953	J D	83 1/2	Sale	82 3/4	83 1/2	No	81	85	Den Gas & E L 1st & ref s f g 5e '51	M N	100	Sale	99 1/2	100	3	98 3/4	101 3/4	
Abraham & Straus deb 5 1/2s '43	1943	A O			98 1/2	99 1/2	8	93 7/8	120	Stamp'd to Pa tax	M N	99 1/2	Sale	98 1/2	99 1/2	6	96	101 3/4	
With warrants	1952	A O	95 1/2	98	96	Jan 30	7	91 3/4	100	Den Gas (D) 1st s f 7s '42	M S			50	47	Jan 30	48	70	
Adams Express coll tr 4s	1948	M J	82	83 7/8	82	84	3	76 1/2	88 3/4	Second stamped	M S			40	41	Oct 29	55	73	
Ajax Rubber 1st 15-yr s f 8s '30	1930	J D	35	60	60	Dec 29		60	107 1/4	Detroit Edison 1st coll tr 5s '33	J J	101	Sale	101	102	28	97	103	
Alaska Gold M deb 6s	1926	M S	5 1/4	9	5 1/4	Dec 29		3	10 1/4	1st & ref 5s series A July '40	M S	102	Sale	102	102 7/8	21	99	104 3/4	
Conv deb 6s series B	1926	M S	5 1/4	12	5 1/4	Dec 29		3	10	Gen & ref 5s series A	1940	A O	102 1/2	Sale	102	102 7/8	94	99 1/2	104 1/4
Albany Pefer Wrap Pap 6s '48	1948	A O	85 1/2	86	89	Dec 29		80	98 3/4	1st & ref 6s series B July '40	M S	107	Sale	106	107	27	104	108 3/4	
Allegheny Corp coll tr 5s	1944	F A	100	Sale	100	100 5/8	177	93	112	Gen & ref 5s ser B	1955	F A	102 3/8	Sale	102 1/8	102 3/4	38	100	104 3/8
Coll & conv 5s	1949	J D	100	Sale	99 3/4	100 1/2	225	93	111 1/2	Series C	1962	F A	101 1/8	103	103	7	100	105 1/8	
Alis-Chalmers Mig deb 5s	1937	M N	100 1/4	107 1/2	99 3/4	100 1/8	10	97 1/2	101	Det United 1st cons g 4 1/2s	1932	J J	96 1/8	96 1/2	96	98	4	93 1/2	98
Alpine-Montan Steel 1st 7s	1952	M N	91 1/2	95	91 1/2	93 1/2	24	86	97	Dodge Bros deb 6s	1940	M N	93	Sale	92 1/2	93	72	87 1/2	105 7/8
Am Agric Chem 1st ref s f 7 1/2s '41	1941	F A	103	Sale	103	103 1/2	28	95	106 1/2	Dold (Jacob) Pack 1st 6s	1942	M N	69	70	69	Dec 29		69	88
Am Beet Sug conv deb 6s '30	1930	F A	7 1/2	Sale	7 1/2	7 1/2	7	7 1/2	90	Dominion Iron & Steel 5s	1930	M N	90	99	101 1/2	Dec 29		90	101 1/2
Amercan Chain deb s f 6s	1933	A O	97 1/4	Sale	97 1/4	99	19	93 1/2	99	Donner Steel 1st ref 7s	1942	J J	102 1/4	Sale	102 1/4	102 1/4	1	98 3/4	102 1/2
Am Oil Venture 5s	1931	M N	99 1/4	100	99	99	1	98	99 1/4	Duke-Price Pow 1st 6s ser A '66	1966	M S	103 1/2	Sale	103 1/8	104	69	100 1/2	105 1/2
Am Cycamfd deb 6s	1942	A O	96 1/2	97 1/2	96	97 1/4	8	93 3/4	99 3/4	Duquesne Light 1st s f 4 1/2s A	1967	A O	99 1/2	Sale	98 7/8	100	110	95 1/2	100 7/8
Am Iron & Steel 1st 7s	1933	J D	87 1/2	Sale	87 1/2	89 1/4	20	86 3/8	92 1/2	East Cuba Sug 15-yr s f 7 1/2s '37	M S	72	Sale	69 7/8	72	18	60	92	
Amer I G Chem conv 5 1/2s '49	1949	M N	102 7/8	Sale	102 1/2	103 1/2	206	95	135	Ed Elec III 1st con g 4s	1939	J J	95 3/4	Sale	95 1/2	95 1/2	2	93 1/2	97
Amer Internat Corp conv 5 1/2s '49	1949	J J	105 1/2	Sale	94 1/2	95 1/2	57	87	122 1/4	Ed Elec III 1st con g 5s	1995	J J	108 1/2	Sale	108	Nov 29		165 1/2	110 7/8
Am Mach & Fdy s f 6s	1939	A O	103 3/4	Sale	105 1/2	Jan 30		103 1/4	105 1/2	Edith Rockefeller McCormick	1934	J J	101 1/4	Sale	100 3/4	101 3/4	35	99	102 1/2
Am Nat Gas 6 1/2s (with war)	1939	A O	7 3/4	Sale	7 1/4	7 3/4	9	64 1/8	95 5/8	Elec Pow Corp (Germany) 6 1/2s '60	M S			92	91	92	4	87 1/2	96
Am Sm & R 1st 30-yr 6s ser A	1937	A O	101 1/4	Sale	100 3/4	101 1/4	68	98	102 3/4	Elk Horn Coal 1st & ref 6 1/2s '31	J D	82 1/4	Sale	82	83	5	85	95 1/2	
Am Sugar Ref 15-yr 7s	1937	J J	101 1/4	Sale	103 1/2	104 1/4	55	101 1/2	104 7/8	Erb Corp notes (with war tr)	1931	J J	66	Sale	66	66	1	69 1/2	91
Am Tele & Teleg conv 4s	1936	F A	98	Sale	98	98	4	91 3/4	98	Equit Gas Light 1st con 6s	1932	M S	100	Sale	100	Dec 29		95	100 1/8
30-yr conv 4 1/2s	1936	M S	98 1/2	Sale	99 1/8	100	104	100	104 7/8	Federal Light & Tr 1st 5s	1942	M S	93 1/4	Sale	94 1/2	95 1/2	2	91 7/8	96 3/4
90-yr coll tr 5s	1946	J D	103 1/4	Sale	101	Feb 29		101	101	1st lien s f 5s stamped	1942	M S	95 3/8	96	94 1/2	95 5/8	12	90 3/4	97 3/4
Registered	1920	J J	101 1/2	Sale	101	104 1/4	337	100 1/2	105 3/8	1st lien 6s stamped	1942	M S	101	102	100 3/8	101 1/8	4	95	104
30-yr s f deb 5 1/2s	1943	M N	105 1/2	Sale	105 1/2	107 1/4	75	103	107 3/4	30-year deb 6s ser B	1954	J D	92 1/2	93	94	94	1	92	103
Conv deb 4 1/2s	1939	J J	140	Sale	138	141 1/8	1948	118	227	Federated Metals s f 7s	1939	J D	100	101	100	100	1	96	105
Am Type Found deb 6s	1940	A O	104 3/4	105 1/4	104 1/2	105	16	102	105 1/2	Flat deb 7s (with war)	1946	J J	105 5/8	Sale	105	106	9	99	171
Am Wat Wks & El coll tr 5s	1934	A O	100	Sale	100	100 3/4	55	96	101	Without stock pur warrants	1946	J J	90 1/2	Sale	90	91	28	84	103
Deb g 6s ser A	1975	M N	105	Sale	104 1/4	105 1/2	13	101	106 1/8	Flak Rubber 1st s f 5s	1941	M S	77	Sale	77	77	21	74 1/4	114 7/8
Am Writ Pap 1st g 6s	1947	F A	69	71	69	70 3/4	12	67	85 1/2	Framerco Ind & Deb 20-yr 7 1/2s '42	J J	103 3/4	Sale	103 1/2	103 1/2	44	99 1/8	108 1/2	
Anglo-Chilean s f deb 7s	1946	M N	83 1/2	86	83 1/2	84	10	79	100	Francisco Sugar 1st s f 7 1/2s	1942	M N	95	99 3/4	95	99 3/4	4	94	101
Antilla (Comp Asuc) 7 1/2s	1939	J J	50	51	49	Jan 30		44	79 3/8	French Nat Mail 8 1/2 Lines 7s	1943	F A	88	92	88	88	3	84	95
Ark & Mem Bridge & Ter 5s '30	1930	M S	98 3/8	Sale	98 3/8	Dec 29		93	103 1/2	Gannett Co 1st s f 4 1/2s	1942	M N	103 3/4	Sale	102 3/4	103 3/4	41	100 1/4	103 1/2
Armour & Co 1st 4 1/2s	1931	J D	89	Sale	88 1/2	89 1/2	25	84 1/2	92 1/2	Gas & El of Berg Co con g 7s '46	1946	J J	100	Sale	99 1/2	100	63	94 7/8	100
Armour & Co of Del 5 1/2s	1934	J J	82 1/4	Sale	82 1/4	84	73	79	92 1/2	Gen Cable 1st s f 5 1/2s A	1947	J J	94	94 3/4	94	94	3	91	96
Associated Oil 7 1/2s gold notes	1934	M S	102 1/2	103	102 1/2	103	5	100	103 1/8	Gen Electric deb g 3 1/2s	1942	F A	101	102	99 1/2	101	19	97 1/2	104 1/4
Atlanta Gas L 1st 5s	1947	J D	101 1/4	107	101 1/8	Nov 29		101 3/8	101 3/4	Gen Elec (Germany) 7s Ja 15 '45	1945	J J	105 1/4	114 1/2	109	109	1	102 1/2	130
Atlantic Fruit 7s stis dep	1934	J D			12 1/2	May 29		12 1/2	12 1/2	Sf deb 6 1/2s with Warr	1940	J D	94 1/2	97 1/2	96	96 1/2	7	91 1/2	99 1/2
Stamped out or deposit	1929	J D			73 1/2	73 1/2	44	65	77	Without warr'te attr ch'd '40	1940	J D	93 1/2	Sale	92 1/8	93 1/2	63	86 1/2	94 1/2
Atl Gulf & W I 8 1/2 L coll tr 5s	1939	J J	73 3/4	Sale	73 1/2	73 3/4	29	69 1/2	77 1/2	20-yr M Accept deb 6s	1937	F A	100 1/4	101	100 1/4	101 1/2	32	98 1/2	102 1/2
Atlantic Reig deb 5s	1937	J J	100	Sale	100	101	24	99 1/4	103 1/8	Genl Petrol 1st s f 5s	1940	F A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	35	85	122
Baldw Loco Works 1st 5s	1940	M N	105 1/2	Sale	105 1/2	105 1/2	1	104 1/2	107 1/2	Genl Pub Serv deb 5 1/2s	1939	J J	101 1/4	101 1/4	101 1/4	101 1/4	46	98 1/2	104 1/2
Sarasuga (Comp As) 7 1/2s	1937	J J	90	92	90 1/4	91	3	83 1/2	99	Good Hope Steel 5 1/2s w th war	1948	J J	94 1/2	Sale	92 1/2	94 1/2	24	90	107 1/2
Sataviana Petal gen deb 4 1/2s '42	1942	J J	93 1/2	Sale	93	93 1/2	18	89 1/4	94 3/4	Good Steel 1st s f 6s	1947	J J	105 5/8	Sale	105	105 1/2	40	104	108 1/4
Seidman-Hemway 6s	1932	J J	70	74	75	75	7	74	94 3/4	Go-drich (B F) Co 1st 4 1/2s	1947	J J	91 1/2	Sale	91	92	158	85	95
1st & ref 5s series C	1948	J J	104 1/4	Sale	104 1/2	104 1/2	14	102	103 1/2	Goodyear Tire & Rub 1st 5s	1957	M N	91 1/2	Sale	91	92	4	85	100
Berlin City Elec Co deb 6 1/2s '41	1941	J D	106 1/4	Sale	106	106 3/8	28	102 1/4	108 1/4	Gotham Silk Hosiery deb 6s '36	1936	J D	90	95	90	90	4	85	100
Deb sink fund 6 1/2s	1950	F A	85 1/2	Sale	86 1/2	88 1/2	12	80	92	Gold Coupler 1st s f 5s	1940	F A	69 1/2	71	69 1/2	69 1/2	2	68	81
Berlin Elec El & Under 6 1/2s '46	1946	A O	87 1/4	Sale	86	88	11	73 3/4	94	Gt Con El Pow (Japan) 7s '44	1944	F A	98 1/2	Sale	97 1/8	98 1/8	17	95 1/2	100
Beth Steel 1st & ref 5s guar A '42	1942	M N	103	Sale	103	104	12	97 1/4	104	1st & gen s f 6 1/2s	1950	J J	92 1/2	Sale	92 1/8	93 1/8	43	86 3/4	95 1/2
30-yr p m & imp s f 5s	1936	J J	100 3/4	101	99 3/4	100 3/4	64	97 1/2	103	Gulf States Steel d b 5 1/2s	1942	J D	98	Sale	98	98	19	94 3/4	99
Cons 30-year 6s series A	1943	F A	104 1/4	Sale	104 1/8	105	85	102 1/2	105 1/4	Hackensack Water 1st 4s	1952	J J	87 1/2	Sale	85	Dec 29		82 1/2	87 1/2
Cons 30-year 5 1/2s ser B	1945	F A	106 1/2	Sale	106 7/8	106													

Table of bond listings under 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Jan. 10.' with columns for Bid, Ask, Low, High, No., Range for Year 1929, and Interest Period.

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Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Boston Stock Exchange, Jan. 4 to Jan. 10, 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, Miscellaneous, National Leather, Mining, and Bonds.

Table with columns: Bonds (Concluded), Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range for Year 1929 (Low, High). Includes bonds like Chic Jet Ry U S Y 5s, E Mass St RR 4 1/2 A, etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Jan. 4 to Jan. 10, 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 stocks like Almar Stores, American Stores, Bankers Secur pref, etc.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, Jan. 4 to Jan. 10, 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 stocks like Appalachian Corp w l, Arundel Coast L (Conn), etc.

Table of stock prices for Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, including columns for Stock (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range for Year 1929.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, Jan. 4 to Jan. 10, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for Cleveland Stock Exchange, including columns for Stock (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range for Year 1929.

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange, Jan. 4 to Jan. 10, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for Cincinnati Stock Exchange, including columns for Stock (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range for Year 1929.

Table of stock prices for Cincinnati Stock Exchange, including columns for Stock (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range for Year 1929.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange, Jan. 4 to Jan. 10, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, including columns for Stock (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range for Year 1929.

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 entries like U S Print & Litho new, U S Shoe com, Waco Aircraft, etc.

* No par value.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange, Jan. 4 to Jan. 10, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1 1930 (Low, High). Includes Bank Stocks, Trust Company Stocks, Miscellaneous Stocks, Street Ry. Bonds, and Miscellaneous Bonds.

* No par value.

Los Angeles Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Los Angeles Stock Exchange, Jan. 4 to Jan. 10, 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 entries like Aero Corp of Calif, Assd Gas Electric rights, Aviation Corp of Calif, etc.

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 entries like Union Oil Associates, Union Oil of Calif, Union Bank & Tr Co.

* No par value.

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock Exchange, Jan. 4 to Jan. 10, 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 entries like Anglo & London P Nat Bk, Assoc Insurance Fund Inc, Atlas Imp Diesel Eng, etc.

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 entries like Illinois Pacific Glass A, Investors Assoc (The), Kolster Radio Corp, etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange, Jan. 4 to Jan. 10, 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 entries like Abbott Laboratories com, Acme Steel Co cap stk, Adams J D Mfg com, etc.

Stocks (Continued) Par.		Friday Last Sale Price	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week Shares.	Range for Year 1929.		Stocks (Concluded) Par.		Friday Last Sale Price	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week Shares.	Range for Year 1929.			
	Par.		Low.	High.		Low.	High.		Par.		Low.	High.		Low.	High.		
Bancok Co (The) com.	10	20 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	1,000	18 1/2	Dec 34 1/2	Oct	Mo-Kan Pipe Line com.	5	20	18 1/2	20	4,000	10	Oct 42 1/2	May
Baxian-Blessing Co com.	10	39	39	39	450	32	Nov 62	Aug	Modine Mfg com.	50	50	50	2,000	48	Mar 75	July	
Baxter Laundries Inc A	10	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	50	10	Dec 26	Jan	Mohawk Rubber Co com.	5	9	9	300	7 1/2	Dec 66	Jan	
Beatrice Creamery com.	50	72 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	850	73 1/2	Dec 130	Oct	Monighan Mfg Corp A	10	17 1/2	17 1/2	200	17 1/2	Dec 35	Jan	
Bendix Aviation com.	5	34 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	25,900	24	Nov 104	July	Monroe Chemical Co com.	15	14	15	150	12	Nov 26 1/2	Jan	
Binks Mfg Co cl A conv pf	10	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	250	24 1/2	Nov 37 1/2	Jan	Preferred	10	30	30	100	30	Dec 51	Jan	
Borg-Warner Corp com.	10	35	33 1/2	36	34,700	26 1/2	Nov 152	Jan	Morgan Lithograph com.	12 1/2	10	13	4,860	5	Oct 56 1/2	Jan	
7% preferred	100	97	98	98	250	95 1/2	Nov 104	Aug	Muskegon MotSpec conv A	10	16	16 1/2	200	16	Dec 36 1/2	Jan	
Brach & Sons (E J) com.	10	16 1/2	18	18	1,100	11	Nov 29 1/2	Jan	Nachman Spring'd com.	10	26	27	550	22 1/2	Dec 76 1/2	Feb	
Bright Star El Co A	10	1	1	1	50	1 1/2	Dec 26	Jan	Nat Battery Co pref.	10	31	31	100	28	Dec 64	Jan	
Class B	10	1	1	1	50	1 1/2	Nov 18	May	Nat Elec Power A part.	28 1/2	28	28 1/2	500	20 1/2	Oct 68 1/2	July	
Brown Fence & Wire cl A	10	17 1/2	19	19	850	17	Nov 30 1/2	Jan	National Leather com.	10	1 1/2	1 1/2	1,200	1 1/2	Dec 5 1/2	Jan	
Class B	10	13 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	450	10	Dec 37 1/2	Jan	Natl Republic Inv tr.	10	50 1/2	52	1,200	47	Dec 72 1/2	Sept	
Bruce Co E L com.	10	45	47	47	300	40	Aug 86 1/2	Aug	Nat Secur Invest Co com.	10	13 1/2	15	1,000	11	Dec 55 1/2	Sept	
Burnham Trad Corp alt ct	20	27 1/2	26 1/2	29 1/2	550	25 1/2	Dec 65 1/2	Sept	Certificates	10	77	82 1/2	850	68	Dec 118	Sept	
Budler Brothers	10	16	15	17 1/2	7,550	13 1/2	Dec 45	Jan	Nat Shareholders com.	10	25	25	400	25	Oct 26 1/2	Dec	
Castle & Co (A M)	10	48	50	50	300	42	Dec 79 1/2	Jan	Nat Standard common.	32 1/2	31 1/2	32 1/2	800	30 1/2	Nov 56	Feb	
CeCo Mfg Co Inc com.	10	17	16	18	1,350	16	Dec 86 1/2	Feb	Nat Term Corp part pf.	10	14 1/2	14 1/2	200	14	Dec 20	Aug	
Cent Cold Stor Co com.	20	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	450	22	Nov 40	Oct	Nat Un Radle Corp com.	10	3 1/2	3 1/2	1,800	3 1/2	Mar 64 1/2	Sept	
Cent III Pub Serv pref.	10	93 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	200	85	Nov 98	Jan	Nobblitt-Sparks Ind com.	10	48 1/2	47	49	2,150	32 1/2	Dec 43 1/2	Oct
Cent Illinois Sec Co cts	10	27	26 1/2	27	1,000	22	Nov 40	Oct	North American Car com.	10	38 1/2	35	39 1/2	2,500	29	Oct 70	Jan
Cent Pub Serv class A	10	35 1/2	35	35 1/2	900	25	Oct 57 1/2	Oct	North Amer G & El cl A	10	20 1/2	20	20 1/2	450	18	Nov 26	Feb
Central S W Util com new	10	22 1/2	21 1/2	23	6,825	12 1/2	Nov 26 1/2	Oct	No Am Lt & Pr Co com.	10	68 1/2	67 1/2	1,200	60	Nov 90	July	
Chain Belt Co com.	10	45	45	45	100	42	Nov 59 1/2	Jan	Nor Amer Wat Wks & El A	10	20 1/2	21 1/2	200	18	Nov 25 1/2	Sept	
Cherry Buntell Corp com.	10	35	35	35	40	38 1/2	Jan 58 1/2	Jan	& Am Corp A com.	10	18	16 1/2	2,550	14	Dec 45	Aug	
Chicago Corp com.	10	39 1/2	38 1/2	40	38,100	12 1/2	Nov 73	Aug	Northwest Bancorp com.	50	55	54 1/2	1,400	53	Dec 90 1/2	Sept	
Convertible preferred.	100	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	17,800	35	Nov 69	Aug	Northwest Engr Co com.	10	21 1/2	22 1/2	450	19	Nov 48	Feb	
Chicago Elec Mfg A	10	15	15	16	500	3	Nov 15	Jan	Ontario Mfg Co com.	10	32 1/2	32 1/2	400	29	Dec 45 1/2	Sept	
Chic Flexible Shaft com.	5	15	15	16	100	16	Nov 17 1/2	Sept	Oshkosh Overall Co com.	10	5 1/2	5 1/2	100	5	Oct 15 1/2	Mar	
Chic Investors Corp com.	10	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	6,950	6	Dec 51 1/2	Aug	Convertible preferred.	10	18	18	500	15	Nov 27	Mar	
Preferred	100	35 1/2	33 1/2	36 1/2	9,100	30	Nov 58	Aug	Pac Pub Ser Co cl A com.	10	29 1/2	29 1/2	1,300	16	Oct 38 1/2	Sept	
Cities Service Co com.	10	30	27 1/2	30	17,350	19	Oct 68 1/2	Oct	Parker Pen (The) Co com	10	34 1/2	34 1/2	400	34 1/2	Dec 57	Jan	
Club Alum Utten Co	10	5 1/2	3 1/2	5 1/2	7,900	2	Dec 34 1/2	Feb	Peabody Coal com B	10	8 1/2	8 1/2	300	8 1/2	Dec 30	Aug	
Commonwealth Edison	100	240	236	240 1/2	925	202	Nov 449 1/2	Aug	Penn Gas & El A com.	10	17 1/2	17 1/2	150	16	Oct 31 1/2	July	
Community Water Serv.	10	13	13	13	500	12 1/2	Dec 21 1/2	Oct	Perfect Circle (The) Co.	10	32 1/2	32 1/2	100	28	Nov 67	Aug	
Construction Material.	10	16	16 1/2	16	100	15	Dec 38	Feb	Pines Winterfront com.	5	43	42 1/2	45	3,000	34	Nov 90 1/2	Aug
Preferred	100	40	39 1/2	40	150	35	Oct 65	Feb	Process Corp common.	10	6	7 1/2	4,520	6 1/2	Oct 35	Jan	
Consumers Co common.	5	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	1,250	4 1/2	Oct 38 1/2	Jan	Pub Serv of Nor Ill com.	100	222	220	225	198	200	Nov 435	Jan
Preferred	100	60	60	60	350	59 1/2	Dec 80	Feb	Quaker Oats pref.	100	112	112	50	100 1/2	July 120	Jan	
V t c purchase warrants	5	1 1/2	2	400	1	1	Oct 6 1/2	Jan	R-S De Vy com.	10	16 1/2	16 1/2	850	15	Nov 52	Sept	
Cont Chic Corp alt cts.	10	66	65 1/2	66 1/2	7,940	59	Nov 97 1/2	Sept	Railroad Shares Corp com.	10	7 1/2	7 1/2	9,900	6 1/2	Dec 12 1/2	Oct	
Continental Steel com.	10	20 1/2	21	20 1/2	200	21	Dec 47 1/2	Sept	Rath Packing Co com.	10	21 1/2	22	600	21 1/2	Dec 44	Sept	
Corp	10	12 1/2	14	14	22,150	9	Nov 37 1/2	Sept	Raytheon Mfg Co.	10	18	18	25	600	18	Dec 81 1/2	Apr
Corp Sec of Chic alt ct	10	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	300	5 1/2	Dec 100 1/2	Oct	Reliance Mfg Co com.	10	17 1/2	17 1/2	150	14	Nov 30 1/2	Jan	
Crane Co com.	25	44	44	44	800	42	Oct 48 1/2	Mar	Rollins Hos Mills conv pf.	10	43 1/2	43 1/2	650	39	Dec 58 1/2	Aug	
Curtis Mfg Co com.	5	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	50	18	Dec 37	Jan	Ross Gear & Tool, com.	10	29 1/2	32	1,500	29	Dec 57	Feb	
Davis Industries Inc A	10	3	3	50	1	1	Nov 17 1/2	Jan	Ryerson & Son Inc com.	10	33 1/2	34 1/2	350	30 1/2	Dec 50	July	
Decker (Alf) & Cohn A	10	10 1/2	11	400	8 1/2	Oct 27	Jan	Sally Frocks Inc com.	10	14 1/2	17	650	16	Oct 35	Sept		
Dexter Co (The) com.	10	15 1/2	15 1/2	50	15 1/2	Dec 25 1/2	July	Sangamo Electric Co com.	10	33	33	100	30	Nov 46 1/2	Jan		
Eddy Paper Corp (The)	10	17 1/2	17 1/2	50	17 1/2	Dec 28	Jan	Saunders Stores Inc A com.	10	37 1/2	37 1/2	50	48	July 73	Jan		
El Household Util Corp.	10	43 1/2	41 1/2	43 1/2	3,400	30	Jan 90 1/2	Sept	Seaboard Util Shares Corp.	10	6 1/2	6 1/2	8,050	5	Oct 18 1/2	Jan	
El Research Lab Inc.	10	7 1/2	7 1/2	1,400	7 1/2	Dec 22 1/2	Jan	Seaford Steel Corp com.	10	50	50	500	83 1/2	Dec 92 1/2	Dec		
Empire G & Fuel 7% pf 100	100	87	87	150	84 1/2	Nov 98 1/2	Mar	Signode Strap com.	10	23	24	100	11 1/2	Nov 24 1/2	Dec		
6 1/2% preferred.	100	82	82	50	82	Dec 97	Jan	Cum pref.	10	23	24	150	20	Nov 32 1/2	Jan		
Fitzs & Cons D & D com.	10	49	50	100	47 1/2	Dec 83 1/2	Feb	So Colo Pr Elec A com.	25	23 1/2	23 1/2	100	20	Nov 35 1/2	Sept		
Foot Bros G & M Co.	5	17 1/2	17 1/2	2,550	13	Nov 32 1/2	July	So West Gas & El 7% pf 100	100	95	95	95	92 1/2	Dec 101	Jan		
Gardner-Denver Co com.	10	60	60	50	58	Dec 80 1/2	July	So West Lt & Pr pref.	10	82	82	100	80 1/2	Dec 95	Apr		
Gen Theatre Equip v t c.	34	31 1/2	34	1,350	28	Oct 66	Sept	Standard Dredge conv pf.	10	26 1/2	26	27	700	20	Nov 41	Feb	
Gen Wat Wks Corp cl A	10	23 1/2	23 1/2	50	20	Nov 31 1/2	Oct	Common.	10	21 1/2	21 1/2	650	17	Nov 39 1/2	Mar		
Gerlach-Barklow com.	10	14 1/2	14 1/2	100	12	Nov 26	Feb	Stelnite Radio Co.	10	2	3 1/2	4,500	2 1/2	Dec 49	Jan		
Preferred	100	19 1/2	19 1/2	50	12	Dec 30	Feb	Stone & Co (H O) com.	10	25 1/2	24	27	3,600	28	Dec 38 1/2	Oct	
Gleason Com Har com.	10	20	21	600	16 1/2	Dec 25	Nov	Storkline Fur conv pref.	25	15 1/2	18	350	18 1/2	Dec 30	Jan		
Gochaux Sugars B	10	13 1/2	15 1/2	1,380	15 1/2	June 38	Sept	Studebaker Mall Ord cl A.	10	17	18	250	14	Dec 30	Jan		
Goldblatt Bros Inc com.	10	24 1/2	26 1/2	450	22	Nov 38	Feb	Super Mail Corp com.	10	49 1/2	49 1/2	45	40	Dec 74	Jan		
Great Lakes Aircraft	5	5	6 1/2	650	4	Dec 82	Jan	Swift Int'l com.	100	136	137	2,000	123	June 145	Aug		
Great Lakes D & D.	100	150	150	240	126	Nov 290	July	Swift International.	15	35	34 1/2	35 1/2	3,800	25	Oct 46	Aug	
Grisby-Grunow Co com.	10	18 1/2	21	61,400	14 1/2	Nov 69 1/2	Sept	Tenn Prod Corp com.	10	13	13	1,800	9 1/2	Nov 28 1/2	Jan		
Ground Gripper Shoe com.	10	27 1/2	27 1/2	500	26	Dec 48 1/2	Sept	Thomson Co (J R) com.	25	38	39	550	30	Nov 62	Jan		
Hall Printing Co com.	10	28 1/2	28 1/2	450	20	Nov 36	Oct	Time-O-St Controls A.	10	26	25	350	20	Oct 50	Aug		
Harnischfeger Corp com.	10	28 1/2	27 1/2	850	25 1/2	Nov 33 1/2	Sept	Union Carbide & Carbon	10	79	79	1,000	73 1/2	Dec 76	Dec		
Hart-Carter Co conv pref.	10	21 1/2	20 1/2	1,050	18	Oct											

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Air Investors Inc com v t c*	3 3/4	3 3/4	3 3/4	400	3	Oct	20 1/2	July	38	35	38 3/4	3,800	29 1/4	Dec	76	May
Convertible preference...	15	16	400	10	Dec	40 1/2	July	23 1/4	23 1/4	23 1/4	100	20	Nov	39	Mar	
Ala Gt Sou RR pref...50	130	130 1/4	50	109 3/4	Nov	167	Feb	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	600	15 1/2	Dec	29 1/2	May	
Alexander Industries...	2 1/2	2 1/2	1,000	1 1/2	Dec	23	Mar	6	5 1/2	6	300	4 1/2	Nov	80	July	
Alles & Fisher common...	14	14	100	15	Nov	36 3/4	Jan	17 1/2	15 1/2	17 1/2	2,000	8	Oct	67 1/2	May	
Allied Aviation Industries																
With stock purch warr...*	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	100	3/4	Dec	14 1/2	June	7	7	300	5 1/2	Oct	38 1/2	Jan	
Allied Internl Inc com...*				900	4	Dec	25 1/2	Oct	10 1/2	11 1/4	8,000	10 1/2	Nov	20 1/2	Aug	
Allied Mills Inc...	13 3/4	13	14	2,300	10 1/2	Oct	24 1/2	Oct	31 1/2	31	3,800	15	Nov	69 1/2	Apr	
Allison Drug Stores cl A...	3/4	3/4	200	3/4	Oct	11	May	4 1/4	58	525	30	Oct	172	Apr		
Class B...	3/4	3/4	200	3/4	Oct	11	May	4 1/4	58	525	30	Oct	172	Apr		
Aluminum Co prof...100	108	107 3/4	108 1/2	1,300	103	Nov	110	June	7 3/4	7 3/4	500	8	Oct	13 1/2	Sept	
Aluminum Industries Inc...		26 3/4	30 3/4	400	25	Dec	49	July	10	9 1/2	10 1/2	800	9 1/2	Dec	21 1/2	Oct
American Arch Co...100		37	38	200	31	Nov	47 1/2	Jan	10	10	200	15	Nov	23	Apr	
Amer Brit & Cont Corp...*	5	5	5	900	5	Dec	22 1/2	Feb	3 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	1,000	3 1/2	Nov	19 1/2	Mar
Amer Chain com...*	4 1/4	37	41 1/2	2,400	16 1/2	Mar	49 1/2	Oct	34 1/2	33 1/2	6,600	20	Oct	60 1/2	Sept	
American Cigar com...100	75 1/2	75	80	850	76	Dec	153 1/2	Aug	4 1/2	5 1/2	38,900	5	Dec	85 1/2	Jan	
American Colortypecom...*		23	23	100	16	Oct	49 1/2	Feb	18	24	3,000	21	Nov	46 1/2	June	
Amer Cyanamid com cl B20	26 1/2	26	27 1/2	10,000	20 1/2	Nov	80	Jan	75	75	25	70	Nov	91 1/2	Feb	
Amer Dept Stores Corp...*	3 1/2	3	3 1/2	1,600	2 1/2	Dec	29	Mar	100	100	100	0 1/2	Dec	4 1/2	Jan	
American Equities com...*	16 1/2	15 1/2	18	5,100	14 1/2	Oct	33 1/2	Oct	3 1/2	3 1/2	100	0 1/2	Dec	4 1/2	Jan	
Amer Investors cl B com...*	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	3,300	10 1/2	Nov	42	Sept	21	20	21	500	35	Oct	59	Jan
Warrants...		4 1/2	5 1/4	200	3	Dec	24 1/2	Sept	12	10 1/2	12	5,200	8 1/2	Dec	80 1/2	Sept
Am Laund Mach com...*	62 1/2	63	75	66	Dec	97	Jan	9	10 1/2	85	400	70	Nov	111 1/2	Sept	
Amer Mfg Co...100		45	48	175	37	Jan	59 1/2	Sept	81 1/2	85	15,700	2 1/2	Oct	10 1/2	Jan	
American Phenix Corp...50	48	48	48	100	45	Dec	70	Aug	53 1/2	54 1/2	3,700	45	Nov	79 1/2	Jan	
Amer Pneum Serv com...25		5 1/4	5 1/4	100	2 1/2	Mar	16 1/2	Apr	12 1/2	13	200	6	Dec	47	Mar	
Amer Salamandra Corp...50	56	56	56	600	51	Nov	89	Sept	11 1/2	11 1/2	4,100	7 1/2	Oct	20 1/2	Feb	
Amer Solvents & Chem...*		12	12	100	10 1/2	Nov	40 1/2	July	3 1/2	3 1/2	1,100	35 1/2	Dec	50 1/2	Aug	
Old common...		3 1/2	3 1/2	100	3	Feb	3 1/2	Jan	37 1/2	37 1/2	600	19	Dec	30 1/2	Sept	
American Thread pref...25		6 1/2	6 1/2	4,200	5	Dec	5 1/2	Dec	21	21	22 1/2	200	29 1/2	Oct	44 1/2	July
Amer Yvette Co new w l...*		27 1/2	27 1/2	100	20 1/2	Nov	33 1/2	May	14 1/2	14 1/2	1,300	10	Dec	27 1/2	Jan	
Anchor Post Fence com...*		12 3/4	13	300	8	Oct	25 1/2	Aug	10 1/2	10 1/2	300	10	Dec	27 1/2	Jan	
Anglo-Chile Nitrate Corp...*		17 1/2	18 1/2	200	15	Oct	45 1/2	Jan	10 1/2	10 1/2	300	10	Dec	27 1/2	Jan	
Anglo Norwegian Holding...*		3	3	500	2 1/2	Dec	4 1/2	May	44 1/2	44 1/2	300	40	Nov	63	Oct	
Arcturus Radio Tube...*	10 1/2	10	10 1/2	200	7 1/2	Dec	55 1/2	May	9 1/2	11 1/2	5,000	9	Dec	39 1/2	Sept	
Art Metal Works com...*		19 1/2	19 1/2	100	15 1/2	Dec	56 1/2	Feb	73	69	73	500	60	Nov	121 1/2	Sept
Assoc Elec Industries...		6 1/2	6 1/2	2,800	5 1/2	Oct	15 1/2	May	34	26	34 1/2	27,600	24	Nov	66 1/2	Sept
Amer dep rets...*		2	2	100	1 1/2	Dec	14 1/2	Feb	17	17	300	14	Nov	25 1/2	Jan	
Associated Laundries A...*		4 1/4	4 1/4	900	3	Nov	35 1/2	Jan	119 1/2	119 1/2	121	300	80	Oct	159 1/2	Sept
Associated Rayon com...*		42 1/2	39 1/2	42 1/2	400	30 1/2	Nov	87 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	2,100	11 1/2	Dec	28	Aug	
6% preferred...100		23	24	300	20	Dec	90 1/2	Feb	37 1/2	36	38 1/2	16,500	32	Nov	121 1/2	Mar
Atlantic Coast Fisheries...*		3 1/2	3 1/2	200	1 1/2	Oct	2	Jan	3 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	6,200	3	Oct	27 1/2	May
Atl Fruit & Sugar...*		23 1/2	23 1/2	100	24	Dec	26	Nov	32	32	200	25	Nov	61	Jan	
Atlas Plywood new com...*		33 1/2	33 1/2	100	30 1/2	Nov	54 1/2	Jan	11	11 1/2	700	1 1/2	Dec	19 1/2	Feb	
Atlas Portland Cement...*		7 1/2	7 1/2	300	7 1/2	Dec	15 1/2	Jan	9	8 1/2	9	100	12	Oct	23 1/2	Aug
Automatic Voting Mach...*		15 1/2	16 1/2	1,300	15 1/2	Dec	29 1/2	Jan	33	32 1/2	33	4,900	23	Nov	63 1/2	Sept
Conv prior partic...*		25 1/2	28 1/2	4,400	20 1/2	Nov	89 1/2	Mar	115 1/2	119 1/2	120	114	Aug	118	Sept	
Aviation Corp of the Amer...*		12 1/2	13	12,600	12	Nov	23 1/2	Feb	240	249	50	162	Nov	49 1/2	May	
Aviation Credit Corp...*		37	38	300	30	Nov	43 1/2	Feb	1 1/2	1 1/2	300	1	Oct	4 1/2	Feb	
Axton-Fisher Tob A com...10		122	123	150	117 1/2	Apr	139	Oct	12 1/2	14	1,600	10	Nov	17 1/2	Aug	
Babecek & Wilcox Co...100		2 1/2	3	200	1 1/2	Oct	22 1/2	Jan	26 1/2	27 1/2	2,200	18	Nov	49	Sept	
Bahia Corp com...*		48 1/2	48 1/2	600	46 1/2	Dec	50 1/2	Oct	29	29	20	20	Nov	48	Sept	
Bancomit Corp new...*		14 1/2	15	800	14 1/2	Dec	27	July	4	4	4 1/2	200	3	Dec	12 1/2	Aug
Bickford's Inc com...*		28	28	100	28	Dec	34 1/2	July	25 1/2	25 1/2	100	24 1/2	Nov	30 1/2	Oct	
\$2.50 preferred...*		31 1/2	32	300	30	Nov	64	Sept	55	55	100	58	Nov	66	Oct	
Blaw-Knox Co...*		23 1/2	23 1/2	1,300	10	Oct	58 1/2	Jan	2 1/2	2 1/2	200	2	Nov	5 1/2	June	
Bliss (E W) Cement com...*		6 1/2	7 1/2	12,900	3 1/2	Oct	29 1/2	Aug	3 1/2	3 1/2	300	6 1/2	Nov	11 1/2	Feb	
Blue Ridge Corp com...*		38 1/2	35 1/2	33,400	23 1/2	Nov	55 1/2	Jan	24	24	400	6 1/2	Oct	33 1/2	Jan	
6% Opt 6% conv pref...50		29 1/2	27 1/2	700	27 1/2	Dec	102 1/2	July	59	58	61 1/2	3,900	26	Oct	160	Aug
Blumenthal (S) & Co com...*		1 1/2	1 1/2	100	1	Aug	3	Jan	86 1/2	86 1/2	100	70	Nov	101	Sept	
Blyn Shoe Inc com...10		68	68	100	65	Nov	102 1/2	July	82	82	150	70	Oct	103	Sept	
Bohach (H C) Co Inc...*		2 1/2	2 1/2	200	1 1/2	Jan	5 1/2	May	72	70	73 1/2	1,200	52	Nov	92	Sept
Bridgeport Mach com...*		14 1/2	14 1/2	400	14	Nov	27 1/2	Mar	19 1/2	19 1/2	1,900	17	Nov	33 1/2	Jan	
Brillo Mfg...*		28 1/2	28 1/2	100	26	Nov	32 1/2	Feb	21	21 1/2	400	20	Nov	32 1/2	Sept	
British American Tobacco		4	4 1/2	300	3 1/2	Dec	10 1/2	June	100	100	100	80	Oct	150	Aug	
Am dep rets old bearer £1		34 1/2	35 1/2	1,000	30	Oct	50	Jan	7 1/2	7 1/2	200	5	Nov	14 1/2	Jan	
Brit Celanese Amer dep rets		250	250	3 1/2	Oct	8	Sept	11 1/2	11 1/2	300	10 1/2	Dec	26 1/2	Aug		
Bulova Watch conv pref...*		1,200	1,200	3 1/2	Oct	5 1/2	Jan	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	200	40	Nov	460	Oct	
Burco Inc warrants...		15	15	100	2 1/2	Nov	5 1/2	Jan	12	14 1/2	2,700	11 1/2	Dec	41 1/2	Jan	
Burma Corp Amer dep rets		30	30	1,600	29 1/2	Nov	52	Sept	29 1/2	29 1/2	300	29	Dec	42 1/2	Oct	
Butler Bros...*		44	44	100	44	Nov	100	Sept	2 1/2	2 1/2	200	2	Dec	11 1/2	Aug	
Buzza Clark Inc com...*		33 1/2	34 1/2	1,300	30	Oct	57 1/2	Feb	19 1/2	20	400	10	Nov	59	Mar	
Carnation Co common...*		80	87 1/2	3,400	80	Oct	122	Apr	19 1/2	19 1/2	1,900	17	Nov	33 1/2	Jan	
Carrier Eng cl A non-vot...*		83	87	1,300	80	Nov	100	Feb	21	21 1/2	400	20	Nov	32 1/2	Sept	
Celanese Corp of Am com...*		17	17	200	12	Nov	50	Jan	100	100	200	80	Oct	150	Aug	
First preferred...100		3	3	3,100	3 1/2	Nov	13	Jan	11 1/2	12	300	10 1/2	Dec	46	Jan	
7% prior preferred...100		22 1/2	22 1/2	100	21	Nov	42	Jan	11	11 1/2	2,000	10	Dec	26 1/2		

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Nat Investors com.	13 1/2	13 1/2	14	1,900	10 1/2	Nov 6 1/2
Nat Screen Service.	15 1/2	15 1/2	16	200	6	Nov 3 1/2
Nat Steel without warr.	50 3/4	50	50 3/4	2,300	50	Dec 57 1/2
Nat Sugar Refg.	31 3/4	31	31 3/4	1,500	28 1/2	Dec 6 1/2
Nat Trade Journal Inc.	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 3/4	100	5	Nov 3 1/2
Nat Union Radio com.	3 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/4	1,900	3 1/2	Dec 4 1/2
Nat conv pref.	5	5	5	100	2	Nov 3 1/2
Nehl Corp common.	18 1/2	16 1/2	18 1/2	2,000	15	Nov 29 1/2
First preferred.	74	74	74	200	70	Jan 76
Nelsner Bros Inc pf.	124 1/2	115	124 1/2	100	118	Dec 140
New Mexico & Ariz Land.	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 3/4	800	2 1/2	Oct 9 1/2
New Or Ct Nor RR.	12 1/2	13	200	10 1/2	Dec 32	Feb
N Y Auction common.	24 1/2	24 1/2	25	200	20 1/2	Dec 52
N Y Investors com.	24 1/2	22 1/2	24 1/2	4,700	7 1/2	Nov 24 1/2
N Y Merchandise.	24	24	24	200	17	Nov 48 1/2
N Y Rlo & Bu's Aires AL.	12 1/2	8 1/2	13 3/4	3,400	5 1/2	Dec 19 1/2
Niagara Share Corp.	17 1/2	17 1/2	19 1/2	4,400	12	Nov 7 1/2
Niles-Bem't-Pond com.	29	29	37 1/2	8,200	21 1/2	Nov 78
Noma Electric Corp com.	14	13 1/2	14	300	6	Oct 27 1/2
North American Aviation.	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	4,600	4	Dec 24
Northwest Engineering.	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	200	17 1/2	Nov 48 1/2
Novadel-Agens common.	23 1/2	22 1/2	23 1/2	500	20	Feb 31 1/2
Oilstocks Ltd of A.	9	9	9	100	8 1/2	Oct 19 1/2
Orange-Crush Co.	29	29	30	700	24	Nov 34
Oth Elevator com.	73 1/2	70 1/2	73 1/2	1,500	68 1/2	Dec 75
Outboard Mot Corp com B.	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	2,300	3 1/2	Dec 13 1/2
Conv pref A.	11 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	1,100	10 1/2	Nov 21 1/2
Ovington Bros partic pref.	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	200	10	Nov 2 1/2
Overseas Securities.	15 1/2	15 1/2	18	300	19	Dec 5 1/2
Paramount Cab Mfg com.	13 1/2	11 1/2	13 1/2	3,700	6	Oct 43 1/2
Parke Davis & Co.	41 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/2	600	40 1/2	Dec 58 1/2
Patterson-Sargent Co com.	23 1/2	23 1/2	25 1/2	225	10	Oct 39 1/2
Pender (D) Grocery of A.	35	35	35	60	20	Nov 62 1/2
Penrod Corp com v t o.	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	31,900	13	Dec 30
Peoples Drug Store Inc.	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	100	45	Nov 94
Pepperell Mfg.	95	92	95	200	85	Oct 113 1/2
Perfection Stove Co.	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	75	60	Sept 100
Perryman Elec com.	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	200	4	Nov 29 1/2
Pet Milk 7% pref.	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	20	94 1/2	Nov 114
Phillippe (Louis) cl A.	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	100	8 1/2	Nov 32
Phi Morris Con Inc com.	3	3	3	300	2 1/2	Dec 4 1/2
Flek (Albert), Barth & Co	10	10	10 1/2	300	10	Sept 19
Pref partic pd.	11	11	11	200	10 1/2	Oct 38 1/2
Pierce Governor Co com.	11 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	2,900	7	Nov 29 1/2
Pilot Radio & Tube cl A.	41	41	41	300	41	Oct 67 1/2
Pines Winterfront Co.	10 1/2	10	10 1/2	800	8 1/2	Nov 31 1/2
Pittsburgh Forgings.	13	13	14	900	10	Dec 10 1/2
Pittsb Plate Glass com.	56 1/2	54	56 1/2	1,900	49	Dec 76 1/2
Polymet Mfg.	14	13 1/2	15 1/2	1,600	12 1/2	Nov 42 1/2
Pottery Sugar com.	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	100	4 1/2	Oct 8 1/2
Powdrell & Alexander.	60	60	62	700	60 1/2	Oct 120 1/2
Pratt & Lambert Co.	56	56	57 1/2	600	58	Nov 85
Pressed Metals.	23 1/2	22	23 1/2	300	20 1/2	Dec 24 1/2
Prince & Whitely Trad.	9 1/2	9 1/2	10 1/2	6,400	6 1/2	Nov 14
\$3 conv pref A.	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	1,200	29	Nov 50 1/2

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Thompson StarrtCo com.	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	500	5	Oct 20
Pref without warr.	40 1/2	40	40 1/2	700	34 1/2	Nov 42 1/2
Timken Det Axle pref.	105	105	105	100	105 1/2	Nov 110
Todd Shipyards Corp.	46	42 1/2	46	100	40 1/2	Nov 76 1/2
Transamerica Corp.	48 1/2	42 1/2	44	41,800	20 1/2	Oct 41 1/2
Transcont Air Transp.	8 1/2	7	8 1/2	5,600	1 1/2	Oct 32 1/2
Voting trust cts.	4 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	3,900	3 1/2	Dec 31 1/2
Trans-Lux Pict Screen.	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	2,800	3	Oct 24
Class A common.	78	79 1/2	78	600	45 1/2	Nov 104 1/2
Tri-Cont Allied Co unit cts.	12 1/2	12 1/2	13	7,700	10	Nov 57
Tri-Continental Corp com.	80	75	80 1/2	2,200	75	Nov 119 1/2
6% cum pref with war100	5 1/2	4 1/2	6 1/2	5,500	4	Dec 60
Warrants	44 1/2	40	44 1/2	1,700	40	Dec 60
Tri-Utilities Corp.	8	8	8	4,000	5 1/2	Nov 33 1/2
Triplex Safety Glass.	24 1/2	24	25	1,100	22 1/2	Nov 60 1/2
Amer rets ord sh reg.	174	147 1/2	175	670	111	Nov 69 1/2
Trunz Pork Saus.	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	100	10 1/2	Oct 49 1/2
Publis Artificial Silk of B.	34	34	34 1/2	300	23 1/2	Nov 50 1/2
Tung Sol Lamp Wks com.	18 1/2	18	18 1/2	300	15	Oct 36 1/2
\$3 cum conv pref.	28 1/2	26 1/2	28 1/2	3,400	24 1/2	Dec 27 1/2
Ulen & Co com.	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	300	15	Oct 36 1/2
Underleider Finan. Corp.	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	6,500	3 1/2	Dec 20
Union Tobacco com.	101	101	101	100	92	Jan 109
United Carbon pref.	11 1/2	11	12	600	11	Oct 22
United-Carr Fasnier com.	32 1/2	32	33 1/2	900	29 1/2	Nov 61 1/2
United Chemicals pref.	15 1/2	14 1/2	16	3,000	8 1/2	Nov 47 1/2
United Corp warrants.	8 1/2	8	8 1/2	600	6 1/2	Nov 20 1/2
United Dry Docks com.	4	3 1/2	4	300	2 1/2	Dec 21
United Milk Prod com.	29	27 1/2	29 1/2	2,200	23 1/2	Nov 41 1/2
United Molasses Co Inc.	36	36	36	100	29	Nov 53
Am dep rets for ord reg.1	1 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	300	1 1/2	Nov 11
United Porto Rican Sug.	2	1 1/2	2	300	2	Dec 23 1/2
United Profit Share com.	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	700	6 1/2	Dec 9 1/2
United Reproducers.	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	500	4 1/2	Dec 3
Class A without warr.	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	500	4 1/2	Dec 3
Class B.	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	500	4 1/2	Dec 3
Unit Retail Chem A v t c.	8	8	8	300	7 1/2	Dec 4
B vot tr cts.	60 1/2	61	61	300	55 1/2	Nov 85 1/2
Preferred.	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1,700	1 1/2	Dec 28 1/2
United Shoe Mach'y com 25	52	52	52	100	43 1/2	Nov 30
United States Corp com.	15	15	15	100	14 1/2	Nov 30
U S Wall Paper Factories.	15	15	15	100	14 1/2	Nov 30
U S Dairy Prod class A.	24	23 1/2	24 1/2	1,500	20 1/2	Nov 56 1/2
Class B.	19 1/2	18 1/2	19 1/2	2,300	14	Nov 7 1/2
U S Finishing com.	14	14	14 1/2	900	13	Dec 19
U S Poll class B.	43	43	43	100	37	Nov 56 1/2
U S Lines com.	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	500	5	Nov 18 1/2
U S Radiator com v t c.	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	2,200	10	Oct 44
U S Shares Financial Corp.	19 1/2	19 1/2	20 1/2	6,100	13	Nov 55 1/2
With warrants.	25	25	25 1/2	800	20	Oct 54 1/2
Utility Equities Corp.	25	25	25 1/2	500	11	Nov 38
Utility & Ind Corp com.	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	500	11	Nov 38
Preferred.	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	500	11	Nov 38
Van Camp Paek com.	19	18	19	12,300	16 1/2	Dec 18
7% preferred.	15	15	15 1/2	200	14	Feb 28 1/2
Vic Finacial Corp.	15	15	15 1/2	600	13	Nov 26 1/2
Vogt Mfg Corp.	15	15	15 1/2	100	9 1/2	Nov 22 1/2
Waitt & Bond class A.	60	57 1/2	61	4,400	32 1/2	Nov 107 1/2
Class B.	27	27	27 1/2	800	21	Dec 83 1/2
Walgreen Co common.	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	3,300	6 1/2	Oct 23
Warrants.	2	2	2 1/2	2,200	1 1/2	Dec 14 1/2
Walker (Hiram) Gooderham	9	9	10	400	5 1/2	Oct 32
& Works common.	52	52	52	100	62	Nov 80
Watson (John W) Co.	22 1/2	22 1/2	24 1/2	700	15	Dec 78 1/2
Wayne Pump common.	112	112	112	129 1/2	May 140	Jan
Welch Grape Juice com.	18	15 1/2	18 1/2	2,200	14 1/2	Feb 41 1/2
Western Air Express.	51	55	55	600	50	Dec 61 1/2
Willams (R C) Co Inc.	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	1,800	3 1/2	Dec 16 1/2
Will-Low Cafeteria com.	2	2	2	100	2	Dec 11 1/2
Wilson-Jones Co com.	20 1/2	19 1/2	20 1/2	3,300	17	Dec 44 1/2
Winter (Ben) Inc com.	8 1/2	7 1/2	9	5,400	3 1/2	Oct 28 1/2
Worth Inc class A.	14	14	14	100	12	Dec 49 1/2
Worth Inc class B.	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	2,900	7 1/2	Dec 14 1/2
Zenits Products Corp com.	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	14,500	1 1/2	Nov 5 1/2
White Sew Mach deb rights	6	6	10 1/2	38,200	1 1/2	Nov 14 1/2
Public Utilities—						
Allegheny Gas Corp com.	5 1/2	5 1/2	6	700	4 1/2	Dec 15
Allied Pow & Lt com.	38 1/2	36 1/2	41 1/2	53,000	23	Nov 110
\$5 1st preferred.	79 1/2	77	80	1,700	71	Nov 80
\$3 preference.	47 1/2	45	48	4,200	40 1/2	Dec 52
Am Cities Pw & Lt cl A. 50	39 1/2	38 1/2	39 1/2	1,200	29 1/2	Nov 84 1/2
Class B.	16	14 1/2	16 1/2	4,400	10	Oct 60 1/2
Am Com'with P com A.	24 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/2	7,400	18	Oct 31 1/2
Common B.	35	35	35 1/2	700	22	May 52
Warrants.	3 1/2	3 1/2	4	700	2 1/2	Dec 11 1/2
Amer & Foreign Pow warr.	70 1/2	67 1/2	74 1/2	18,500	25 1/2	Oct 17 1/2
Amer Gas & Elec com.	119	116 1/2	122	6,400	70	Nov 324 1/2
Preferred.	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	100	88	Nov 109 1/2
Amer Lt & Trans com.	230 1/2	225	230 1/2	425	180	Nov 399
Amer Nat Gas com v t c.	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	100	5 1/2	Nov 18 1/2
Amer Pub Serv 7% pref.	96	96	96	50	96	Dec 29
Am States Pub Serv of A.	19	18 1/2	19	300	18 1/2	Dec 29
Amer Superpower Corp	25 1/2	24 1/2	26	86,100	15	Nov 7 1/2
Com. new.	94 1/2	94 1/2	95	1,700	89 1/2	Nov 100 1/2
First preferred.	105	105	105	10	90	Oct 107
Appalachian Pow 7% pref.	102	102	102	10	90	Oct 107
Arkansas Pr & Lt 87 pref.	41 1/2	36 1/2	43	18,500	35 1/2	Oct 72 1/2
Assoe Gas & Elec class A.	38 1/2	36 1/2	39 1/2	12,900	31 1/2	Nov 75 1/2
Brazilian Tr & Pow ord.	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	2,700	22	Nov 26 1/2
Buff Neg & East Pr pt. 25	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	1,300	3	Oct 5 1/2
Cables & Wireless.	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	7,600	1 1/2	Oct 5 1/2
Am Dep rets A ord sh. 11	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	700	3 1/2	Oct 5 1/2
Am dep rets B ord sh. 11	6	6	6 1/2	900	6	Dec 19 1/2
Am dep rets pref sh. 11	35 1/2	35	35 1/2	5,900	20	Oct 57 1/2
Cent Ati States Serv v t c.	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	50	98	May 103 1/2
Cent Pub Serv class A.	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	100	19	Dec 39 1/2
Prior lien.	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	50	92	Mar 100
Cent & S W Util new.	22 1/2	19 1/2	22 1/2	9,200	12	Oct 83 1/2
7% preferred.	25	25	25	100	19 1/2	Jan 103
Cent States Elec com.	238	237	240	420	210 1/2	Nov 449 1/2
Warrants.	99	99	102 1/2	2,700	93 1/2	Nov 104 1/2
Com'with Edison Co. 100						

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Internat Util class A	35	35	100	28 1/2	Nov	51	July	27	27	100	22	July	37	Oct		
Class B	8 3/4	7 3/4	14,900	8 3/4	Nov	22 1/2	Feb	27	27	800	1 1/4	Oct	8 3/4	Feb		
Italian Super Power of A	10	9 3/4	3,200	8 3/4	Jan	35	Sept	22	22	200	1 1/4	Nov	25 1/2	Apr		
Warrants	5 1/4	5 1/4	1,600	4 3/4	Dec	23	Sept	3 1/4	4 1/4	1,100	3	Oct	11	Jan		
Jersey Cent P & L 7% pf100	100 3/4	100 3/4	100	100	Oct	105	Apr	2 1/2	2 3/4	300	1 3/4	Nov	5 1/2	Jan		
Long Island Light com	44 3/4	41	44 3/4	900	40	Oct	91	July	11 1/2	10 3/4	1,900	9	Nov	26 1/2	Jan	
7% preferred	100	108 3/4	109	40	103	Nov	112 3/4	Mar	14	14	1,600	1 1/4	Nov	24	Mar	
Marconi Internat Marine									8 1/2	6 1/2	5,700	4	Nov	12	Aug	
Commun Am dep rets	11 1/4	11 1/4	11 1/4	300	7	Oct	87 1/2	Aug		8 3/4	400	7 1/4	Oct	23	Jan	
Marconi Wire T of Can	3 3/4	3 3/4	4	3,300	3	Oct	12 1/2	July		2 1/2	2,900	1 1/4	Oct	6 1/2	Jan	
Marconi Wireless Tel Lond										200	1 1/4	Dec	5 1/2	Jan		
Class B		12 1/2	12 1/2													
Memphis Nat Gas	11 1/2	10 3/4	11 1/2	1,300	8 1/2	Dec	22 1/2	Jan		3 1/2	700	1 1/4	Dec	47 1/2	Jan	
Middle West Util com	26 3/4	26 3/4	27	9,200	18	Oct	51 1/2	Sept	70 3/4	70 3/4	95 1/2	300	98 3/4	Dec	165	Mar
8% conv pref ser A	99 1/2	100	100	200	92	Nov	140	Sept								
Mohawk & Hud Pr Ist pf	104	106	106	725	98 1/2	Oct	110 1/2	Jan								
2d pref	103 1/4	105 1/4	105 1/4	150	99 1/2	Oct	110	Jan								
Nat Elec Pow Class A	30	30	100	25	Nov	65	July									
Nat Pub Serv com class A	22 1/4	22 1/4	23	2,200	20	Nov	44	July								
N Engl Pow Assn 6% pf100	89 1/2	91	91	40	85	Aug	100	Feb								
New Eng P S pr lien	96	96	96 3/4	200	97	Oct	100	Jan								
New Eng Tel & Tel	100	145	145	50	142	Dec	179 1/2	Aug								
N Y Pr & Lr 7% pref	100	105 1/2	106	300	102	Sept	108	July								
N Y Telop 6 1/2% pref	100	114	114 3/4	100	111	June	113 1/2	Dec								
Nlag Hudson Pr warr	10	12 1/2	13 3/4	60,600	11 1/2	Dec	80 1/2	July								
Class A opt warr	3 3/4	3 3/4	3 3/4	5,900	2 3/4	Dec	24 1/2	Aug								
N warr (1 warr for 1 sh)	7	6 3/4	7	1,300	2	Oct	21 1/2	Sept								
Nor Amer Util Sec com	6	6	6	200	5	Nov	26	May								
Nor States P Corp com	100	178	178	300	115 1/2	Oct	301	Sept								
Ohio P S 7% 1st pf A	100	100 1/4	100 1/4	300	100 3/4	Oct	110 1/2	Jan								
Oklahoma G & E pref	110	110	110	50	105 3/4	Sept	111 1/2	Feb								
Pacific Gas & El 1st pref 25	26 1/4	26 1/4	26 1/4	2,500	24 1/2	Oct	28 1/2	Jan								
Pacific Pub Serv of A com	30 1/4	30 1/4	30 1/4	100	23 1/2	Nov	38	Sept								
Pa Gas & Elec cl A	26 1/4	26 1/4	26 1/4	400	16 1/2	Oct	31	July								
Penn Ohio Edison com	53	57	57	800	42 1/2	Nov	106 1/2	June								
7% prior pref	100	105	111 1/2	3,680	98	Nov	109	July								
6% preferred	100	95	96 3/4	400	86 1/2	Nov	100	Oct								
Warrants series B	11 1/2	13	13	200	4	Nov	51	June								
Pa Water & Power	74	74	74	200	68 1/2	Dec	117 1/2	Aug								
Peoples Light & Pow com A	34 1/4	33 1/2	35	700	25	Oct	58 1/2	Feb								
Power Securities com	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	100	14 1/2	Nov	27	Mar								
Preferred	38	40	290	39 1/2	Dec	86 1/2	Apr									
Pub Serv of Nor Ill	220	220	25	210	Jan	385	Sept									
Puget Sd P & L 6% pf100	99 3/4	99	99 3/4	60	98	Jan	101 1/2	Apr								
Railway & Lt Sec com	73	73	100	55	Nov	113 1/2	July									
Rochester Cent Pow com	38 1/2	38 1/2	200	10	Oct	49	Jan									
Rockland Light & Power	22	19 1/2	22	3,500	18	Nov	40 1/2	July								
Shawinigan Wat & Pow	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	200	65	Oct	111 1/2	Aug								
Sierra Pacific Elec com	49 3/4	43	49 3/4	600	26	Oct	69 1/2	Aug								
S'east Pow & Lt partic pf	90 1/4	90 1/4	100	2,200	80	Nov	98	Feb								
7% preferred	100	108	110 1/2	1,200	100	Nov	110 1/2	Sept								
Sou Calif Edison pf A	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	1,100	23 1/4	Mar	30	Jan								
Preferred B	25	25	25	1,100	20	Oct	26 1/2	Jan								
5 1/2% pref class C	20 1/2	22 1/2	23 1/2	1,100	21 1/2	Oct	29 1/2	Jan								
Sou Cal Power cl A	25 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	200	18 1/2	Nov	38 1/2	Sept								
Sou west Gas Util com	8	8	8 1/2	1,200	4 1/2	Oct	22 1/2	Aug								
South Pow & Lt 7% pf100	108	109	109	50	102	June	113	Oct								
Stand Gas & El 7% pref	106 3/4	106 3/4	109	200	100	Nov	111 1/2	Feb								
Standard Pow & Lt	126 3/4	125	126 3/4	200	49 1/2	Jan	189	Sept								
Preferred	99 3/4	99 3/4	99 3/4	50	93 1/2	Nov	105 3/4	Feb								
Tampa Electric Co	75 1/2	55	68	2,300	40 1/2	Nov	103 1/2	Sept								
Tenn Elec Pow 7% pf	100	108	108	75	101 1/2	July	109 1/2	Feb								
Union Nat Gas of Can	25	26 1/2	26 1/2	500	23 1/2	Dec	45	July								
United Gas com	21 1/2	19 1/2	21 1/2	20,600	15 1/2	Oct	50 1/2	Sept								
Un Elec Serv Am shs	15 1/2	16	16	2,200	1 1/2	Oct	4 3/4	Feb								
Purch warr	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	100	7 1/2	Oct	7 1/2	Jan								
United Lt & Pow com A	33 1/2	29 1/2	34	103,200	20	Nov	61 1/2	July								
6% cum lnt pref	100	97 1/2	100 1/4	300	85 1/2	Nov	124 1/2	July								
Util Pow & Lt com	15	14 1/2	15 1/2	8,302	13	Dec	40	July								
Class B v t c	40	38	44 1/2	312	27	June	90	July								
Former Standard Oil Subsidiaries																
Anglo-Amer Oil Vot shs																
Voting stock reg	17 1/2	16 1/2	17 1/2	4,500	16 1/2	Dec	16 1/2	Dec								
cts of dep	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	23,000	13 1/2	Sept	18 1/2	Feb								
Non-vot cts of dep	11	16 1/2	17 1/2	8,300	11	Nov	17 1/2	Dec								
Non vot stock reg		10 1/2	10 1/2	100												
Buckeye Pipe Line	50	63 1/2	63 1/2	100	55	Oct	74 1/2	Aug								
Chesbrough Mfg	166 3/4	166 3/4	166 3/4	100	130	Nov	216 1/2	Jan								
Contn Oil (Mo.) v t c	14	11	14 1/2	600	10	Nov	29	Mar								
Eureka Pipe Line	100	50	50	100	42	Nov	70 1/2	Jan								
Galena Oil Corp w l	2 1/2	2 1/2	100													
Galena Signal Oil com	100	5	5	100	4 1/2	Dec	7	Sept								
New pref cts of dep	75 1/2	75 1/2	60	73 1/2	May	78	Mar									
Humble Oil & Refining	25	85 1/2	86 1/2	1,900	74 1/2	Nov	128	Aug								
Illinois Pipe Line	100	306 1/2	305	2,200	260	Nov	340 1/2	Aug								
Imperial Oil (Canada)	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	1,700	22	Oct	41	Sept								
Indiana Pipe Line	10	39 1/2	39 1/2	400	26	Nov	42 1/2	Nov								
National Transit	12.50	22 1/2	21 1/2	1,100	10 1/2	Oct	25 1/2	Jan								
Ohio Oil	71	71	71	1,400	64 1/2	Jan	79 1/2	Sept								
Penn Mexican Fuel	25	20	20	100	18 1/2	Dec	44 1/2	Apr								
South Penn Oil	41	41	41	300	35 1/2	Oct	60 1/2	Apr								
Southern Pipe Line	13	13	13 1/2	500	13	Feb	23 1/2	Sept								
Standard Oil (Indiana)	25	52 1/2	52 1/2	38,900	45	Oct	63	Mar								
Standard Oil (Kansas)	25	29	29 1/2	3,300	18	Jan	33 1/2	Oct								
Standard Oil (Ky)	25	34	33 1/2	4,500	29	Oct	46 1/2	Oct								
Standard Oil (Neb)	25	45 1/2	45 1/2	100	40	Nov	50 1/2	May								

Bonds (Continued)—	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range for Year 1929.			
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.	Low.	High.
Empire Oil & Refg 5 1/2% '42	83 1/4	84 1/4	84 1/4	12,000	79	Nov	92	Jan
Europ Mtg & Inv Trst 8 1/2% '1937	83 1/4	84 1/4	84 1/4	6,000	79	Nov	92	Jan
7 1/2% '1950	99	101	101	9,000	92	Sept	93 1/2	Dec
Fairbanks Morse Co 5 1/2% '1939	93	93	1,000	79	Sept	101 1/2	Feb	
Federal Sugar 6% '1933	93	93 1/2	2,000	92	Sept	96 1/2	Jan	
Federal Water Serv 5 1/2% '54	87 1/2	88	4,000	81 1/4	Nov	85 1/2	Jan	
Finland Residential Mtge Bank 6% '1921	92 1/2	90 1/4	92 1/2	21,000	90 1/4	Dec	103 1/4	Sept
Firestone Cot Mills 6% '1948	78	77	79 1/4	26,000	72	Nov	91 1/4	Jan
Firestone T & R Cal 6% '1942	91	90 1/2	91	12,000	88	Aug	94 1/2	Jan
Flint Rubber 5 1/2% '1931	95	94	95	17,000	90 1/4	July	95 1/4	Aug
Florida Power & Lt 6% '1934	44	44	44 1/4	2,000	35	Dec	96	Jan
Garlock Packing deb 6% '39	83 1/2	83	84 1/4	127,000	73	Nov	93 1/4	Feb
Genlax Power 6% '1936	94 1/4	94 1/4	2,000	89	Nov	118 1/2	Aug	
Genlax Power 6% '1936	92 1/2	92 1/2	117,000	91 1/4	Nov	97 1/4	Feb	
Genlax Power 6% '1941	92 1/2	95 1/4	96 1/4	11,000	85	Oct	100 1/4	Jan
Gelsenkirchen Min 6% '1934	91 1/4	90	91 1/4	68,000	86 1/4	Oct	91 1/4	Jan
Gen Amer Invest 5% '1922	80	81 1/2	18,000	78	Dec	86 1/2	Feb	
Gen Indus Alcohol 6 1/2% '44	86 1/2	89	9,000	79	Nov	106	June	
Gen Laund Mach 6 1/2% '1937	50	50	13,000	50	Dec	102 1/2	Jan	
General Rayon 6% A '1948	60	60	26 1/2	9,000	60	Dec	95	Jan
Gen Theatres Eq 6% '1944	109 1/4	98	109 1/4	121,000	97 1/4	Nov	175	Oct
General Vending Corp 6% with warr Aug 15 1937	21	25	12,000	19 1/2	Dec	87 1/2	Feb	
Georgia & Fla RR 6% '1946	20 1/2	20 1/2	2,000	20 1/2	Dec	70 1/2	Jan	
Georgia Power ref 5% '1943	98	97 1/2	98 1/2	132,000	94	Sept	98 1/2	Dec
Goodyear T & R 5 1/2% '1931	106 1/2	106 1/2	10,000	97 1/2	June	100	Feb	
Grand Trunk Ry 6 1/2% '1938	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	May	108	Jan	
Gulf Oil of Pa. 5% '1927	99 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	143,000	87 1/2	Aug	101 1/2	Jan
Gulf States Oil 5% '1926	100	100	100 1/2	68,000	98 1/2	Aug	102 1/2	Dec
Hamburg Elec 7% '1935	100	102	9,000	96 1/2	Nov	103	Jan	
Hamburg El & Und 5 1/2% '38	85	84 1/2	85	18,000	79 1/2	Aug	88	Jan
Hanover Cred Inst 6% '1931	96 1/2	96 1/2	3,000	93	May	97	Dec	
Hood Rubber 7% '1936	93 1/2	93 1/2	3,000	76 1/2	Aug	97	Jan	
Houston Gulf Gas 6 1/2% '43	81 1/2	81 1/2	83	7,000	68	May	92 1/2	Aug
Hydrade Food 6% '1949	61	60 1/2	61 1/2	23,000	65 1/2	Dec	92 1/2	Jan
Ill Power & Lt 5 1/2% ser B '54	99	100	3,000	97	Apr	100 1/2	Aug	
Indep Oil & Gas deb 6% '1939	102 1/2	102 1/2	103	20,000	98 1/2	Nov	121 1/2	May
Ind'Polis P & L 6% ser A '57	98 1/2	98 1/2	99	44,000	93 1/2	Nov	100	May
Inland Utilities 6% '1934	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	4,000	98	Nov	98 1/2	Sept
Insull Util Inv 6% '1940	99 1/2	99	100 1/2	97,000	91 1/2	Dec	96 1/2	July
Int Pow Sec 7% ser E '1957	82 1/2	80	84	19,000	80	Sept	92	Jan
Internat Securities 5% '1947	100 1/2	100 1/2	21,000	100	Nov	104 1/2	Jan	
Interstate Nat Gas 6% '1936	88 1/2	88 1/2	90	16,000	83 1/2	Apr	96 1/2	Jan
Invest Bond & Share Corp 6% '1942	82	80 1/4	82	8,000	80 1/4	Dec	97	Jan
Iowa-Neb L & P 5% '1957	88 1/2	88 1/2	89	5,000	90	Dec	110	Jan
Isareo Hydro-Elec 7% '1952	77	77	3,000	75	Nov	83	Jan	
Italian Superpower of Del 6% '1931	89 1/2	89	90	8,000	88 1/2	Dec	131 1/2	Sept
Ist Pow Sec 7% ser E '1957	92 1/2	92 1/2	1,000	87	Sept	94 1/2	Jan	
Internat Securities 5% '1947	84 1/2	88	15,000	78	Oct	91 1/2	Jan	
Interstate Nat Gas 6% '1936	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	16,000	68 1/2	Dec	82	Jan
Kansas Gas & Elec 6% '2022	69	71 1/2	30,000	68 1/2	Dec	82	Jan	
Kelvinator Co 6% '1936	101	101	1,000	99	Apr	103	May	
Koppers G & C deb 5% '1947	72 1/2	69 1/2	72 1/2	22,000	66	Nov	79 1/2	Apr
Laclede Gas 5 1/2% '1935	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	75,000	93	July	109 1/2	Apr
Laclede Gas 5 1/2% '1935	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	6,000	97	Aug	101	Mar
Lehigh Pow Secur 6% '2028	103 1/2	103	104	89,000	98	Oct	106	Jan
Libby, McE & Libby 5% '42	95	94 1/2	95	5,000	91	Oct	102 1/2	Jan
Lone Star Gas Corp 6% '1942	92	92 1/2	7,000	89	Nov	94	Jan	
Long Island Lt 6% '1945	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	55,000	93	Sept	99 1/2	Jan
Louisiana Pow & Lt 6% '1957	104	103 1/2	104	9,000	100	Sept	106	Feb
Manitoba Power 5 1/2% '1951	94 1/4	94 1/4	95 1/2	12,000	87	Nov	96 1/2	Jan
Mass Gas Cos 5 1/2% '1946	98 1/2	98 1/2	99 1/2	9,000	95	Nov	101	Jan
McCord Rad Mtg 6% '1943	103 1/2	103	103 1/2	13,000	99 1/2	Aug	104 1/2	Apr
Memphis Nat Gas 6% '1943	80	80	2,000	80	Dec	99 1/2	Jan	
Metrop Edison 4 1/2% '1968	95	97	5,000	90	Oct	107	Feb	
Milwaukee Gas Lt 4 1/2% '67	96	97	92,000	91 1/2	Aug	99	Jan	
Minn Pow & Lt 4 1/2% '1978	97	97	6,000	94 1/2	Sept	100 1/2	Feb	
Miss River Fuel 6% '1943	91 1/2	92	11,000	84 1/2	Sept	93	Jan	
Morris & Co 7 1/2% '1920	104 1/2	102 1/2	104 1/2	109,000	97	Nov	119 1/2	Jan
Munson S S Lines 6 1/2% '37	98 1/2	99 1/2	27,000	96 1/2	Apr	101 1/2	Jan	
Narragansett 6 1/2% '1948	99 1/2	99 1/2	21,000	97	Oct	101	Jan	
Nat Power & Lt 6% A '2026	103	103	3,000	97	May	123	Aug	
Nat Public Service 5% '1978	99	98	99 1/2	33,000	95 1/2	Sept	100 1/2	Jan
Nebraska Power 6% A '2022	105	105	105 1/2	26,000	101	Oct	105 1/2	Jan
N E Gas & El Assn 5% '1947	74 1/2	74	74 1/2	139,000	73 1/2	Dec	83 1/2	Jan
N Y & Foreign Invest 5 1/2% A with warr '1948	104	104	105 1/2	10,000	101 1/2	June	110	Mar
N Y P & L Corp 1st 4 1/2% '67	89 1/2	87 1/2	89 1/2	21,000	85	Oct	97 1/2	Feb
Nippon Elec Pow 6 1/2% '1953	91	88 1/2	91	12,000	85	Sept	97 1/2	Jan
North Ind Pub Serv 6% '1966	79	80	4,000	75	Nov	94	Feb	
5% series D '1969	92 1/2	92 1/2	93 1/2	140,000	88 1/2	Oct	96	Oct
No Sta Pow 6 1/2% notes '33	105 1/2	105 1/2	1,000	102	Nov	108 1/2	Jan	
North Texas Util 7% '1935	89 1/2	89 1/2	90	28,000	87	Apr	92	Jan
Ohio Power 5% ser B '1952	98	98	99	13,000	94	Sept	101 1/2	Jan
Ohio River Edison 5% '1951	98 1/2	98 1/2	99 1/2	53,000	96 1/2	Dec	98	Dec
Oswego River Pow 6% '1931	102 1/2	102 1/2	10,000	100 1/2	Oct	104	Feb	
Pac Gas & El 1st 4 1/2% '1954	98 1/2	98 1/2	7,000	97 1/2	Nov	105	Oct	
Pacific Western Oil 6 1/2% '43	99 1/2	99 1/2	20,000	95 1/2	Nov	100 1/2	Feb	
Penn-Ohio Edison 6% '1950	94 1/2	94 1/2	49,000	96	June	99 1/2	Dec	
Without warrants	81 1/2	81	82	31,000	89 1/2	Sept	98 1/2	Jan
5 1/2% when issued	100 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	34,000	98	Sept	102	Jan
Penn Dock & W 6% w w '49	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	37,000	89	Aug	97 1/2	Mar
Penn Pow & Lt 6% B '1952	95	93 1/2	95	15,000	92	Nov	99 1/2	Apr
1st & ref 5% ser D '1963	101	101	101 1/2	5,000	98 1/2	Nov	103 1/2	Aug
Peoples Lt & Pow 5% '1979	101	101	101 1/2	21,000	99	May	102 1/2	Jan
Phila Electric Co 5 1/2% '1953	75	74 1/2	76	36,000	85	Oct	100	Feb
5 1/2% '1947	105 1/2	105 1/2	3,000	104	Dec	107	Nov	
Phila Elec Pow 5 1/2% '1947	105 1/2	105 1/2	1,000	104 1/2	Aug	107	Feb	
Phila Rapid Trans 6% '1902	105	105	105 1/2	31,000	101 1/2	Oct	105 1/2	Jan
Phila Suburban Counties Gas & El 1st 4 1/2% '57	92 1/2	92 1/2	93 1/2	11,000	92	Nov	103 1/2	Feb
Pittsburgh Coal 6% '1949	97 1/2	97 1/2	2,000	94	Aug	98 1/2	Jan	
Pittsburgh Steel 6% '1948	100	101 1/2	9,000	98 1/2	Oct	102	Dec	
Poor & Co 6% '1939	101 1/2	102 1/2	37,000	100 1/2	Apr	103	Jan	
Potomac Edison 5% '1966	105 1/2	105 1/2	17,000	96	June	130	Aug	
Power Corp of NY 5 1/2% '47	96	96	96	26,000	92 1/2	Aug	98	Mar
Procter & Gamble 4 1/2% '47	96	96	4,000	88	Aug	98 1/2	Feb	
Puget Sound P & L 5 1/2% '49	97	97	17,000	90 1/2	May	98 1/2	Feb	
Queensboro Gas & El 5 1/2% '1952	101 1/2	101 1/2	34,000	97 1/2	Oct	101 1/2	Jan	
Reliance Manuf 5% '1954	100 1/2	100 1/2	21,000	95 1/2	Sept	105	Feb	
Rocheater Cent Pow 5% '55	79 1/2	80	8,000	80	Dec	111 1/2	Sept	
Ruhr Gas 6 1/2% '1953	80 1/2	81	117,000	76	Oct	89 1/2	Jan	
Ryerson (Jos T) & Sons Inc 15-yr sink fund deb 5% '47	81	80	81	4,400	72 1/2	Nov	94	Jan
St Louis Coke & Gas 1st 4 1/2% '47	92	92 1/2	10,000	90 1/2	Aug	96	Jan	
San Ant Public Serv 5% '1958	75	75	7,000	76	Dec	92	Jan	
Sauda Falls 5% '1955	94	93	94	17,000	88	Sept	97	Feb
Schulte Real Estate 6% '1935	100	100 1/2	10,000	97	Dec	102 1/2	Jan	
Without warrants	53	53	5,000	51	Dec	110	Jan	
Without warrants	51	51	5,000	50	Dec	96 1/2	Mar	

Bonds (Continued)—	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range for Year 1929.			
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.	Low.	High.
Scripps (E W) 5 1/2% '1943	85	85 1/2	13,000	85	Dec	95 1/2	Apr	
Serve Inc (new co) 6% '1948	70	70	2,000	65	Nov	85 1/2	Jan	
Shawhan W & P 4 1/2% '67	92	92 1/2	12,000	88 1/2	Aug	94 1/2	Jan	
Shell Union Oil 5% '1949	98 1/2	97	6,000	94	May			

Quotations of Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked "F".

Main table of financial data with columns for security names, par values, and prices. Includes sections for Public Utilities, Railroad Equip., Chain Store Steaks, Investment Trust Stocks, and Sugar Stocks.

* Per share. † No par value. ‡ Basis. § Purch. also pays acc. div. ¶ Last sale. ** Nomin. †† Ex-div. ‡‡ Ex-rights. ††† Canadian quot. †††† Sale price. ††††† Ex. 400% stock div.

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the first week of January. The table covers one road and shows 14.92% decrease under the same week last year.

First Week of January.	1930.	1929.	Increase.	Decrease.
Minneapolis & St. Louis.....	\$215,782	\$241,867	-----	\$26,085
Total (1 road).....	\$215,782	\$241,867	-----	\$26,085
Net decrease (14.92%).....			-----	26,085

In the table which follows we complete our summary of the earnings for the fourth week of December:

Fourth Week of December.	1929.	1928.	Increase.	Decrease.
Canadian Pacific.....	\$4,550,000	\$5,562,000	-----	\$1,012,000
Georgia & Florida.....	103,400	110,794	-----	7,394
Mobile & Ohio.....	302,959	411,661	-----	108,702
Southern.....	4,129,593	4,678,743	-----	549,150
St. Louis Southwestern.....	571,400	659,266	-----	87,866
Total (5 roads).....	\$9,657,352	\$11,422,464	-----	\$1,765,112
Net decrease (11.74%).....			-----	1,765,112

In the following table we show the weekly earnings for a number of weeks past:

Week.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Increase or Decrease.	Per Cent.
4th week April (8 roads).....	\$20,100,633	\$16,956,008	+3,144,625	18.51
1st week May (8 roads).....	14,083,977	13,198,800	+885,177	6.71
2d week May (8 roads).....	14,025,691	13,800,007	+225,684	1.64
3d week May (8 roads).....	13,987,172	14,015,235	-28,063	0.20
4th week May (8 roads).....	19,926,465	20,132,939	-206,474	1.03
1st week June (8 roads).....	16,362,466	16,187,145	+175,321	1.07
2d week June (8 roads).....	14,179,746	13,805,018	+374,728	2.70
3d week June (8 roads).....	15,414,954	13,974,488	+1,440,466	10.30
4th week June (7 roads).....	20,931,896	18,619,998	+2,311,898	12.41
1st week July (8 roads).....	13,783,513	13,461,219	+322,293	2.39
2d week July (8 roads).....	14,098,543	13,922,999	+175,544	1.26
3d week July (8 roads).....	14,329,624	14,169,119	+160,505	1.13
4th week July (8 roads).....	21,329,515	20,439,976	+889,539	4.35
1st week Aug. (8 roads).....	14,210,254	14,632,315	-422,061	2.97
2d week Aug. (8 roads).....	13,914,646	14,848,790	-934,144	6.29
3d week Aug. (8 roads).....	14,138,646	14,144,881	-1,006,235	6.64
4th week Aug. (8 roads).....	21,078,339	22,069,553	-991,214	4.49
1st week Sept. (8 roads).....	13,983,956	14,430,895	-446,939	3.09
2d week Sept. (8 roads).....	15,535,299	15,383,636	+151,663	0.98
3d week Sept. (8 roads).....	15,745,187	16,524,538	-779,351	5.82
4th week Sept. (7 roads).....	21,174,408	23,291,930	-2,117,522	9.10
1st week Oct. (8 roads).....	15,055,110	18,216,629	-3,161,499	16.53
2d week Oct. (8 roads).....	15,790,725	18,706,196	-2,915,471	15.58
3d week Oct. (8 roads).....	15,740,663	17,968,778	-2,228,115	12.41
4th week Oct. (8 roads).....	21,843,142	27,153,455	-5,310,313	19.56
1st week Nov. (7 roads).....	19,329,624	14,532,851	+4,796,773	12.53
2d week Nov. (8 roads).....	13,321,855	17,436,765	-4,114,880	23.18
3rd week Nov. (7 roads).....	9,461,558	11,553,954	-2,092,396	18.11
4th week Nov. (7 roads).....	16,167,720	21,192,292	-5,024,572	23.72
1st week Dec. (6 roads).....	12,513,496	15,718,973	-3,205,478	20.40
2d week Dec. (8 roads).....	12,570,553	15,524,333	-2,953,780	19.03
3d week Dec. (7 roads).....	9,444,380	10,803,703	-1,360,323	12.59
4th week Dec. (5 roads).....	9,657,352	11,422,464	-1,765,112	11.74
1st week Jan. (1 road).....	215,782	241,867	-26,085	14.92

We also give the following comparisons of the monthly totals of railroad earnings, both gross and net (the net before the deduction of taxes), both being very comprehensive. They include all the Class 1 roads in the country.

Month.	Gross Earnings.			Length of Road.	
	1929.	1928.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)	1929.	1928.
January.....	\$486,201,495	\$457,347,810	+28,853,685	240,833	240,417
February.....	474,780,516	456,387,931	+18,392,585	242,884	242,668
March.....	516,134,027	505,249,550	+10,884,477	241,185	240,427
April.....	513,076,026	474,784,902	+38,291,124	240,956	240,316
May.....	536,723,030	510,543,213	+26,180,817	241,280	240,798
June.....	531,033,198	502,455,883	+28,577,315	241,608	241,243
July.....	556,706,135	512,821,937	+43,884,198	241,450	241,183
August.....	585,638,740	557,803,468	+27,835,272	241,026	241,253
September.....	585,638,740	557,803,468	+27,835,272	241,026	241,253
October.....	607,584,997	617,475,011	+9,891,086	241,704	241,447
			-9,890,914	241,622	241,451

Month.	Net Earnings.		Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).	
	1929.	1928.	Amount.	Per Cent.
January.....	\$117,730,186	\$94,151,973	+23,578,213	+25.04
February.....	126,368,848	108,987,455	+17,381,393	+15.95
March.....	139,639,086	132,122,686	+7,516,400	+5.63
April.....	136,821,680	110,884,575	+25,937,085	+23.39
May.....	146,798,792	129,017,791	+17,781,001	+12.09
June.....	150,174,332	127,514,775	+22,659,557	+17.77
July.....	168,428,748	137,635,367	+30,793,381	+22.37
August.....	190,957,504	174,198,644	+16,758,860	+9.62
September.....	190,957,504	174,198,644	+16,758,860	+9.62
October.....	181,413,185	178,800,939	+2,612,246	+1.46
	204,335,941	216,519,313	-12,183,372	-5.63

Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.—The table following shows the gross, net earnings and net after taxes for STEAM railroads reported this week to the Inter-State Commerce Commission:

	Gross from Railway		Net from Railway		Net after Taxes	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Ann Arbor—						
November.....	496,581	516,917	121,247	139,521	100,263	105,800
From Jan 1.....	5,798,779	5,440,367	1,530,818	1,388,271	1,237,535	1,099,301
Chicago Great Western—						
November.....	2,167,610	2,113,000	569,338	449,093	a243,729	a202,166
From Jan 1.....	23,867,180	22,957,635	5,469,535	4,698,584	a2,550,478	a2,263,504
Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe—						
November.....	3,068,957	2,718,147	1,407,044	1,192,859	1,232,127	1,010,501
From Jan 1.....	27,512,857	25,494,065	7,978,974	7,195,964	6,743,247	5,999,682
Texasarkana & Fort Smith—						
November.....	215,204	278,266	85,892	150,108	76,558	137,947
From Jan 1.....	2,871,674	2,657,580	1,460,265	1,277,557	1,273,729	1,143,216

a After rents. * Corrected report.

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.

Interoceanic Railway of Mexico.

	Month of October		Jan 1 to Oct. 31	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings.....	1,061,508	1,011,650	10,578,146	10,415,635
Operating expenses.....	1,025,837	1,032,361	10,083,764	10,314,877
Net earnings.....	35,671	-20,710	494,381	100,757
P. C. expenses to earnings.....	96.64%	102.05%	95.32%	99.03%
Kilometers.....	1,644	1,644		

National Railways of Mexico.

	Month of October		Jan. 1 to Oct. 31	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings.....	10,020,861	9,268,009	93,308,156	93,784,754
Operating expenses.....	8,162,307	8,380,035	78,205,179	82,261,786
Net earnings.....	1,858,553	887,973	15,102,976	11,522,968
P. C. expenses to earnings.....	81.45%	90.42%	83.81%	87.71%
Kilometers.....	11,395	11,816		

* Figures for 1929 do not include Tehuantepec, Alvarado and Ejutla roads.

Philippine Railway Co.

	Month of October		12 Mos. End. Oct. 31	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross operating revenue.....	72,196	64,077	760,310	689,467
Operating expenses & taxes.....	49,458	46,781	536,593	528,755
Net revenue.....	22,737	17,296	223,716	160,711
Interest on funded debt.....	28,496	28,496	341,960	341,960
Net income (deficit).....	5,759	11,199	118,243	181,248
Income appropriated for inv. in physical property.....			35,466	110,321
Balance (deficit).....	5,759	11,199	153,710	291,570

Virginia Central Ry.

	Month of November		11 Mos. End. Nov. 30	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Operating revenue.....	7,326	4,313	101,980	79,568
Operating expenses.....	5,323	3,931	50,131	49,951
Net operating revenue.....	2,003	383	51,848	20,617
Less equip. & jt. facility rent.....	649	237		
Net after income.....	1,353	145		

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:

Alabama Power Co.

	Month of November		12 Mos. End. Nov. 30	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings from operations.....			1,586,627	18,275,351
Operating expenses, including taxes and maintenance.....			544,161	6,844,750
Net earnings from operations.....			1,022,466	11,430,601
Other income.....			55,238	854,002
Total income.....			1,077,704	12,284,603
Interest on funded debt.....				4,261,914
Balance.....				8,022,689
Other deductions.....				233,044
Balance.....				7,789,645
Dividends on preferred stock.....				1,882,136
Balance for reserves, retirements, &c.....				5,907,509

American Water Works & Electric Co.

	Month of November		12 Mos. End. Nov. 30	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings.....	4,669,796	4,456,252	53,859,203	50,822,123
Oper. exp., maint. & taxes.....	2,215,798	2,225,817	27,022,129	26,105,565
Gross income.....	2,453,998	2,230,435	26,837,074	24,716,558
Net inc. avail. for divs. after all charges & reserves.....			7,658,234	5,949,863

Arkansas Power & Light Co.

	Month of November		12 Mos. End. Nov. 30	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings from operation.....	768,669	683,704	8,412,377	7,111,535
Oper. expenses and taxes.....	392,791	348,776	4,295,448	3,758,778
Net earnings from operation.....	375,878	334,928	4,116,929	3,352,757
Other income.....	32,357	15,289	261,950	268,387
Total income.....	408,235	350,217	4,378,879	3,621,144
Interest on bonds.....	109,185	109,185	1,310,210	1,170,403
Other interest and deductions.....	32,575	7,913	225,600	148,117
Balance.....	266,475	233,119	2,843,069	2,302,624
Dividends on preferred stock.....			715,348	672,803
Balance.....			2,127,721	1,629,821

Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.

	Month of Nov.		12 Mos. End. Nov. 30	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings.....	180,996	171,570	2,064,964	1,974,393
Operating expenses & taxes.....	77,551	80,081	927,875	905,609
Gross income.....	103,445	91,489		

American Telephone & Telegraph Co.

	—Month of November— 1929.	1928.	11 Mos. End. 1929.	Nov. 30— 1928.
Gross earnings	9,582,746	8,873,800	102,100,662	91,042,117
Operating income	3,017,257	3,603,183	36,168,857	35,020,292

Boston, Worcester & New York Street Ry. Co.
(And Subsidiary Companies)

	Month of Nov. 1929.	11 Mos. End. Nov. 30 '29.
Operating revenue	\$59,262	\$677,842
Operating expenses (depreciation not included)	50,057	550,012
Net operating revenue	\$9,204	\$127,829
Taxes	1,625	18,148
Operating income	\$7,579	\$109,680
Other revenue	629	12,285
Gross income	\$8,209	\$121,966
Interest on bonds	1,470	16,170
Net income	\$6,739	\$105,796

Carolina Power & Light Co.

	—Month of November— 1929.	1928.	12 Mos. End. 1929.	Nov. 30 1928.
Gross earnings from operation	808,407	841,645	9,354,984	8,996,415
Oper. expenses and taxes	340,970	345,351	4,297,974	4,394,216
Net earnings from oper	467,437	496,294	5,057,010	4,602,199
Other income	84,011	39,198	929,931	705,856
Total income	551,448	535,492	5,986,941	5,308,055
Interest on bonds	194,102	160,808	2,163,985	1,822,752
Other interest & deductions	22,003	19,407	267,557	216,770
Balance	335,343	355,277	3,555,399	3,268,533
Dividends on preferred stock			1,245,156	1,080,301
Balance			2,310,243	2,188,232

Dallas Power & Light Co.

	—Month of November— 1929.	1928.	12 Mos. End. 1929.	Nov. 30 1928.
Gross earns. from operation	448,203	432,286	5,160,931	4,720,432
Oper. expenses and taxes	192,350	177,707	2,362,400	2,189,310
Net earns. from operation	255,853	254,579	2,798,531	2,531,122
Other income	6,413	9,857	121,445	25,945
Total income	262,266	264,436	2,919,976	2,557,067
Interest on bonds	58,125	58,125	697,500	697,500
Other interest and deductions	1,483	1,086	22,103	22,289
Balance	202,658	205,225	2,200,373	1,837,278
Dividends on preferred stock			245,000	245,000
Balance			1,955,373	1,592,278

Engineers Public Service Co.

	—Month of Nov.— 1929.	1928.	12 Mos. End. 1929.	Nov. 30 1928.
Gross earnings	4,406,926	2,766,176	50,494,852	31,173,932
Operation	2,047,846	1,139,553	22,014,718	13,354,959
Maintenance	298,140	200,268	3,686,677	2,382,002
Depreciation of equipment	15,993		179,568	
Taxes	169,595	197,512	3,443,309	2,568,539
Net operating revenue	1,875,349	1,228,842	21,170,577	12,868,431
Income from other sources	65,458	5,930	793,570	129,917
Balance	1,940,808	1,024,772	21,964,148	12,998,348
Interest & amortization	594,519	300,124	6,893,405	3,863,809
Balance	1,346,288	934,647	15,070,742	9,134,538
Divs. on pref. stock of sub. cos. (accrued)			4,095,796	1,951,245
Balance			10,974,946	7,183,293
Amt. applic. to com. stk. of subs. in hands of public			91,677	57,025
Bal. applic. to res. to Engineers P. S. Co.			10,883,269	7,126,267

Federal Light & Traction Co.

	—Month of November— 1929.	1928.	12 Mos. End. 1929.	Nov. 30 1928.
Gross earnings	759,114	723,155	8,477,145	7,843,650
Oper., adm. exp. & taxes	419,672	401,444	5,026,896	4,674,893
Total income	339,442	321,711	3,450,249	3,168,757
Interest and discount	108,492	91,444	1,227,579	1,071,448
Net income	230,950	230,267	2,222,670	2,097,309
Preferred stock dividends:				
Central Arkansas Public Service Corp.			104,850	104,809
New Mexico Power Co.			1,204	
Springfield Gas & Electric Co.			69,687	68,104
Balance after charges			2,046,929	1,924,396

Gulf Power Co.

	Month of November 1929.	12 Mos. End Nov. 30 1929.
Gross earnings from operations	\$7,191	\$1,030,868
Operating expenses, including taxes and maintenance	52,153	669,361
Net earnings from operations	25,038	361,507
Other income	2,413	21,512
Total income	27,451	383,019
Interest on funded debt		164,197
Balance		218,822
Other deductions		44,991
Balance		173,831
Dividends on \$6 cumulative preferred stock		60,000
Balance for reserves, retirements and dividends		113,831

Illinois Bell Telephone Co.

	—Month of November— 1929.	1928.	—Jan. 1 to Nov. 30— 1929.	1928.
Gross earnings	7,853,000	7,051,000	83,096,000	73,565,000
Operating income	1,692,000	1,398,000	16,498,000	14,028,000

Houston Lighting & Power Co.

	—Month of November— 1929.	1928.	12 Mos. End. 1929.	Nov. 30 1928.
Gross earnings from oper	704,809	619,189	7,900,233	7,141,097
Oper. expenses and taxes	358,592	344,112	4,155,158	4,077,536
Net earnings from oper	346,217	275,077	3,745,075	3,063,561
Other income	2,177	2,691	31,200	35,683
Total income	348,394	277,768	3,776,275	3,099,244
Interest on bonds	78,346	65,262	894,594	752,900
Other interest & deductions	8,674	15,454	137,277	125,968
Balance	261,374	197,052	2,744,404	2,220,376
Dividends on preferred stock			255,000	210,000
Balance			2,489,404	2,010,376

Illinois Power & Light Corp.

	—Month of Nov.— 1929.	1928.	12 Mos. End. 1929.	Nov. 30 1928.
Gross earnings from oper	3,249,452	3,125,884	37,380,285	34,536,566
Oper. expenses & maint	1,499,504	1,575,528	18,587,691	18,107,482
Taxes	196,180	131,142	2,066,441	1,445,695
Total expenses & taxes	1,695,684	1,706,670	20,654,132	19,553,178
Earnings from operation	1,553,767	1,419,213	16,726,152	14,983,388
Less rentals	84,680	72,620	882,663	701,743
Add other income	83,213	32,472	563,506	497,252
Total net earnings	1,552,301	1,379,065	16,406,995	14,778,897
Less prior charges of Iowa Power & Light Co. and Kansas Power & Light Co.			1,437,074	1,281,419
Total earnings available for bond interest			14,969,921	13,497,476
12 mos. int. on Ill. Power & Lt. Corp. mtg. debt.			5,617,929	5,638,417

Louisiana Power & Light Co.

	—Month of November— 1929.	1928.	12 Mos. End. 1929.	Nov. 30 1928.
Gross earns. from operation	488,288	394,530	5,189,884	3,697,436
Oper. expenses and taxes	234,918	191,996	2,668,337	1,980,528
Net earns. from operation	253,370	202,534	2,521,547	1,716,908
Other income	6,484	3,411	116,206	158,970
Total income	259,854	205,945	2,637,753	1,875,878
Interest on bonds	52,083	33,333	617,500	398,121
Other interest and deductions	8,224	35,675	107,239	288,645
Balance	199,547	136,937	1,913,014	1,189,112
Dividends on preferred stock			313,333	180,000
Balance			1,599,681	1,009,112

Memphis Power & Light Co.

	—Month of November— 1929.	1928.	12 Mos. End. 1929.	Nov. 30 1928.
Gross earnings from operation	561,869	523,716	6,074,188	5,979,155
Oper. expenses and taxes	342,578	316,643	3,672,336	3,444,399
Net earnings from oper	219,291	207,073	2,401,852	2,534,756
Other income	13,873	8,401	345,275	248,832
Total income	233,164	215,474	2,747,127	2,783,588
Interest on bonds	52,952	58,256	661,560	589,272
Other interest & deductions	12,551	1,258	88,211	132,636
Balance	167,661	155,960	1,997,356	2,061,680
Dividends on preferred stock			271,124	248,840
Balance			1,726,232	1,812,840

Mississippi Power Co.

	Month of November 1929.	12 Mos. End Nov. 30 1929.
Gross earnings from operations	\$319,839	\$3,579,124
Operating expenses, including taxes and maintenance	201,151	2,224,636
Net earnings from operations	118,688	1,354,488
Other income	3,749	98,727
Total income	122,437	1,453,215
Interest on funded debt		482,229
Balance		970,986
Other deductions		348,771
Balance		622,215
Dividends on preferred stock		246,310
Balance for reserves, retirements and Dividends		375,905

Portland Electric Power Co.

	—Month of Nov.— 1929.	1928.	12 Mos. End. 1929.	Nov. 30 1928.
Gross earnings	1,073,064	1,076,805	12,728,990	12,509,115
Oper. expenses & taxes	703,400	628,325	7,646,067	7,480,062
Gross income	369,664	448,480	5,082,923	5,029,053
Interest, &c.	213,675	215,593	2,536,018	2,572,848
Net income	155,989	232,887	2,546,905	2,456,205
Divs. on stock: Prior preference			457,133	470,702
First preferred			813,033	749,917
Second preferred			330,000	322,500
Balance			946,739	913,086
Depreciation			781,792	776,934
Balance			164,947	136,152

San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Co.

	—Month of November— 1929.	1928.	12 Mos. End. 1929.	Nov. 30 1928.
Gross earnings	582,869	581,846	7,328,596	6,777,764
Net earnings	272,043	255,201	3,502,959	3,175,138
Other income	5,240	36	26,676	2,381
Net earns., incl. other inc.	277,284	255,238	3,529,635	3,177,520
Balance after interest			2,819,505	2,470,575

South Carolina Power Co.

	Month of November 1929.	12 Mos. End Nov. 30 1929.
Gross earnings from operations	235,154	2,739,401
Operating expenses, including taxes and maintenance	108,493	1,392,183
Net earnings from operations	126,661	1,347,218
Other income	4,234	82,627
Total income	130,895	1,429,845
Interest on funded debt		464,669
Balance		965,176
Other deductions		243,345
Balance		721,831
Dividends on cumulative preferred stock		160,136
Balance for reserves, retirements and dividends		561,695

York Utilities Co.

	—Month of November— 1929.	12 Mos. End. 1929.	Nov. 30. 1928.
Operating revenue	9,574	10,874	103,648
Operating expenses	11,272	11,119	110,042
Net revenue (deficit)	1,697	244	6,393
Non-operating income	7	6	67
Gross income (deficit)	1,689	238	6,325
Deductions			
Coupon interest	3,392	3,392	40,705
Taxes	391	321	4,341
Other deductions	3,783	3,714	45,104
Miscellaneous interest			58
Net income (deficit)	5,473	3,952	51,430
Surplus (deficit)			45,361
Surplus from previous year (deficit)			188,374
Profit and loss			Cr. 27
Total surplus (deficit)			239,778

Earnings of Large Telephone Companies.—The Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington has issued a monthly statement of the earnings of large telephone companies having an annual operating revenue in excess of \$250,000. Below is a summary of the return:

	No. of Co. Stations in Service, Oct. 31.	Gross Earnings, \$.	Operating Expenses, \$.	Operating Income, \$.
October 1929	16,650,877	99,914,975	66,284,718	25,024,325
October 1928	15,689,848	91,150,805	60,103,358	23,449,604
10 mos. end. Oct. 31 '29	16,650,877	947,124,859	636,938,913	228,925,327
10 mos. end. Oct. 31 '28	15,689,848	860,078,741	570,815,044	213,060,824

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial Reports.—An index to annual reports of steam railroads, public utility and miscellaneous companies which have been published during the preceding month will be given on the first Saturday of each month. This index will not include reports in the issue of the "Chronicle" in which it is published. The latest index will be found in the issue of Jan. 4. The next will appear in that of Feb. 1.

Swift & Company.

(Financial Statement—Year Ended Nov. 2 1929.)

Excerpts from address by Louis F. Swift, Pres., at the 45th annual meeting of shareholders, Jan. 9, follow:

The year 1929 was another year when our results were "not good enough to brag about nor bad enough to cry about," but we earned our dividends and a margin for surplus besides.

Our experience with employee ownership of shares has been so gratifying that we feel that we should make it attractive for still more of our employees and our friends outside the organization as well to become shareholders. By changing the par value of the shares from \$100 to \$25 we believe that part ownership of Swift & Co. will be within reach of a much larger number of small investors and that Swift & Co. shares will become even more widely distributed than they are at present.

During the year we paid out for live animals \$543,975.887. Total sales of meat, butter, eggs, cheese, poultry and all by-products amounted to more than \$1,000,000,000.

As in former years, we proved the value of diversification. Practically all of the by-product departments made good profits. In the slaughtering end of our business, however, we did most of our work for nothing.

In line with the nation-wide movement toward better distribution methods we have asked for modification of the Consent Decree which at present prevents us from engaging in the retail trade or from distributing certain food products which we are well equipped to market economically. We have based our request on the commonplace fact that methods of distribution have undergone revolutionary change since the Decree was entered into and that nothing is accomplished in the public interest by closing to us a field which is wide open to most of our competitors. It also seems inequitable that we should be prohibited from going into other lines of business when others are free to engage in meat packing.

I am glad to note that agricultural interests have almost unanimously approved our action in requesting that these inequalities be removed. Restoration of free and unrestricted competition in the nation-wide distribution of agricultural products would be one of the most effective forms of farm relief.

Now that the country seems to be passing through a period of readjustment in business, I call your attention to the fact that the packing industry is one of those fortunate industries which are not so much affected by business recessions. Food is one of the last things people stop buying when purchasing power declines.

We have so much confidence in the future of this country and in opportunities for Swift & Co. that we expect to go right ahead with our development plans as if nothing had happened. That should leave no doubt in any one's mind as to what we think of the outlook for Swift & Co. and the producers of livestock over the years immediately ahead.—V. 129, p. 3814

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

Fiscal Years Ended—	Nov. 2 '29.	Nov. 3 '28.	Nov. 5 '27.	Nov. 6 '26.
Business done	1,000,000,000	970,000,000	925,000,000	950,000,000
Net earnings	13,076,815	14,813,182	12,202,493	15,645,242
Cash dividends (8%)	12,000,000	12,000,000	12,000,000	12,000,000
Balance, surplus	1,076,815	2,813,182	202,493	3,645,242
Profit & loss, surplus	77,216,699	76,139,884	73,326,702	73,124,209
Earnings per share	\$8.72	\$9.87	\$8.13	\$10.43
a After interest, depreciation and Federal income taxes.				

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET.

	Nov. 2 '29.	Nov. 3 '28.	Nov. 5 '27.	Nov. 6 '26.
Assets—				
Real estate & improve'ts, including branches	108,437,098	106,567,964	108,150,791	110,559,925
Stocks and bonds	30,613,213	27,926,909	27,578,922	27,485,830
Cash	10,449,477	12,902,407	19,421,946	11,025,720
Accounts receivable	74,191,511	75,963,248	66,817,159	79,288,300
Live cattle, sheep, hogs, dressed beef, &c.	127,561,146	124,236,196	115,239,516	113,655,386
Total assets	351,252,446	347,596,724	337,208,334	342,015,161
Liabilities—				
Capital stock	150,000,000	150,000,000	150,000,000	150,000,000
1st mtg. 5% bonds	23,583,500	23,918,500	24,918,500	25,586,000
5% gold notes, 1932	31,500,000	37,000,000	47,500,000	48,000,000
Notes payable	30,377,000	23,421,750	11,716,920	13,387,270
Accounts payable	25,685,526	24,436,166	17,257,280	18,564,181
General reserves	12,889,721	12,680,424	12,488,931	13,353,501
Surplus	77,216,699	76,139,884	73,326,702	73,124,209
Total liabilities	351,252,446	347,596,724	337,208,334	342,015,161

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Armour & Co. (Illinois).

(Financial Report—Year Ended Nov. 2 1929.)

President F. Edson White says in substance:

Earnings, after setting aside \$8,639,617 to cover depreciation and after paying interest charges of \$10,933,074, gave us slightly more than enough to meet preferred dividend requirements of \$8,991,696. Total sales continued in excess of \$900,000,000.

Notwithstanding limited earnings, the financial condition of the company continues to improve. Within the year we reduced funded debt \$2,208,100 and retired preferred stock in the amount of \$648,700 and these retirements were made without reducing the company's working capital.

A decrease in cattle supplies, such as had been expected, came about in 1929, but the predicted decrease in hog supplies failed to materialize and, in fact, actually turned into an increase. Thus, the packing industry paid prices for hogs which were higher than were warranted and the year's operations in the pork end of the business were unsatisfactory.

As evidence of the importance of company to the agricultural world, at a time when farm relief is a matter of economic and political consequence, note the large sums paid by company during the year to the producers of livestock—and paid, cash in hand, on the day of purchase \$287,000,000 for cattle, \$199,000,000 for hogs, \$54,000,000 for sheep, \$26,000,000 for calves, \$77,000,000 for poultry and dairy products.

The various auxiliaries of the company, here and in foreign lands, gave a fairly good account of themselves during the year and their business continues to grow and to become of greater importance.

Relations with the public and with employees were never better.

Available surveys lead to the impression that there will be normal supplies of livestock in 1930, certainly as many hogs and sheep and probably an increase in the number of cattle. With adequate raw material in sight and with the nation in prosperous condition there is reason to look forward with confidence to the coming year.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND SURPLUS STATEMENT.

(Including Armour & Co. of Illinois, Armour & Co. of Delaware, North American Provision Co., and their subsidiaries.)

	Year Ended Nov. 2 '29.	Year Ended Oct. 27 '28.	Year Ended Oct. 29 '27.	10 Mo. End. Oct. 30 '26.
Net sales (in excess of)	900,000,000	900,000,000	900,000,000	750,000,000
Income	29,383,210	30,592,731	20,373,663	25,890,166
Deprec. (bldgs., mach'y and cars)	8,639,617	8,535,823	8,554,749	7,956,281
Interest charges	10,935,075	10,730,481	11,280,740	9,785,315
Pref. stock dividends	8,991,696	9,080,105	9,168,514	6,901,928
Class A common divs.				1,000,000
Rate per share				(50c.)
Balance, surplus	818,822	2,246,320	def8,630,339	246,642
Special charges (net)	468,269	1,882,642		202,847
Previous surplus	46,788,115	46,424,438	55,054,777	55,010,982
Total surplus	47,138,668	46,788,115	46,424,438	55,054,777
Earns. per sh. on 2,000,000 shs. cl. A (par \$25)	\$0.40	\$1.12	Nil	\$0.62

CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET (ILLINOIS COMPANY).

(Including Armour & Co. of Illinois, Armour & Co. of Delaware, North American Provision Co., and their subsidiaries.)

	Nov. 2 '29.	Oct. 27 '28.	Nov. 2 '29.	Oct. 27 '28.
Assets—				
Land, buildings, machinery and fixture equip.	199,170,771	201,283,932		
Refrigerat'r cars, delivery equip., tools, &c.	15,987,052	15,720,023		
Franchises and leaseholds	1,959,748	1,964,775		
Cash	10,742,163	9,594,359		
Notes receivable	10,189,419	11,025,647		
Accts. receivable	54,840,566	50,434,553		
Inventories	127,976,679	126,503,823		
Invest'ts, stocks, bonds & adv.	19,877,660	19,712,861		
Deferred charges	11,569,695	12,339,524		
Liabilities—				
7% pref. stock Delaware Co.			61,620,800	62,269,500
7% pref. stock N. A. Prov. Co.			8,600,000	8,600,000
7% pref. stock, Illinois Co.			59,298,400	59,298,400
Com. stk., cl. A			50,000,000	50,000,000
Class B			50,000,000	50,000,000
Notes payable			12,246,600	4,409,476
Accept's payable			10,309,369	12,483,806
Accts. payable			16,504,731	15,869,349
Morris & Co. 7 1/2% notes			9,667,900	11,500,000
1st M. 4 1/2% '39			50,000,000	50,000,000
do Del. Co. 5 1/4%			60,000,000	60,000,000
do Morris 4 1/4%			13,982,000	14,358,000
Res. for contng.			1,000,000	1,006,000
Minority stock, eq'y in subs. cos			1,945,287	1,972,851
Surplus			47,138,668	46,788,115
Tot. (each side)	452,313,755	448,549,498		

x After deducting \$8,212,458 drafts drawn against foreign consignments.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (DELAWARE COMPANY).

(Including North American Provision Co. and their subsidiaries.)

	Nov. 2 '29.	Oct. 27 '28.	Nov. 2 '29.	Oct. 27 '28.
Assets—				
Land, buildings, mach. & eq'p.	123,974,541	124,505,542		
Refr. cars, &c.	5,069,589	4,686,013		
Franchises and leaseholds	1,956,200	1,960,789		
Cash	4,200,583	2,632,738		
Notes rec.	16,219,045	23,388,215		
Accts. receivable	31,797,490	22,369,148		
Inventories	165,695,354	63,057,442		
Investm't stocks, bonds & adv.	17,800,005	18,488,525		
Deferred charges	9,508,088	10,206,091		
Liabilities—				
7% pref. stock, Delaware Co.			61,620,800	62,269,500
7% pref. stock, N. A. Prov. Co.			8,600,000	8,600,000
Common stock			60,000,000	60,000,000
Morris & Co. 7 1/2% notes			9,667,900	11,500,000
Delaw. Co. 5 1/4%			60,000,000	60,000,000
Mor. & Co. 4 1/4%			13,982,000	14,358,000
Accepts. payable			10,222,457	12,086,264
Act's payable			8,399,306	8,179,595
Minority stock, equity in subs.			1,945,287	1,972,851
Surplus			41,783,143	32,278,293
Tot. (each side)	276,220,894	271,244,503		

x Packing house products at market values, less allowance for selling expenses, other products and supplies at cost or market, whichever is lower (after deducting \$4,497,097 drafts drawn against foreign consignments). y All owned by Armour & Co. (Ill.). z Including \$6,569,845 due from Armour & Co. (Ill.).—V. 129, p. 2230.

Pacific Oil Company.

(Financial Report—Period from Jan. 1 1927 to Dec. 21 1929.)

Henry W. De Forest, Chairman of the Executive Committee, and Paul Shoup, President, in the final report to the stockholders of the company, state in substance:

It is deemed appropriate at this time briefly to review the activities of the company since its inception. Company was organized on Dec. 3 1920 in Delaware, for the purpose of taking over and operating oil properties belonging to the Southern Pacific Land Co. The stockholders of the Southern Pacific Co. registered as such on the books of the company at the

close of business on Jan. 14 1921, were given the right to purchase the capital stock of the company at \$15 per share, each stockholder having the right to purchase one share of company's stock for each share of capital stock of Southern Pacific Co. so held. The total number of shares authorized is 3,500,000 (without par value) all of which were issued, originally, for a consideration of \$15 per share, total consideration \$52,500,000. In Feb. 1926, with the approval of the stockholders, the capital stock was reduced from \$52,500,000 to \$1,750,000, such decrease being effected by reducing from \$15 to 50 cents per share, the consideration for which such stock was issued. No preferred stock has been authorized, and the company has no funded debt. With the proceeds from the sale of its capital stock, company, after making provision for working capital, purchased from the Southern Pacific Land Co., its proven and prospective oil lands with all wells and improvements existing thereon, as well as 50.48% of the capital stock of the Associated Oil Co.

The operation of these properties was carried on from Jan. 1 1921, to Dec. 31 1925, incl. From earnings accumulated during this period, company declared and paid cash dividends amounting to \$13 per share, a total of \$45,500,000, including dividend No. 10 of \$1.50 per share, paid on Jan. 20 1926.

Under a plan approved by the stockholders, the principal properties of company (except those distributed and those to be distributed to you), were consolidated, as of Jan. 1 1926, with those of the Standard Oil Co. (Calif.). A new company, the Standard Oil Co. of Calif. (a Del. corp.), was organized; and the consolidation was accomplished by the conveyance of these principal properties to the new company, which later, on May 10 1926, issued to the stockholders of Pacific Oil Co. and of Standard Oil Co. (Calif.), a share of stock in the new company for each share of stock of the two grantor companies named.

Certain assets, including crude oil and cash on hand at Dec. 31 1925, and company's holdings of the capital stock of the Associated Oil Co., as well as some other investments in capital stocks and properties, were excluded from the transfer to the Standard Oil Co. of Calif. for distribution to you, and for payment of taxes, administrative expenses and other liabilities of your company.

On March 6 1926, company distributed upon each share of its stock, two-fifths of a share of Associated Oil Co. stock and \$3 in cash. Stockholders were subsequently given the opportunity to dispose of the Associated Oil Co. stock at the price of \$58.50 cash, per share, or to exchange it for com. and pref. stock in the Tidewater-Associated Oil Co. This distribution was in addition to the stock of the Standard Oil Co. of California (Del.) issued as above outlined.

The determination of the amount of Federal income tax due and payable involved problems of difficulty, but final settlement was effected in September of this year by the payment of a net amount, including interest, approximating \$2,370,000. In the meantime, the administrative expenses of company were reduced to a minimum.

The miscellaneous assets of the company, except a small amount of office furniture, have since been disposed of for cash, and all known liabilities have been paid.

It is planned in the near future to dissolve the company by means of a receivership. As soon as the necessary legal processes have been complied with, the remaining assets will be distributed, in cash, by the receiver to the stockholders of record.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR PERIOD FROM JAN. 1 1927 TO DEC. 21 1929
—Year Ended Dec. 31— Jan. 1— Dec. 21 '29.

Loss from the sale of exchange oil rec. at Jan. 1 1927, & of oil purch. subse. to that date for which contr. were outstdg. together with gen. & adm. exps., less rev. fr. real est. & leases	\$205,258	\$533,675	\$96,056
Interest earned (net)	161,805	314,005	413,797
Profit or loss before Federal taxes	loss\$43,453	loss\$219,669	prof\$317,742
Provision for Federal income taxes	42,925		
Int. on prov. for Fed. inc. taxes of prior years	223,223	205,825	Cr\$5,915
Net profit or loss	loss\$309,601	loss\$425,495	prof\$231,826

SURPLUS ACCOUNT FOR PERIOD FROM JAN. 1 1927 TO DEC. 21 1929.

Balance at Dec. 31 1926			\$1,258,077
Add—Adjust. of def. liab. incurred prior to Jan. 1 1926 to co-owners of stock of Associated Pipe Line Co.		428,867	
Less—Net loss for the year ended Dec. 31 1927, as above		309,602	
Balance at Dec. 31 1927			\$1,377,343
Deduct: Net loss for the year ended Dec. 31 1928, as above		425,495	
Net adjustment resulting from settlement of account with Associated Oil Co.		25,749	
Less—Further adjust. of deferred liabil. incurred prior to Jan. 1 1926 to co-owners of stock of Associated Pipe Line Co.		13,345	
Balance at Dec. 31 1928			\$939,444
Add: Excess of reserve for possible Federal taxes & contingencies over amount of final settlement		\$2,227,517	
Net profit for the period from Jan. 1 to Dec. 21 1929, as above		231,826	
Less: Compensation for extra & spec. services rendered in connec. with the merger of the company's props. with those of the Standard Oil Co. of Calif. & the settlement of its affairs preparatory to liquidation		272,550	
Losses on disposal of real estate, int. in leases & miscel. invests.		175,329	
Settlement of share of liabil. for Federal income taxes of Associated Supply Co. & Miley-Keck Oil Co.		156,220	
Settlement of contingent pension liability		14,261	
Balance at Dec. 21 1929 carried to balance sheet			\$2,780,427

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 21 1929.

Assets.		Liabilities.	
Cash: On call, with acrr. int.	\$3,610,000	Capital Stock: (Auth. & issued—3,500,000 shs. no par)	\$1,750,000
On deposit	128,629	Accts. pay. & est. acrr. exps.	13,407
In bank, subject to check	802,089	Res. for antic. loss on disposal of furn. & cancel. of lease	3,000
Accounts receivable	3,407	Surplus	2,780,427
Office furn. & fix., less deprec.	2,709		
Total	\$4,546,833	Total	\$4,546,833

—V. 129, p. 979.

Fajardo Sugar Co. of Porto Rico.

(11th Annual Report—Fiscal Year Ended July 31 1929.)

RESULTS FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDED JULY 31.

	1928-29.	1927-28.	1926-27.	1925-26.
Cane, ground, tons	501,453	680,332	623,592	626,718
Sugar output, tons	57,541	77,230	67,879	69,819
Sugar, &c., produced	\$4,585,380	\$6,848,584	\$6,670,465	\$6,003,894
Miscellaneous receipts	304,140	234,721	235,503	290,372
Total	\$4,889,520	\$7,083,305	\$6,905,969	\$6,294,266
Deduct—Producing and mfg. costs, &c.	4,882,502	6,010,264	5,529,912	5,272,331
Net income	\$7,018	\$1,073,041	\$1,376,057	\$1,021,936
Interest paid	307,512	209,661	143,747	130,935
Depreciation	420,387	361,599	330,448	308,890
x Net profits	loss\$720,881	\$501,782	\$901,863	\$582,111
Previous surplus	2,119,585	2,375,116	2,194,331	2,537,892
Amount transferred from reserves	200,000			
Total	\$1,598,704	\$2,876,898	\$3,096,194	\$3,120,003
Income and profit taxes of prior years	55,040	109,532	73,298	295,854
Dividends declared	325,025	647,780	647,780	629,818
Profit and loss, surplus	\$1,218,639	\$2,119,585	\$2,375,116	\$2,194,331
Shs. of com. stock outstanding (par \$100)	64,778	64,778	64,778	64,779
Earns. per sh. on com. stk.	Nil	\$7.75	\$13.92	\$8.99
x Before providing for income taxes.				

BALANCE SHEET JULY 31.

	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Assets—	\$	\$	\$	\$
Property & plant a	7,567,531	7,323,347	Capital stock	6,477,800
Live stock & equ b	1,097,449	1,107,281	Stock of subsidiaries	
Growing cane	1,584,004	1,322,718	with public	1,325
Mat'ls & supplies	523,938	494,143	Mtges. payable	573,610
Mtges. and loans	48,282	45,772	Bills & loans pay.	5,488,765
Planters accounts	517,134	342,204	Planters accounts	4,763
Raw sugar on hand	1,825,165	1,395,831	Accounts payable	212,097
Molasses on hand	44,911	121,319	L. W. & P. Arm.	
Mtge. bonds	430,361	377,526	strong	
Misc. investments	100,000	100,000	Dividends payable	
Accts. rec. for sugar sold	453,357	416,400	Res. for ins. contng	
Miscel. accounts & bills receivable	99,971	91,234	& replacements	230,498
U. S. &c., secur.	98,000	98,000	Capital surplus	449,809
Cash	136,711	294,673	Earned surplus	1,218,639
Accts. (not current)	55,224	53,700	Total (each side)	14,657,307
Deferred charges	75,263	37,130		13,621,279

a After deducting \$2,441,995 reserve for depreciation. b After deducting reserve for depreciation.—V. 128, p. 2275.

Manati Sugar Company.

(Annual Report—Fiscal Year Ended Oct. 31 1929.)

STATISTICS FOR YEARS ENDED OCT. 31.

	1928-29.	1927-28.	1926-27.	1925-26.
Output of raw sugar (in tons, 2,240 lbs.)	108,596	96,116	95,102	97,676
Receipts per pound	2.182 cts.	2.641 cts.	3.043 cts.	2.424 cts.
Cost of produc. (per lb.)	1.675 cts.	2.080 cts.	2.256 cts.	2.000 cts.
Operating profit	\$1,242,608	\$1,218,893	\$1,689,837	\$928,495

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE YEARS ENDED OCT. 31.

	1928-29.	1927-28.	1926-27.	1925-26.
Production (bags)	746,234	662,462	655,475	670,750
Sugar sales (f.o.b. basis)	\$4,926,386	\$5,437,538	\$6,229,368	\$5,126,142
Molasses sales	390,024	265,867	276,452	153,792
Miscellaneous income	25,089	29,795	31,638	24,190
Total income	\$5,341,501	\$5,733,201	\$6,537,458	\$5,304,124
Oper. exp., f.o.b. basis	4,098,893	4,514,307	4,847,621	4,375,629
Profit from operations	\$1,242,608	\$1,218,893	\$1,689,836	\$928,495
Acct. previous fiscal yrs. Sec. taken in liquidation of claim pertaining to prev. year's business		43,072	43,242	21,221
Tunas RR. profit	219,228	201,797	194,991	155,642
Interest earned	86,833	138,305		191,164
Total income	\$1,548,669	\$1,602,067	\$1,928,070	\$1,296,522

Deductions				
Interest, other income & charges (net)	\$646,344	\$694,027	\$570,160	\$565,919
Inc. domes. & for. taxes			20,000	
Disc. & exp. on bonds	28,436	64,251	69,463	55,093
Adjust. of mat'ls & supp.		3,926	17,410	10,326
Accts. rec. uncollectible	1,031			8,705
Loss on dismantled prop.		5,076		
Depreciation reserve	458,408	473,599	480,000	471,000
Other reserves		504,686	401,924	502,210
Loss on surr. of cap. stk. & notes of Cane Harvester Corp.	17,713			
Adjust. in val. of prop. retired in work cap. assets	53,619			
Preferred dividends				122,500
Surplus for year	\$343,116	def\$143,498	\$369,112	def\$439,231
Earns. per sh. on 100,000 shs. (par \$100) com. stock outstanding	\$0.98	\$0.72	\$3.30	Nil

Consolidated Balance Sheet Oct. 31.

	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Assets—	\$	\$	\$	\$
Property & plant	17,145,366	17,642,220	7% pref. stock	3,500,000
Investments	80,916	20,570	Common stock	10,000,000
Balance pending on sugar contracts	84,836	358,667	First mtge. bonds	5,754,500
Notes receivable	93,562	127,672	Purchase money mtges. on Cuban lands	319,187
Materials & supp.	590,642	679,342	Notes payable	1,400,000
Cos. colonos, growing cane, &c.	345,894	337,054	Dratts outst'd'g.	77,954
Adv. to Colonos	2,412,306	2,215,632	Accts. payable & accrued charges	421,277
Accts. receivable	98,582	70,188	Unrepresented coup. on 1st m. bonds	21,808
Sugar on hand	1,382,654	443,184	Common div. scrip	55
Molasses unliquid.	26,034	38,000	Accrued int. on mtge. bonds	35,700
Cash	389,010	552,702	Advances against sugars	900,000
Depos. for bond int	21,808	16,724	Contng. pref. on sugar, cont.	
Sinking fund	247	17,163		487,412
Special deposit	928	1,758	Surplus	725,096
Deferred charges	482,741	480,291		630,323
Tot. (each side)	23,155,579	23,001,167		

—V. 127, p. 3700.

Manhattan Shirt Co., New York.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Nov. 30 1929.)

CONSOL. INCOME & SURPLUS ACCT. FOR YEARS ENDED NOV. 30.

	1928-29.	1927-28.	1926-27.	1925-26.
Net profits	\$1,109,804	\$1,172,144	\$1,586,958	\$1,374,280
Interest (net)	18,241	26,054	17,729	8,870
Federal taxes	120,516	137,447	211,809	184,330
Net income	\$971,047	\$1,008,643	\$1,357,420	\$1,181,080
Preferred divs. (7%)	35,015	51,933	79,921	94,021
Common dividends	8% 565,492	(8) 565,956	(7) 493,576	(6) 423,430
Balance, surplus	\$370,541	\$390,754	\$783,923	\$663,629
Previous surplus	3,507,610	3,145,489	2,470,040	1,816,469
Adjustments	84,111	28,633	108,474	10,058
Prov. for est. loss due to aband. of part of Solvay Dyeing & Textile Co. plant	Dr200,000			
Total profit & loss, sur	\$3,594,040	\$3,507,610	\$3,145,489	\$2,470,040
Shs. com. outst. (par \$25)	281,373	283,606	283,564	283,557
Earnings per share	\$3.32	\$3.37	\$4.50	\$3.83

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET NOV. 30.

	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Assets—	\$	\$	\$	\$
l'd. bldgs., mach., &c., less deprec x	1,177,829	1,341,654	Preferred stock	299,400
Trade name, good-will & patterns	5,000,000	5,000,000	Com. stk. (par \$25)	7,034,323
Investments	157,059	175,544	Notes & accts. pay. & accrued accts.	2,311,845
Cash	885,144	598,171	Dividends payable	129,630
Emp. stk. acct.	636,736		Applied to retiring preferred stock	1,400,000
Notes & accts. rec.	2,620,649	2,276,609	Res. for Fed. taxes	132,192
Inventories	4,330,321	4,125,995	Profit & loss	3,594,040
Deferred charges	93,692	70,189		3,507,610
Total (each side)	14,901,430	13,588,162		

x After depreciation.—V. 128, p. 4333.

Lee Rubber & Tire Corporation.

(14th Annual Report—Fiscal Year Ended Oct. 31 1929.)
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT.

Period—	Years Ended Oct. 31— 1929.	1928.	10 Mos. End. Oct. 31 '27.	Year End. Dec. 31 '26.
Net sales	\$10,586,785	\$11,032,914	\$10,175,169	\$12,213,077
Cost of goods & gen. exp. and depreciation	10,060,774	10,845,805	9,517,307	13,192,630
Net income	\$526,011	\$187,109	\$657,863	loss\$979,553
Other income	75,536	111,250	226,777	72,132
Total income	\$601,548	\$298,359	\$884,640	loss\$907,421
Deduct—Interest paid	115,619	132,594	100,383	117,248
Net profit	\$485,930	\$165,765	\$784,257	loss\$1,024,669
Previous surplus	1,448,916	1,317,084	587,594	2,253,294
Adjustments	Deb14,044	Deb33,933	Deb54,766	Deb641,031
Surplus	\$1,920,802	\$1,448,916	\$1,317,084	\$587,594
Earns. per sh. on 300,000 shs. no par cap. stk.	\$1.61	\$0.55	\$2.61	Nil

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET OCT. 31.

Assets—	1929.	1928.	Liabilities—	1929.	1928.
Plants, real estate & equipment	7,028,341	7,071,224	Capital stock	x1,500,000	1,500,000
Pats. & tr.-marks	11,023	19,291	Notes payable	1,500,000	1,506,000
Cash	822,554	990,969	Bankers' accept's against letters of credit	45,920	95,200
Notes receivable	439,409	224,357	Accts. payable	348,723	567,766
Accts. rec. (less res.)	2,164,779	1,997,486	Miscell. accruals	138,787	125,771
Inventories	2,601,323	2,912,918	Trustee of cash fds.	1,499	1,007
Mdse. in transit	32,259	70,138	Reserves	y2,798,745	2,799,597
Consigned mdse.	332,425	-----	Capital surplus	5,355,384	5,355,384
Real est. not used for mfg. purposes	19,770	-----	Surplus	1,920,802	1,448,916
Loans & exps. adv. to employees	22,475	25,241			
Trustee of cash fds	1,499	1,007			
Investments	33,967	16,150			
Deferred charges	99,734	70,859			
Total	13,609,861	13,399,641	Total	13,609,861	13,399,641

x Represented by 300,000 shares of no par value. y Including reserve for depreciation of plant and equipment, \$2,580,347.—V. 128, p. 3841.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

STEAM RAILROADS.

Freight Cars in Need of Repair Established New Low Record for Recent Years.—The railroads on Dec. 15 1929 established a new low record for recent years in the number of freight cars in need of repair, the car service division of the American Railway Association announced. On that date there were 122,552 cars in need of repair, or 5.5% of the number on line, a reduction of 1,705 cars under the best previous low record, established on Dec. 1 1929, when there were 124,257 cars, or 5.6%. This is the fifth time in the last three months that the railroads have established new low records in the number of freight cars in need of repair. Freight cars in need of heavy repair on Dec. 15 totaled 88,212, or 4%, a decrease of 1,482 cars compared with Dec. 1, while freight cars in need of light repairs totaled 34,340, or 1.5%, a decrease of 223 compared with Dec. 1.

Locomotives in Need of Repair.—Class I railroads of this country on Dec. 15 1929 had 8,308 locomotives in need of repair, or 14.7% of the number on line, according to reports just filed by the carriers with the car service division of the American Railway Association. This was an increase of 475 compared with the number in need of repair on Dec. 1, at which time there were 7,833, or 13.8%. Locomotives in need of classified repairs on Dec. 15 totaled 4,392, or 7.8%, an increase of 233 compared with Dec. 1, while 3,916, or 6.9%, were in need of running repairs, an increase of 242 over the number in need of repair on Dec. 1. Class I railroads on Dec. 15 had 5,573 serviceable locomotives in storage compared with 5,315 on Dec. 1.

Representative Parker Asks House to Order Inquiry into Railway Holding Companies.—Representative Parker offers resolution as prerequisite to consolidation and speed is expected. N. Y. "Times" Jan. 8, p. 9.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" of Jan. 4.—Senator Couzens demands railroad inquiry; calls for facts on merging by holding companies before action on consolidation; favors review by I.-S. C. Commission, p. 60.

Bennettsville & Cheraw RR.—Operation of Line.

The I.-S. C. Commission Dec. 26 issued a certificate authorizing the company to operate a portion of the portion of its line extending from Brownsville, Marlboro County, in a general southeasterly direction through Dillon County, to Sellers, Marion County, all in South Carolina, 10.44 miles.

On Aug. 31 1921, company was granted authority to abandon operation of the line in question. On Oct. 31 1921, the company executed a contract with the Tilgham Lumber Corp. under which the line was leased for a nominal consideration to the lumber company, to be operated as a plant facility for a period of 10 years, the lessee agreeing to keep the property in good repair and to surrender it at the termination of the lease in as good condition as it was in at the beginning, with due allowance for reasonable use. Provision was made for termination of the lease and the return of the property for resumption of operation by the owner, upon 60 days' notice to be given in writing by the railroad company. The lumber company has operated, and still operates, logging trains over the line, carrying timber to its mill at Sellers.

Since the above arrangement was made in 1921, the lumber company has purchased additional tracts of timber lands in the vicinity of the company's line and will require rail facilities for a longer time than was contemplated when the lease was made. The company desires to enter into a new contract with the lumber company in order to increase its revenues.

Chicago Indianapolis & Louisville Ry.—Bonds.

The I.-S. C. Commission Dec. 27 authorized the company to procure the authentication and delivery of not exceeding \$539,000 of 1st & gen. mtge. 6% gold bonds, series B, in partial reimbursement of its treasury for capital expenditures heretofore made.—V. 129, p. 3796.

Erie RR.—Bonds.

The I.-S. C. Commission Dec. 28 authorized the company to pledge and repledge from time to time until Dec. 31 1931, not to exceed \$12,000,000 of 1st consol. mtge. gen. lien 4% gold bonds as collateral security for any short term notes which it may issue.—V. 129, p. 3796.

Gulf Mobile & Northern RR.—Acquisition of Control of New Orleans Great Northern Approved—Stock Issue Authorized.
The I.-S. C. Commission, Dec. 20 approved the acquisition by the company of control of the New Orleans Great Northern RR. by purchase of its capital stock, and authorized the company to issue \$2,727,273 of common stock (par \$100), to be delivered in exchange for stock of the New Orleans Great Northern RR.—V. 130, p. 133.

Illinois Northern Ry.—Final Valuation.

The I. S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$972,023 on the owned and used properties, and \$696,842 on the used but not owned properties of the company as of June 30 1918.—V. 124, p. 3493.

Kansas Oklahoma & Gulf Ry.—Bonds.

The I.-S. C. Commission Dec. 26 authorized the company to issue \$219,000 of 1st mtge. gold bonds 5% series 1978, in reimbursement of capital expenditures not heretofore capitalized; the bonds to be pledged and repledged from time to time as collateral security for short term notes.—V. 129, p. 3323.

Lehigh & Hudson River Ry.—4% Extra Dividend.

The company on Dec. 31 1929, paid an extra dividend of 4% on the capital stock, par \$100, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 2%. An extra of 4% was also paid on Dec. 31 1928, 1927 and 1926.—V. 128, p. 2623.

Long Island RR.—6% Dividend.—The directors have declared a dividend of 6% on the capital stock, par \$50, payable out of 1929 earnings. This compares with a 6% dividend paid on May 2 1929 out of earnings for 1928, and 4% paid May 1 1928 out of 1927 earnings. Div. is payable Jan. 20 to holders of record Jan. 13.

Practically all of the capital stock is owned by the Pennsylvania RR.

A revised record of dividends paid since 1882 follows:
1882 1883-90. 1891 1892 1893 1894 1895 1896 1897-27. 1928 1929
1% 4% yrly. 4 1/4% 5% 5% 4 1/4% 4% 4% None 4% 6%
The table given on page 81 of the Railroad number of the "Railway and Industrial Compendium" should have read as above.—V. 129, p. 3160.

Louisiana & Arkansas Ry. (Del.)—Notes, &c.

The I.-S. C. Commission Dec. 20 authorized the company (1) to renew from time to time, the last renewal to mature not later than Dec. 31 1930, an unsecured promissory note for \$2,600,000 which will mature Dec. 31 1929, and (2) to pledge and repledge from time to time but not beyond Dec. 31 1930, not exceeding \$3,250,000, par amount, of 1st mtge. 5% series A bonds, as security for the above-described note.

A supplemental report of the Commission says in part:
By our order of Aug. 19 1927, as amended, the Louisiana & Arkansas Railway (Ark.) was authorized to issue a 5% unsecured promissory note for \$2,600,000, and to renew it from time to time, the last renewal to mature not later than Dec. 31 1929. By our order of Feb. 23 1929, as modified the Louisiana & Arkansas Railway (Del.), the applicant was authorized, among other things, to assume obligation and liability in respect of the outstanding securities of the Louisiana & Arkansas RR. (Ark.), including \$2,600,000 of 5% promissory notes, to sell \$4,000,000 of 1st mtge. 5% series A bonds at not less than 90% and int., and to use \$2,600,000 of the proceeds from the sale of these bonds to retire a note of the Louisiana & Arkansas RR. (Ark.) for that amount, the notes to be assumed and the note to be retired being the note above described or any renewal thereof. By our order of June 1 1929, the applicant was authorized, pending the sale of its first mortgage bonds, to pledge and repledge from time to time, but not beyond Dec. 1 1929, not exceeding \$3,250,000 thereof as collateral security for any renewal or renewals of the note.

By supplemental application filed Dec. 4 1929, the applicant requests authority to renew the note from time to time, the last renewal to mature not later than Dec. 31 1930, with interest at a rate not exceeding 6% per annum, and to pledge and repledge from time to time, but not beyond Dec. 31 1930, not exceeding \$3,250,000 of its first mortgage 5% series A bonds as security for the renewal or renewals of the note.

The applicant represents that since authority to sell its bonds was granted the market for bonds has been very unfavorable, and that while some improvement in market conditions has developed, conditions are still such that it may be impossible to advantageously dispose of the bonds in time to meet the note at maturity on Dec. 31 1929.—V. 128, p. 3998.

Meridian & Bigbee River Ry.—Securities.

The I.-S. C. Commission, Dec. 27 authorized the company to issue \$200,000 common stock and \$500,000 of 1st mtge. 10-year 6% gold bonds; the securities to be sold or otherwise disposed of at not less than par and int. on the bonds; and the securities or the proceeds thereof to be applied in part payment of indebtedness for construction of a new line of railroad.—V. 129, p. 2855.

Mississippi Southern RR.—Abandonment.

The I.-S. C. Commission, Dec. 20 issued a certificate authorizing the Edward Hines Yellow Pine Trustees to abandon operation, as to interstate and foreign commerce, of a line of railroad operated by them as the Mississippi Southern RR., in Lamar, Pearl River, and Hancock Counties, Miss., approximately 50 miles.—V. 119, p. 1282.

National Railways of Mexico.—Through Express Service Re-Established.

The Banco Nacional de Mexico in New York reports in its Monthly Summary that through express service has been reopened between Mexico and the United States, through the border ports of Ciudad Juarez, Piedras Negras, Nuevo Laredo and Matamoros, opposite El Paso, Eagle Pass, Laredo and Brownsville respectively, after full details of the service had been satisfactorily worked out between the express department of the National Rys. of Mexico and the Railway Express Agency, Inc. Express service on the West Coast of Mexico, from Nogales on the border with Arizona to Guadalajara, Jalisco, is handled by Wells, Fargo & Co., this concern also continuing its express service from New York to the Gulf Port of Vera Cruz through the Ward Line and thence to Mexico City over the Mexican Railways, while packages are also handled by water from New York to the gulf port of Tampico, this latter service being exclusively a maritime express. The through express service between the two countries now covers all railroad lines in Mexico and the United States and represents a great step forward in the development of trade between the two countries, removing the obstacles presented by delays at the border and special arrangements with forwarding agents in each case.—V. 129, p. 4137.

New Orleans Great Northern RR.—Control of Company by Gulf Mobile & Northern Approved.—See Gulf Mobile & Northern RR. above.—V. 129, p. 3958.

New York Ontario & Western Ry.—New President, &c.

Effective Jan. 1, John B. Kerr retired as President and J. H. Nuelle was elected as his successor. On the same date R. D. Rickard retired as Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.—Arthur L. Parmelee was elected to succeed him as Treasurer, and C. E. Simmons as Secretary.—V. 129, p. 4137.

Northern Pacific Ry.—Construction of Branch Line.

The I.-S. C. Commission, Dec. 21 issued certificates authorizing:
(a) The Northern Pacific Ry. and the Oregon-Washington RR. & Navigation Co. to construct a branch line of railroad in Gray's Harbor and Jefferson Counties, Wash.
(b) The Port Angeles Western RR. to construct an extension of its railroad in Clallam and Jefferson Counties, Wash.
Consideration of the application in so far as it requested authority for the Oregon-Washington RR. & Navigation Co. to operate under trackage rights over the line of the Northern Pacific Ry. from Hoquiam to Moclips, in Gray's Harbor County, Wash. was deferred.

The report of the Commission says in part:
The Northern Pacific Railway and the Oregon-Washington RR. & Navigation Co. on April 4 1929, filed a joint application for a certificate that the present and future public convenience and necessity require (a) the construction and operation by them jointly of a branch line of railroad extending from a connection with an existing line of the N. P. at Aloha northerly to the south bank of the Hoh River, approximately 60.5 miles, in Gray's Harbor and Jefferson Counties, Wash., and (b) the operation by the O.-W. R. & N. over a line of the N. P. extending from Hoquiam, via Aloha, to Moclips, approximately 26.5 miles, in Gray's Harbor County, Wash. By an amended application, filed Sept. 12 1929, the length of the line proposed to be constructed was increased to 67 miles, and its northern terminus was fixed at a point on the north bank of the Hoh River, about three miles easterly from Spruce post office. On May 14 1929, the Port Angeles Western RR. filed an application under the same paragraph and section for a like certificate authorizing it to construct an extension of its railroad from Forks in a general southeasterly direction to the north bank of the Hoh River, with a branch line extending therefrom at a point a short distance north of the Hoh River in a general easterly direction to Spruce, a total distance of 24 miles, all in Clallam and Jefferson Counties, Wash.

Both of the proposed lines would be located in the western part of the Olympic Peninsula in northwestern Washington. The region they would traverse is heavily timbered and the main object of both is to reach this timber, chiefly by means of connecting logging roads, which would be owned privately. At their extremities near Spruce they would nearly join. With their immediate connections the N. P. and O.-W. R. & N.'s joint line would run south to Gray's Harbor, and the line of the Port Angeles Western would run northwesterly and thence easterly to Port Angeles. Both lines are claimed to be needed to supply the extensive woodworking industries about these two harbors. There is no intermediate harbor on the coast.

If the instant application be granted the N. P. has agreed to give the O.-W. R. & N. the equal joint possession and use of its line from Hoquiam

to Moclips. Such use is necessary to enable the O.-W. R. & N. to reach the joint line which it is proposed to construct. The details of the agreement for such use had not been fixed at the time of the hearing, but leave was granted the applicants to file a copy of the contract for our consideration in this proceeding. Such contract has not been filed. Therefore, consideration of that part of the application which requests authority for the O.-W. R. & N. to operate over the N. P.'s line between Hoquiam and Moclips will be deferred.—V. 129, p. 2855.

Oklahoma-Southwestern Ry.—Abandonment of Line.—

The I.-S. C. Commission, Dec. 21 issued a certificate authorizing the company to abandon, as to inter-state and foreign commerce, its entire line of railroad, which extends from Bristow to Nuyaka, 23.86 miles, with two spurs aggregating 4.45 miles, all in Creek and Okmulgee Counties, Okla.—V. 129, p. 1907.

Savannah & Atlanta Ry.—Time Extended.—

Over 72% of the Savannah & Atlanta 1st and cons. mtge. convertible bonds are now deposited under the recently announced plan of reorganization, and over 75% of the Brinson Railway 1st mtge. 25-year 5% gold bonds have assented to the plan.

The time for the deposit of undeposited bonds of both the above issues and the presentation for stamping of certificates of deposit representing Brinson Railway bonds has been extended to the close of business on Jan. 31. Holders of undeposited bonds and of unstamped Brinson Railway certificates of deposit are urged to transmit them at once and in any event on or before said date to the depositories, viz.: Equitable Trust Co., 11 Broad St., N. Y. City for Brinson Railway bonds and Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall St., N. Y. City for Savannah & Atlanta Ry. bonds. See plan in V. 129, p. 3631.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.—Rights Expire.—

The stockholders of record Dec. 6 were recently given the right to subscribe on or before Jan. 9 for approximately 230,000 shares of common stock (no par value) at \$12 per share on the basis of two new shares of common stock for each share of common or preferred stock held or for each share of common stock which holders of certificates of deposit representing adjustment bonds shall be entitled to receive under the plan. (See also V. 129, p. 3470.)—V. 130, p. 134.

Southern Pacific Co.—Abandonment.—

The I.-S. C. Commission Dec. 17 issued a certificate authorizing the company to abandon part (about 12½ miles) of its Mills City branch in Linn County, Ore.—V. 130, p. 134.

Wabash Ry.—\$10 Class B Preferred Dividend.—The directors have declared a dividend of \$10 a share on the class B preferred stock on account of arrearages, and the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.25 a share on the preferred A stock. The dividend on the preferred B is for the years 1928 and 1929 and will be paid on Feb. 6, half to holders of record Dec. 31 1928, and the remaining \$5 to holders of record Jan. 21 1930. The preferred A dividend is payable Feb. 25 to holders of record Jan. 25.

The company issued the following statement:

Payment of the preferred B dividends for 1928 was suspended under a decision of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals. This decision having been reversed by the U. S. Supreme Court of the United States, payment of the dividend will be made on Feb. 6 1930, to holders of record on Dec. 31 1928.

The dividend on the preferred B stock for 1929 is payable Feb. 6 1930, to holders of record Jan. 21 1930.

Dividends Are Denied Owners of Preferred Stock for Past Years—Preference Provision of Securities Declared to Apply Only to Distributions in Present Period.—The opinion of the Court delivered by Mr. Justice Holmes follows:

The holders of class A preferred non-cumulative stock are not entitled to restrain the payment of dividends to holders of class B and common stock until dividends allegedly accruing in prior years, but remaining unpaid on the class A stock, are paid, the U. S. Supreme Court held on Jan. 6.

The class A stockholders claimed to be entitled to payment of dividends for prior years which had been allegedly earned but expended on improvements and not paid them, before any dividends for present years were paid junior stockholders.

This contention was overruled by the Court, it being held in an opinion by Mr. Justice Holmes that in the case of non-cumulative stock entitled only to a dividend if declared out of annual profits, if those profits are justifiably applied to capital improvements and no dividend is declared within the year, the claim for that year is gone and cannot be asserted at a later date.

This is a bill by holders of first preferred stock (called class A) of the Wabash Railway to have it declared that holders of such stock are entitled to receive preferential dividends up to 5% for each fiscal year from 1915 to 1926 inclusive to the extent that such dividends were earned in such fiscal years but were unpaid, before any dividends are paid upon other stock; and that the company may be enjoined from paying dividends upon preferred stock B or common stock unless it shall first have paid such preferential dividends of 5% to the extent that the company has had net earnings available for the payment and that such dividends remain unpaid.

The case was heard upon bill and answer. The bill was dismissed by the district court but the decree was reversed by the circuit court of appeals, one of the judges dissenting, 30 F. (2d) 260, and a writ of certiorari was granted by this court. 279 U. S. 828.

The railway company was organized in 1915 under the laws of Indiana with three classes of capital stock: Shares of the par value of \$100 of 5% profit sharing preferred stock A; shares of the same par value of 5% convertible preferred stock B; and shares of the same par value of common stock. At the date of the bill there were 693,330.50 shares of A, 24,211.42 B and 666,977.75 common.

From 1915 to 1926 there were net earnings on most of the years but for a number of years no dividend or less than 5%, was paid on class A, while \$16,000,000 net earnings that could have been used for the payment were expended upon improvements and additions to the property and equipment of the road. It is not denied that the latter expenditures were proper and were made in good faith, or that the money could not have been applied to dividends consistently with the duties of the road.

The company now is more prosperous and proposes to pay dividends not only upon A but also on B and the common stock, but the plaintiffs say that it is not entitled to do so until it has paid to them unpaid preferential dividends for prior fiscal years in which it had net earnings that might have been applied to them but were not.

The obligations assumed by the company appear in its instrument of incorporation and in the certificates of preferred stock A in substantially the same words: "The holders of the 5% profit sharing preferred stock A of the company shall be entitled to receive preferential dividends in each fiscal year up to the amount of 5% before any dividends shall be paid upon any other stock of the company, but such preferential dividends shall be non-cumulative."

Claim Is Lost.

In the event of a liquidation the holders "shall be entitled to be paid in full out of the assets of the company the par amount of their stock and all dividends thereon declared and unpaid before any amount shall be paid out of said assets to the holders of any other stock of the company." By the plain meaning of the words the holders "are not entitled, of right, to dividends payable out of the net profits accruing in any particular year, unless the directors of the company formally declare, or ought to declare, a dividend payable out of such profits": In the first instance at least a matter for the directors to determine. New York, Lake Erie & Western RR. Co. v. Nickels, 119 U. S. 298, 307.

We believe that it has been the common understanding of lawyers and business men that in the case of non-cumulative stock entitled only to a dividend if declared out of annual profits, if those profits are justifiably applied by the directors to capital improvements and no dividend is declared within the year, the claim for that year is gone and cannot be asserted at a later date. But recently doubts have been raised that seem to have affected the minds of the majority below.

We suppose the ground for the doubts is the probability that the directors will be tempted to abuse their power, in the usual case of a corporation controlled by the holders of the common stock. Their interest would lead them to apply earnings to improvement of the capital rather than to make avoidable payments of dividends which they do not share.

But whether the remedies available in case of such a breach of duty are adequate or not, and apart from the fact that the control of the Wabash seems to have been in class A, the class to which the plaintiffs belong, the law, as remarked by the dissenting judge below, "has long advised them that their rights depend upon the judgment of men subject to just that possible bias."

When a man buys stock instead of bonds he takes a greater risk in the business. No one suggests that he has a right to dividends if there are no net earnings. But the investment presupposes that the business is to go on, and therefore even if there are net earnings the holder of stock, preferred as well as common, is entitled to have a dividend declared only out of such part of them as can be applied to dividends consistently with a wise administration of a going concern.

When, as was the case here, the dividends in each fiscal year were declared to be non-cumulative and no net income could be so applied within the fiscal year referred to in the certificate, the right for that year was gone. If the right is extended further upon some conception of policy, it is enlarged beyond the meaning of the contract and the common and reasonable understanding of men.

Decree reversed.

Chairman Comments on Suit.—William H. Williams, Chairman, commenting upon the Supreme Court decision, said:

The Supreme Court in an unanimous opinion written by Justice Holmes, decided the litigation instituted by holders of preferred stock A of Wabash Railway in favor of the railway company. The suit was brought by the preferred A stockholders, seeking a decree that the preferred A stock is entitled to receive preferential dividends up to 5% for each fiscal year from 1915 to 1926, inclusive, to the extent that such dividends were earned in such fiscal years but were unpaid.

The railway company had pursued the conservative policy of appropriating earnings otherwise available for dividends, for necessary betterments and improvements, and over the period involved in the litigation, earnings in excess of \$16,000,000 had been utilized in developing the property to its present earning power. The Supreme Court sustained the action of the directors of the railway company and stated that it had been the common understanding of lawyers and business men that in the case of non-cumulative stock entitled only to a dividend if declared out of annual profits, if those profits are justifiably applied by the directors to capital improvements and no dividend is declared within the year, the claim for that year is gone and cannot be inserted at a later date.

The decision of the Court will permit a resumption of dividends upon the preferred stock B, interrupted in 1928 by the decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals which was reversed yesterday by the decision of the Supreme Court.—V. 129, p. 3959.

Western New York & Pennsylvania Ry.—Initial Divs.

—The directors have declared a dividend of 4% on the common stock, par \$50, and a dividend of 5% on the 5% non-cumulative preferred stock, par \$50, both payable Jan. 31 to holders of record Jan. 31. These are the first dividends since recapitalization (see V. 125, p. 1705; V. 126, p. 2785). This company is controlled by the Pennsylvania RR.—V. 129, p. 2679.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" of Jan. 4.—Production of electric power in the U. S. in Nov. 1929 exceeded same month a year ago by about 6%. p. 26.

Alabama Water Service Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Years Ended—	1929.	1928. x
Operating revenues	\$830,551	\$758,789
Operating expense	320,898	282,814
Maintenance	30,233	36,616
Taxes (excluding Federal income tax)	83,947	73,978

Net earnings from operations	\$395,473	\$365,382
Other income	1,807	774

Gross corporate income	\$397,279	\$366,156
Interest on funded debt	193,850	

x The year ended Nov. 30 1928 includes revenues and expenses of properties prior to acquisition.—V. 129, p. 3959.

Allied Power & Light Corp.—Consolidation Plan.—

See Commonwealth & Southern Corp. below.—V. 129, p. 629.

American Community Power Co.—Earnings.—

12 Months Ended Nov. 30—	1928.	1929.
Gross earnings, all sources	\$8,799,597	\$9,486,352
Oper. expenses, incl. maint. & local taxes	3,061,992	5,203,353
Interest charges on funded deb. of sub. cos.	1,600,141	1,623,825
Divs. on pref. stocks of subsidiary companies	686,352	704,328

Bal. avail. for Amer. Community Power Co. & for reserves	\$1,451,112	\$1,954,846
Ann. int. require. of \$5,000,000 gold deb. 5½% ser., due 1953.		275,000

Balance available for dividends and reserves	\$1,679,846
Ann. div. require. of 30,000 shs. 1st pref. stock, \$6 div. series.—V. 129, p. 3632, 2679, 2383, 1118, 957; V. 128, p. 4319, 2268; V. 127, p. 1944, 1387, 258.	180,000

American Electric Power Corp.—Acquisition.—

The corporation has acquired control of the Atlantic Ice & Coal Co. of Atlanta, Ga., it has been announced by R. P. Stevens & Co. The Atlanta Ice & Coal Co. does an annual gross business of about \$4,500,000. It supplies ice in a number of Southern cities, including Atlanta, Nashville, Chattanooga, Tampa and Jacksonville. The American Electric Power Corp. already controls subsidiaries supplying ice and gas in Virginia and the Carolinas in addition to the electric service in Sioux City and some 200 other communities of Iowa and the gas business in York and 50 other communities of Pennsylvania.—V. 128, p. 2458.

American States Water Service Co. (Calif.).—Formed.—

Representing the consolidation of 20 California public utility companies, the above company, with headquarters in Los Angeles, was formally created on Dec. 31 1929, coincidentally with the filing of articles of incorporation and a consolidation agreement with the Secretary of State of California. The new corporation is a subsidiary of the American States Public Service Co., which controlled the consolidated companies.

The companies involved in the consolidation were Los Angeles & Suburban Water Co., Orange County Water Co., Gardena Valley Water Co., Peoples Water Co. of Palms, Highland Domestic Water Co., Ojai Domestic Water Co., Placencia Water Co., Harbor City Water Co., Huntington Beach Water Co., Oak Park Water Co., Ocean Park Heights Water Co., Venice Water Consumers' Water Co., Southern California Utilities, Inc., Imperial Utilities Corp., Los Angeles Water Service Co., Claremont Domestic Water Co., Hollywood Water Co., La Habra Domestic Water Co., Bell Water Co., Haines Canyon Water Co.

The consolidation was effected with the approval of the California RR. Commission, which also authorized the issuance of capital stock in the amount of \$3,001,400 by the new company.

Officials of the new company include E. E. Towles, President; A. B. Muller, Vice-President and Treasurer; and W. C. Kennedy, Secretary. The directors consist of these officials together with William E. Vogelback (President of American States Public Service Co.), and L. L. Davis (Chairman of the board of the latter company).

Other subsidiaries of the American States Public Service Co. in California are the Bear Valley Utility Co., serving in Bear Valley, and the South Coast Gas Co. at Oceanside. (Los Angeles "Times.")

American States Public Service Co.—Directors Continue Stock Dividend Option.—The company will continue its policy of permitting class A shareholders the option of taking dividends in either cash or stock, it was announced on Jan. 10 by the directors. A majority of the stockholders have indicated a desire to exercise their options in favor of stock dividends, which is a yield of 10%.

Consol. Earnings Years Ended Nov. 30—		
	1929.	1928.
Gross revenues	\$1,619,910	\$1,552,257
Operating expenses	633,600	
Maintenance	89,619	828,489
General taxes	76,365	

Earnings avail. for int. charges, reserves & divs.—\$520,325 \$723,768
 Note.—The statement above for the years ended Nov. 30 1929 and 1928 reflects the operations for each full year irrespective of acquisition dates of subsidiaries. No adjustments have been made to eliminate those expenses of subsidiaries which occurred within the year but prior to acquisition and which will not recur under present management.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Nov. 30 1929.			
Assets—		Liabilities—	
Fixed capital	\$14,394,880	Preferred capital stock	\$1,603,485
Cash	133,281	Common capital stock	3,318,666
Notes & accounts receivable	240,527	Common stock scrip	5,071
Materials and supplies	81,583	First lien bonds	4,056,000
Prepayments	12,678	Convertible debentures	3,999,000
Miscellaneous investments	42,536	Other funded debt	82,659
Unamortized discount and expenses on funded debt	591,111	Notes & accts. payable, incl. accruals	488,999
Other deferred debits	43,733	Res., incl. construct. advances	1,728,495
		Surplus	257,955
Total	\$15,540,330	Total	\$15,540,330

See American States Water Service Co. above—V. 129, p. 471.

American Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Expected to Sell \$150,000,000 35-Year 5% Debentures.—The company is expected shortly to do some financing, which it is believed will take the form of an issue of \$150,000,000 35-year 5% debentures. It is rumored that the issue will be offered by the company's bankers within two or three days at around 99½.—V. 129, p. 4137.

American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.—Divs.—The directors have declared the regular quarterly cash dividend of 25c. a share and the regular semi-annual stock dividend of 2½% on the common stock, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Jan. 24. A stock distribution of 2½% was also paid in Feb. and Aug. 1929, and in addition a special stock dividend of 10% was paid on July 11 last.—V. 129, p. 4137.

Associated Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.—The earnings statement appearing under the Associated Gas & Electric Securities Co. in last week's "Chronicle" should have appeared under Associated Gas & Electric Co.

Makes Revised Offer to Holders of Securities of Subsidiary and Affiliated Companies to Exchange for \$8 Interest-Bearing Allotment Certificates.—A list of subsidiary and affiliated companies whose securities may be turned in in lieu of cash toward the purchase of \$8 interest-bearing allotment certificates was given in our issue of Nov. 30 last. The company has issued another list bearing date of Jan. 3. The turn-in price for allotment certificates (per share) is the same in the new list as the old with the exception of the following:

	New Price.	Old Price.
Stocks—		
Rochester Central Power Corp., 6% preferred	\$90	\$100
Bonds—		
American Utilities Co., 6s, due 1945	95	--
American Utilities Co., 6½s, due 1941	90	--
Railway Bonds—		
Adamstown & Mohnsville Electric, 1st 5s, 1935	25	35
Albany Ry. cons. gold 5s, 1930	90	40
Boyetown & Pottstown Ry., 1st 5s, 1936	10	30
East Reading Electric Ry., 5s, 1937	90	30
Front & Fifth St., 5s, 1933	90	30
Neversink Mountain Ry., 4s, 1931	75	25
Oley Valley Ry., 1st gold 4½s, 1931	45	30
Reading & Southwestern 5s, 1931	90	30
Reading & Temple 5s, 1934	100	30
Reading Traction 6s, 1933	100	35
Reading Transit, 1st gold 6s, series A, 1954	100	30
Trappe & Limerick Electric, 1st 4½s, 1931	40	20
Troy City Ry., 1st cons. gold 5s, 1942	20	30
United T. Co. (Oley Valley cts.) 5s, 1931	20	--
a Additions to list. b Company announces that no further changes will be made in the offer to railway bonds.—V. 129, p. 4137.		

Associated Telephone Utilities Co.—To Offer Bonds.—Company will offer, probably early next week, a new issue of \$6,000,000 15 year 5½% convertible gold debentures with conversion rights. Upon completion of this financing the company will control groups of telephone properties serving a population of more than 3,110,000 in 20 States. These include 397,428 stations and constitute one of the largest groups of independent telephone properties in the United States. The issue will be offered through Paine, Webber & Co., Bonbright & Co., Inc. and Mitchum, Tully & Co.—V. 129, p. 4137.

Brazilian Traction, Light & Power Co., Ltd.—Stockholders' Meeting.—

A special general meeting of the shareholders will be held on Feb. 4 for the purpose of considering and, if approved, of passing a resolution authorizing the company to apply to the Secretary of State of Canada for supplementary letters patent amending the letters patent of the company by adding a provision conferring power on the board of directors to declare and pay stock dividends and to adjust fractions on the issue of shares. See V. 129, p. 3960.

California Water Service Co.—Earnings.		
Years Ended Nov. 30—		
	1929.	1928. x
Operating revenues	\$2,104,039	\$2,062,723
Operation expense	830,470	822,177
Maintenance	97,279	112,893
Taxes (excluding Federal income tax)	153,174	141,499
Net earnings from operations	\$1,023,116	\$986,153
Other income	14,880	17,517
Gross corporate income	\$1,037,997	\$1,003,669
Interest on funded debt	353,014	
x The year ended Nov. 30 1928 includes revenues and expenses of properties prior to acquisition.—V. 129, p. 3960.		

Chester Water Service Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.		
Years Ended Nov. 30—		
	1929.	1928.
Operating revenues	\$563,463	\$522,505
Operation expense	138,561	134,990
Maintenance	23,333	27,411
Taxes (excluding Federal income tax)	9,869	17,706
Net earnings from operations	\$391,699	\$342,488
Other income	3,471	7,239
Gross corporate income	\$395,170	\$349,727
Interest on funded debt	135,000	
—V. 129, p. 3961.		

Chicago City Ry.—Interest on Bonds.—The Chicago City Ry. and Calumet & South Chicago Ry. have deposited with the First Union Trust & Savings Bank, trustee, funds for the payment on Feb. 1 1930, of interest for the preceding 6 months period on the 1s mtge. 5% bond issues of both companies.

As no coupons representing such interest are attached to the bonds it will be necessary that such bonds be presented to one of the following: First Union Trust & Savings Bank, 33 So. Clark St., Chicago, Ill., Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall St., New York, N. Y., Mercantile Trust Co., 200 E. Redwood St., Baltimore, Md., for endorsement thereon for such interest payment.

Certificates of deposit representing bonds deposited with the protective committees should not be presented. Interest on such bonds will be paid to the committees and checks will be sent by them or their agent to registered holders of certificates of deposit without the surrender of the certificates.—V. 129, p. 278.

Citizens Water Service Co.—Earnings.		
Years Ended Nov. 30—		
	1929.	1928.
Operating revenues	\$39,335	\$40,062
Operation expense	11,406	11,453
Maintenance	1,459	2,232
Taxes (excluding Federal income tax)	823	1,168
Net earnings from operations	\$25,645	\$25,009
Interest on funded debt	10,972	
—V. 129, p. 3961.		

Commonwealth Power Corp.—Consolidation Plan.—See Commonwealth & Southern Corp. below.—V. 129, p. 3010

Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power Co. of Baltimore.—Earnings.

12 Months Ended Nov. 30—		
	1929.	1928.
Gross revenue	\$27,871,044	\$25,963,473
Expenses, taxes and depreciation	18,138,517	17,279,400
Operating income	\$9,732,527	\$8,684,073
Other income	556,500	390,622
Total income	\$10,289,027	\$9,074,695
Fixed charges	2,796,349	3,050,067
Net income	\$7,486,678	\$6,024,628
Preferred dividends	1,038,835	973,325
Common dividends	3,145,347	2,834,184
Surplus	\$3,302,496	\$2,217,119
Earnings per share on average of 1,022,364 shares common stock (no par)	\$6.31	\$4.94
—V. 129, p. 3634.		

Commonwealth & Southern Corp.—Plan of Merger and Consolidation.—The boards of directors of Allied Power & Light Corp., Commonwealth Power Corp., Penn-Ohio Edison Co., Southeastern Power & Light Co. and the Commonwealth & Southern Corp. have approved of a plan of merger and consolidation, which, when completed, will result in the acquisition by the Commonwealth & Southern Corp., a Delaware corporation, of all of the assets and the assumption of all of the liabilities of Allied Power & Light Corp., Commonwealth Power Corp., Penn-Ohio Edison Co. and Southeastern Power & Light Co. and the issue by the Commonwealth & Southern Corp. of its preferred stock, \$6 series, common stock, option warrants and scrip in exchange and substitution for the outstanding preferred stock, common stock, option warrants and scrip of the other companies above named. Some of the directors, officers and employees of each of the above companies are also stockholders and (or) officers or directors of certain of the other companies above named. A circular letter further states:

Advantages of the Plan.
 At present the Commonwealth & Southern Corp. owns more than 96% of the common stock of Commonwealth Power Corp., Penn-Ohio Edison Co. and Southeastern Power & Light Co. respectively, and these companies, in turn, own substantially all of the common stock of the various operating public utility companies comprising the Commonwealth & Southern System. Allied Power & Light Corp. has substantial assets, including 1,961,940 shares of common stock and 980,079 option warrants of Commonwealth & Southern Corp. and no indebtedness. Among other things it is engaged through its subsidiaries in a supervision, engineering and construction business. Its services are employed by utility companies including the operating subsidiaries of Commonwealth Power Corp. and Penn-Ohio Edison Co. By the consummation of this plan, its supervision, engineering and construction organization and the organizations performing similar services for the operating subsidiaries of the Southeastern Power & Light Co. will be combined, providing a unified organization available to all the operating subsidiaries of the Commonwealth & Southern Corp.

The great advantage of uniting all these corporations into the Commonwealth & Southern Corp. is: first, that it will greatly simplify the corporate structure of the Commonwealth & Southern System by eliminating the intermediate holding companies, and second, that it will give the Commonwealth & Southern System a unified, supervision, engineering and construction organization.

Table Showing Stock and Warrants to be Received by Holders of Stock and Warrants of Constituent Companies.

For Each Sh. (or Option Warr.) of:	There Will be Rec'd the Following Secur. of Commonwealth & Southern Corp.		Option Warr. to Purch. at \$30 s Sh., Shs. of Com. Stock in the Amt. Stated Below.
	No. of Shs. of Pfd. Stk. \$6 Series.	No. of Shs. of Com. Stk.	
Allied Power & Light Corp.:			
1st pref. stock, \$5 series	5-6	---	---
Preference stock, \$3 series	½	---	---
Common stock	---	2½	1½
Commonwealth Power Corp.:			
6% cumulative preferred stock	1	---	---
Common stock	---	8	4
Penn-Ohio Edison Co.:			
7% cum. prior pref. stock	1-1-6	---	---
\$6 cum. preferred stock	1	---	---
Common stock	---	3½	1½
Option warrant, series "A"	---	2½	1½
Option warrant, series "B"	---	¾	¾
Southeastern Power & Light Co.:			
\$7 cum. preferred stock	1-1-6	---	---
\$6 cum. preferred stock	1	---	---
Cum. partic. preferred stock	1	---	---
Common stock	---	4½	2½
Option warrant	---	2	1

Holders of scrip certificates, representing rights in fractional shares of stock or warrants of Penn-Ohio Edison Co., Commonwealth Power Corp. and Southeastern Power & Light Co. will receive scrip certificates of the Commonwealth & Southern Corp. on a basis proportionate to the common stock and warrants respectively. The holders of those due bills representing fractional shares of pref. stock of Commonwealth Power Corp. which accrue dividends, will receive a cash adjustment.

The preferred stock, \$6 series, will be cum. from April 1 1930. Cash adjustments will be made on account of divs. accrued prior to that date on surrendered preferred stock.

Outstanding Stock of the Commonwealth & Southern Corp. Unaffected.
 The plan will not affect the authorized capitalization of the Commonwealth & Southern Corp. Its stockholders and holders of its option warrants will retain their present certificates and no exchange or deposit is necessary.

Capitalization of Commonwealth & Southern Corp. After Completion of Plan.

Unsecured funded indebtedness assumed	\$55,489,500
Preferred stock, \$6 series	1,355,937 1-6 shs.
Common stock	33,973,561 shs.
Warrants, evidencing the right to subscribe to an equal number of shares of common stock at \$30 per share	17,607,437 shs.

Note.—The foregoing does not include \$392,544,902 of subs. funded debt and \$195,097,038 of subs. pref. stock outstanding, \$11,326,100 guaranty of which will be assumed by the Commonwealth & Southern Corp.

Earnings 12 Months Ended Nov. 30 1929 (Giving Effect to Plan.)
[Commonwealth & Southern Corp. & Sub. Companies.]

Gross earnings	\$151,404,677
Operating expenses & taxes	73,682,548
Gross income	\$77,722,130
Fixed charges	35,539,410
Net income	\$42,182,719
Divs. paid or accrued on pref. stocks affected by consolidation (annual div. requirements on 1,355,936 1-6 shs. pref. stock \$6. Series to be issued therefor will be \$8,135,623)	7,841,879
Provisions for retirement reserve	8,885,167
Balance	\$25,455,673
Earnings per share on common stock	7.493

Description of \$6 Preferred Stock and Option Warrants of The Commonwealth & Southern Corp.
Preferred stock, \$6 series is entitled to receive cum. preferential divs. at the rate of \$6 per share per annum, is entitled to \$100 plus divs. on dissolution, red. at \$110 plus divs. and is entitled to one vote at all meetings of stockholders. The option warrants will be in the same form as the option warrants of the Commonwealth & Southern Corp. now outstanding and will entitle the holders to purchase common stock at any time without limit at a price of \$30 per share.

Formal Steps in Plan.

In carrying out the proposed plan, certain formal corporate action must be taken which will require meetings of stockholders. As two of the corporations—Commonwealth Power Corp. and Southeastern Power & Light Co.—were organized in Maine, and as the other three companies who are parties to the plan were organized in Delaware, a technical legal merger of all five companies at one time is not possible. It is therefore planned first to have a technical legal merger or consolidation of the three Delaware corporations, namely, the Commonwealth & Southern Corp., Allied Power & Light Corp. and Penn-Ohio Edison Co., and the agreement of merger and consolidation will provide for the issue of the stock and option warrants shown in the above table to the holders of stock and warrants of these three companies.

There will also be a separate technical legal consolidation in Maine of Commonwealth Power Corp. and Southeastern Power & Light Co., the consolidated Maine company to be known as the Commonwealth Southeastern Corp. By the terms of this consolidation, the stockholders of Commonwealth Power Corp. and of Southeastern Power & Light Co. will be entitled to receive stock in the consolidated company with similar preferences and provisions, and representing the same number of shares as the stock of the Commonwealth & Southern Corp. which they are eventually to receive under the plan as shown by the above table, and the holders of the option warrants of Southeastern Power & Light Co. will be entitled to receive option warrants in the consolidated company as set forth in the consolidation agreement. However, the pref. stock of the consolidated company will be redeemable at the election of the board of directors in the pref. stock \$6 series of the Commonwealth & Southern Corp. and at the election of the board of directors the holders of pref. stock, option warrants and scrip of the consolidated company may receive on the dissolution of that company pref. stock \$6 series, option warrants and scrip of the Commonwealth & Southern Corp. in the amounts referred to in the above table.

The consolidation agreement will provide that no exchange of certificates is necessary to give to the record holders of the certificates in the constituent companies their rights in the consolidated company for the reason that the plan contemplates the redemption of the pref. stock of the consolidated company into the pref. stock, \$6 series, of the Commonwealth & Southern Corp. and the immediate sale by the consolidated company of all of its assets of the Commonwealth & Southern Corp., the Delaware company, in consideration of the issue to the holders of stock, option warrants and scrip of the consolidated company by the Commonwealth & Southern Corp. of its stock, option warrants and scrip. After this sale, the consolidated Maine corporation will immediately dissolve.

The various steps in the plan are not mutually dependent but may be carried out independently irrespective of whether any other step is carried out. The Commonwealth & Southern Corp. which owns over 96% of the common stocks of the Maine companies, will vote that stock in favor of the Maine consolidation only if in its opinion sufficient proxies have been received from other stockholders.

15 Cent Cash Dividend.

The directors have declared a quarterly cash dividend of 15 cents per share on the common stock payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 10. This action places the common stock on a cash dividend basis instead of the previous stock dividend basis.

On Sept. 1 and Dec. 2 1929, quarterly stock distributions of 1-80th of a share of common stock were paid on this issue. Jacob Hekma and F. P. Cummings, Vice-Presidents, have been elected directors.—V. 129, p. 3799.

Eastern Minnesota Power Corp.—Transfer Agent.

The Chase National Bank has been appointed transfer agent for an authorized issue of 3,000 shares \$6 cum. pref. no par value stock.—V. 129, p. 1120.

Eastern States Power Corp.—Initial Class B Dividend.

The directors have declared an initial dividend of 25c. per share on the class B stock and the regular quarterly dividends of \$1.75 a share on the \$7 preferred and \$1.50 a share on the \$6 preferred stocks, all payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 15.—V. 129, p. 1120.

Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston.—Notes Sold.—Lee, Higginson & Co.; the First National Old Colony Corp.; F. S. Moseley & Co.; Kidder, Peabody & Co.; Burr, Gannet & Co.; Harris, Forbes & Co.; Blake Brothers & Co.; Bankers Co. of New York, and the National City Co. announce the sale at 98 3/4 and int., to yield over 5.45%, of \$30,000,000 3-year 5% coupon gold notes. Dated Jan. 15 1930; due Jan. 15 1933. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at Old Colony Trust Co., Boston. Coupon Notes of \$1,000 each.

Capitalization (After Completion of the Present Financing)

Three-year 5% notes, due Jan. 15 1933 (this issue)	\$30,000,000
Three-year 4 1/2% notes, due Nov. 1 1930	30,000,000
Capital stock (par \$100)	53,487,500
Premium paid in on capital stock	36,916,433

No mortgage will be put upon the company's existing property unless these notes are equally secured or retirement thereof is provided for in such mortgage.

The proceeds of these notes will retire all floating indebtedness and leave approximately \$6,000,000 for future extensions of the property. Physical property investments amount to over \$150,000,000 or more than 2.5 times amount of the above debt.

Earnings Years Ended Dec. 31.

Years—	Gross Earnings	Net Available for Int. & Reserves	Operating Int. Charges
1924	\$19,494,784	\$7,736,143	\$1,173,288
1925	21,315,241	8,303,870	1,599,434
1926	23,204,901	9,638,738	1,866,486
1927	25,886,945	11,148,391	1,900,393
1928	27,749,658	12,548,106	2,061,355
1929*	29,471,249	12,947,194	2,484,124

* Year ended Nov. 30 1929. Company's \$53,487,500 stock has been issued for \$90,403,933 cash or an average of \$169.02 per share. Present market value \$243 per share or \$129,974,000.

Dividends were paid on the capital stock at the annual rate of \$12 per share for over 19 years prior to Nov. 1 1929, at which time a quarterly dividend of \$3.40 was paid.

Company serves directly a population of over 1,300,000 in Boston and 39 surrounding cities and towns, and sells energy in bulk in ten other companies and municipalities.—V. 129, p. 4138.

Eastern Utilities Associates.—Earnings.

Earnings for 12 Months Ended Nov. 30 1929.

Gross earnings	\$9,316,861
Net earnings	3,712,698
Balance applicable to reserves and dividends	2,706,175
Common dividend requirements	1,365,433

—V. 128, p. 1903.

Electric Railway Lines.—Receiverships Reduced in 1929.

The "Electric Railway Journal" reports in part: The receivership record of 1929 would be good at any time, but is particularly noteworthy after the record of the past 20 years. When conditions in the industry were normal, in the five years before the World War began, the receiverships averaged 19 per year, with an average of 500 miles of track each year, and with securities averaging \$24,700,000 in stock and \$39,000,000 in bonds. As the war progressed the situation became worse, the 1919 record reaching the tremendous figure of 48 roads with 3,781 miles of track thrown into receivership, involving \$321,000,000 of stocks and \$312,900,000 of bonds. From that point the receiverships diminished gradually until only 8 roads became involved in 1928. But the record for last year, when only 5 roads with a total of 510 miles of track, and with \$18,473,000 of stocks and \$21,173,700 of bonds went into the hands of receivers, is the best since 1925. It is also noteworthy that one of these roads was able to satisfy its creditors and the arrangements for ending the receivership were made during the year.

There also has been a material reduction in the number and importance of roads remaining insolvent. Notable among the reorganizations were several properties that have been in trouble for several years. The Des Moines City Ry. is one of these. This 100-mile system was sold at foreclosure and taken over by a new group, headed by W. J. Cummings of Chicago. The long-standing source of difficulty has been a contract between the company and its tramen which prohibited the use of one-man cars. This has now been abrogated, and it is expected that operating economies that will make the system successful can be introduced.

Another important system that was reorganized during the year is the Detroit United system. This property, which was the interurban portion of the old Detroit United remaining when the city of Detroit purchased the city lines, finally was able to work out a plan for satisfying its creditors. It now has been reorganized as the Eastern Michigan Rys. Incidentally, this was the largest road remaining in receivership at the beginning of last year, comprising 613.9 miles of track and involving \$45,000,000 of securities. The Indiana Columbus & Eastern Traction Co., which went into receivership in 1921, finally adjusted its difficulties and was merged with the Cincinnati Hamilton & Dayton Ry. The plan was worked out in 1928, but was not consummated until last year.

Electric Railway Receiverships in 1929.

	Miles of Track.
Hammond Whiting & East Chicago Ry., Hammond, Ind.	34.16
New York State Rys., Rochester, N. Y.	254.14
United Traction Co., Albany, N. Y.	112.10
Oklahoma Union Ry., Tulsa, Okla.	18.9
Sunbury & Selingsgrove Ry., Selingsgrove, Pa.	6.2

Receiverships Terminated and Foreclosure Sales During 1929.

Receivers Discharged with or without Foreclosure Sales or Following Abandonment.

	Miles of Track.
Indianapolis & Cincinnati Traction Co., Indianapolis, Ind.	101.00
Milford & Uxbridge Street Ry., Milford, Mass.	35.00
Wahpeton-Breckenridge Street Ry., Breckenridge, Minn.	1.00
Atlantic & Suburban Ry., Atlantic City, N. J.	16.00
Missouri & Kansas Ry., Kansas City, Kan.	20.03
Joplin & Pittsburgh Ry., Pittsburgh, Kan.	94.52
Manhattan & Queens Traction Corp., Long Island City, N. Y.	20.11
Ogdensburg Street Ry., Ogdensburg, N. Y.	4.23
Westchester Street RR., New York, N. Y.	17.68
Tulsa Street Ry., Tulsa, Okla.	23.00

Sold at Foreclosure Sale, but Receiver Not Yet Discharged.

Des Moines City Ry., Des Moines, Ia.	103.10
Hammond, Whiting & East Chicago Ry., Hammond, Ind.	34.16
Binghamton Ry., Binghamton, N. Y.	47.31
Ithaca Traction Corp., Ithaca, N. Y.	12.72
Indiana Columbus & Eastern Traction Co., Springfield, O.	153.23
Lawton Ry. & Light Co., Lawton, Okla.	6.31

—V. 128, p. 556.

Federal Water Service Corp.—Earnings.

Years Ended Nov. 30—

	1928, x	1929.
Operating revenues	\$14,454,559	\$15,872,207
Operation expense	4,441,605	4,717,082
Maintenance	880,291	856,486
Reserved for retirements and replacements	482,658	640,677
General taxes	954,105	1,113,130

Net earnings from operations	\$7,695,899	\$8,544,831
Other income	342,507	606,059

Gross corporate income	\$8,038,406	\$9,150,891
Interest on funded debt of subsidiary companies		3,992,674
Interest on funded debt of Federal Water Service Corp.		214,212
Miscellaneous interest charges		78,556
Federal income tax		256,557
Other charges		136,981

Net income	\$4,471,910
Dividends on subsidiary companies' preferred stock	1,171,845
Dividends on Federal Water Service Corp. preferred stock	949,928

Balance. The year ended Nov. 30 1928 includes revenues and expenses of properties prior to acquisition.—V. 129, p. 3962.

General Gas & Electric Corp.—Split-Up Approved.

The stockholders on Jan. 6 approved the directors' recommendation to split-up the class A and B common stocks, on the basis of five new shares for each share outstanding. In order to provide for the split-up the number of authorized shares of common stock class A was increased from 2,000,000 to 10,000,000 and the class B common from 1,500,000 to 4,000,000 shares.—V. 129, p. 4138.

Gulf States Utilities Co.—Earnings.

Earnings for 12 Months Ended Nov. 30 1929.

Gross earnings	\$6,771,504
Net earnings	3,063,793
Balance for reserves, retirements and dividends	2,012,257
Required for dividends on \$5.50 and \$6 preferred stocks	384,096

—V. 128, p. 3185.

Illinois Water Service Co.—Earnings.

Years Ended Nov. 30—

	1929.	1928.
Operating revenues	\$634,534	\$579,289
Operation expense	247,681	238,125
Maintenance	33,915	27,269
Taxes (excluding Federal income tax)	45,202	46,871

Net earnings from operations	\$307,736	\$267,025
Other income	615	1,636

Gross corporate income	\$308,351	\$268,661
Interest on funded debt	127,774	

—V. 129, p. 3962.

Italian Superpower Corp.—Definitive Debentures Ready.

Notice was recently given to all holders of interim receipts for 35-year 6% gold debentures, series A and option warrants, series of 1929, that definitive debentures and option warrants have been received by Bankers Trust Co. and that the holders of interim receipts may obtain the debentures

and option warrants, called for by such interim receipts upon surrender thereof at the Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall St., N. Y. City.—V. 129, p. 1440.

Lone Star Gas Corp.—Initial Preferred Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of \$1.63 a share on the 6 1/2% cumulative preferred stock, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 20. The next quarterly dividend will be \$1.62 a share.—V. 129, p. 2857.

Los Angeles Ry. Corp.—Wins Case.—

The right of the company to ignore the 5c. fare contract with the City of Los Angeles and apply to the California R.R. Commission for an increase in fare was again upheld by the U. S. Supreme Court on Jan. 6. The Commission filed a petition with the Court asking it to reconsider its decision, holding that the City of Los Angeles had no authority to enter into a contract with the public utility in fixing a 5c. fare, but the Court denied the petition.—V. 129, p. 3963.

Los Angeles Water Service Co.—Trans. of Control.—

See American States Water Service Co. (Calif.) above.—V. 123, p. 842.

Manitoba Power Co., Ltd.—\$1 Dividend.—

The directors have declared a dividend of \$1 a share on the common stock, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 10. A similar distribution was made in August last, compared with \$1.56 a share on Feb. 1 1929, \$1 a share on August 1 1928 and \$2 a share on Jan. 16 1928.—V. 129, p. 2682.

Massachusetts Northeastern St. Ry.—Receivership.—

A petition for appointment of a receiver was heard Jan. 6 by Judge Elisha H. Brewster at Boston. Judge Brewster appointed Robert B. Stearns of Boston, receiver.

The appointment was sought by the General Finance Corp., represented by Atty. R. A. Pritchard of Boston. Pritchard stated that liabilities included more than \$1,000,000 in bonds, certain notes with a face value of \$200,000, and a judgment in a personal injury case. It was brought out that liabilities under the bond issues, due in December and January, had not been met and that the company was in no position to meet them.

Atty. John Hall, representing a bondholders' committee, agreed that the general condition of the company was as stated by Atty. Pritchard. The committee he represented, he said, held about \$300,000 of first mortgage bonds and consisted of John E. Oldham, President of Atlantic Corp.; Donald W. Campbell, Asst. Treas. of the State Mutual Life Insurance Co.; Wilson G. Wing of the Providence (R. I.) Institution for Savings; Walter A. Danforth of the Bangor Savings Bank and Jacob A. Barbee of the New England Mutual Life Insurance Co.

He said that he had found that the General Finance Corp., the petitioner, was a subsidiary of the Associated Gas & Electric Co., and that the Massachusetts Northeastern Street Ry. was owned by the New Hampshire Electric Railways, which was in turn controlled by the Railway and Bus Associates and that they were controlled by corporations affiliated with the Associated Gas & Electric Companies.—V. 119, p. 2287.

Michigan Bell Telephone Co.—Acquisition.—

The I.-S. C. Commission Dec. 26 approved the acquisition by the company of the properties of the Benzie Consolidated Telephone Co. The Benzie company owns and operates exchanges at Benzonia, Frankfort and Thompsonville, in Benzie County, Mich., which serve 422 owned subscriber stations and 30 service stations. These exchanges are connected by toll lines having a pole mileage of 30.9 miles. The Bell company does not maintain exchanges at the points served by the Benzie company, but its toll lines connect with that company's system.

On July 22 1929, the Bell company contracted to purchase the physical properties of the Benzie company, free from all liens and encumbrances, for \$52,000. An appraisal made by the Bell company finds the reproduction cost new of the properties to be \$78,534, and less depreciation \$52,685. None of the acquired properties will be retired from service. The Benzie company has outstanding a mortgage indebtedness of \$13,000, and bills payable amounting to \$21,000. These are to be deducted from the purchase price.—V. 129, p. 1738.

Middle Western Telephone Co.—Debentures Offered.—
—Kent, Grace & Co., Emery Peck & Rockwood and Porter, Fox & Co., Chicago, recently offered \$500,000 convertible 6% gold debentures at 97 and int.

Dated Nov. 1 1929; due Nov. 1 1939. Interest payable (M. & N.) at Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co., Chicago, trustee. Denom. \$1,000 and \$5000*. Callable at any time on 60 days' notice to and incl. Nov. 1 1934 at 103 and int.; at 102 and int. to and incl. Nov. 1 1936; at 101 and int. to and incl. Nov. 1 1938; at par and int. thereafter. Company will agree to refund certain taxes levied on residents of Mass., Pa. and Iowa, upon proper application.

Company.—A Delaware corporation. Controls operating telephone systems in Wisconsin, Illinois and Ohio, which serve without competition a population in excess of 340,000. In Wisconsin, a subsidiary serves the City of La Crosse, with a population in excess of 37,000 and surrounding territory. In Illinois another subsidiary serves Park Ridge and Des Plaines on the Northwestern limits of Chicago and several towns in Central Illinois, principal of which are Pekin and Havana. Other company subsidiaries operate in excess of 31,000 stations in Ohio, serving the Cities of Warren, Wooster, Mt. Vernon and about 40 other communities.

Each of the operating units has been giving telephone service for 15 years or more in prosperous territories which give promise of satisfactory increases in future business. The physical properties include 60 exchanges serving approximately 54,000 stations. There are more than 480,000 feet of underground conduit owned and used in the several systems; the underground installation is being constantly extended to promote more efficient service and to decrease expense. More than 80% of the stations served are within the corporate limits of cities and towns. Nation-wide toll service is provided every station served through connections at necessary points with the lines of the Bell system.

Consolidated Earnings (Co. & Subs.) for the 12 Months Ended June 30 1929.

Gross earnings, including other income \$1,821,565
Oper. exp., maint. & taxes, int. & div. on subs. outstanding securities & minority interest in net income 1,410,965

Net earnings \$410,600
Interest on company's funded debt (incl. this issue) 69,090

Bal. for depreciation, Federal income taxes & dividends \$341,510
The above net earnings are equivalent to 5.90 times the annual interest requirements on all the outstanding funded debt. After deducting depreciation and estimated Federal taxes of \$174,915, balance is equal to 3.40 times the annual requirement.

Conversion.—Debentures will be convertible into class A common stock at following rates per \$1,000 debenture: At any time on or before Nov. 1 1931 into 30 shares of stock; thereafter on or before Nov. 1 1932 into 28 shares of stock; thereafter on or before Nov. 1 1933 into 26 shares of stock; thereafter on or before Nov. 1 1934 into 25 shares of stock. At the time of conversion adjustment of accrued interest and accrued dividend will be made.

The class A common stock is preferred over the class B common stock as to assets and as to dividends at the rate of \$1.75 annually, and participates equally, share for share, in any distribution of earnings after the class B stock has also received \$1.75 per share in any year.

The class A common stock is non-callable and is entitled to \$30 a share in preference over the class B common stock in liquidation, being also entitled to share equally with the class B stock in any distribution of assets, after the class B has received a like amount per share. Class A common stock is listed on the Chicago Stock Exchange.

Capitalization—
6% coll. gold bonds, series A, due 1943 x
Conv. 6% gold deb., due 1939 (this issue) \$500,000
Class A common stock (no par) 651,500 shs.
Class B common stock (no par) 150,000 shs.
x Limited by the conservative provisions of the trust indenture, including 20,000 shares in treasury, of which shares sufficient for the conversion of these debentures have been reserved. In addition there were \$4,250,000 par amount of bonds and \$1,840,000 par value of preferred stocks of subsidiaries outstanding in the hands of the public as of Nov. 1 1929.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to acquire outstanding securities and for other corporate purposes.—V. 129, p. 2070.

Mississippi River Fuel Corp.—To Extend Service.—

Preparations are now being made to supply natural gas to more than 20 cities and towns of Arkansas and Missouri from the corporation's 526-mile pipe line supplying the St. Louis industrial district from northern Louisiana fields. Most of these communities are being equipped with gas mains for the first time. They will be served by three operating companies which will purchase about 2,000,000,000 cubic feet of gas a year from the Mississippi River Fuel Corp., the operating company for the new high-pressure line owned by a syndicate comprising Standard Oil of New Jersey, United Gas Co., Electric Bond & Share Co. and other interests.

The territory involved has an aggregate population of about 100,000 including approximately 15,000 potential domestic customers. Fuel requirements for this section will supplement the huge industrial demands of the St. Louis district, for which most of the initial capacity of the line of 100,000,000 cubic feet a day has been reserved.

All three operating companies contemplate starting gas deliveries in their respective groups of towns within six months. The corporation is building branch lines from the main line to Stuttgart, Warren, Monticello, England, Lonoke, and other nearby Arkansas towns for delivery to Arkansas Natural Gas Corp. Arkansas Power & Light Co., a subsidiary of Electric Power & Light Corp., is preparing to supply gas for the first time to Jonesboro, Searcy, Kennett, Hoxie, Walnut Ridge, Newport and other communities of northern Arkansas. Missouri Natural Gas Co., a subsidiary of Utilities Power & Light Corp., will supply a third group of towns, in Missouri, including Poplar Bluff, Fredericktown, Crystal City, Farmington, Festus and others.

Gas for the long-distance line to St. Louis is secured from the reserves of subsidiaries of Standard Oil of New Jersey, United Gas Co., and from four other leading producers in the Monroe-Richland (La.) field, whose supplies are estimated to be sufficient for decades at present rate of consumption.—V. 129, p. 1121.

New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Acquis.—

The I.-S. C. Commission Dec. 28 approved the acquisition by the company of control of the Windham County Telephone Co., Inc. by purchase of its capital stock.

On Aug. 9 1929, the New England company contracted to purchase the physical properties of the Windham company, free from all liens and encumbrances for \$36,000, or in the alternative to acquire control of the Windham company by the purchase of all its outstanding capital stock, consisting of 720 shares of the par value of \$25 each, excepting six shares held by directors for the same consideration. The New England company has elected to acquire the capital stock. The cost of any additions to plant made between the date of the contract and the consummation of the transaction are to be added to the purchase price.—V. 129, p. 2536.

New York & Richmond Gas Co.—Omits Dividend.—

The directors recently decided to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about Jan. 1 on the common stock. Previously quarterly divs. of 30 cents per share were made on this issue.—V. 129, p. 2385.

New York Telephone Co.—Proposed Expenditures in 1930 to Total \$120,000,000 and for Next Five Years \$600,000,000.—

Expenditures of approximately \$120,000,000 during 1930 and \$600,000,000 in five years, for telephone plant additions and improvements in its territory, are planned by this company, according to an announcement made by President J. S. McCulloh. The total for 1930 will exceed by about \$20,000,000 the expenditures for these purposes in 1929, the largest in the company's history up to this time. It represents a sixth of the nationwide total of \$700,000,000 recently announced as the estimated cost of the Bell System's expansion program in the new year.

"Our studies throughout the company's territory, comprising New York State and a small part of Western Connecticut, indicate that the growth in demand for both local and out-of-town service will continue to increase rapidly," Mr. McCulloh states. "Though large additions have been made continuously to the telephone plant in the past, a still larger construction program is necessary to care for the anticipated growth."

"In accordance with our usual practice, we have supplemented our budget for the year with a forecast of the construction requirements for the succeeding four years, with full regard not only to expansion, but to such replacements and improvements in apparatus and equipment as will contribute to the speed and dependability of telephone operation and transmission. The prospective outlay of nearly \$600,000,000 for these purposes during the longer period will exceed that of the past five years by more than \$200,000,000."

"By 1932 we expect to complete the major projects of a storm-proof cable program which will greatly extend and multiply the toll routes of the State and bring all but a very small percentage of telephones into connection with the improved toll system. For both exchange and toll line construction, about \$35,000,000 will be expended in 1930 and \$162,000,000 in five years."

"Further extension of the dial method of operation will be made at many points. We expect that about two-thirds of the telephones served by this company will be on this basis, both in New York City and the State generally, by the end of 1934. This involves no reduction in the total number of operators employed. With the increasing size of the system and growing volume of traffic, they will still be needed for toll, long distance, information, and special services. The company's employed staff as a whole, already numbering 65,000, will necessarily grow larger to care for the increasing requirements."

Provision for subscribers' equipment is the largest general item of the budget, with about \$32,000,000 indicated for 1930 and \$186,000,000 for five years. This includes the various new instrumentalities for the improvement of service on the subscribers' premises, such as private branch exchanges of the dial type, telephone typewriters, and hand telephones. New York City's needs in subscribers' equipment are estimated at about \$25,000,000 this year and \$143,000,000 over the full period.

Another of the largest general items is the provision for central office equipment. About \$30,000,000 will be expended for this purpose in 1930 and \$164,000,000 in five years. Approximately two-thirds of each of these sums is for New York City, where the plans for the longer period include dial replacements of 33 manual switchboards now in service as well as the opening of a number of new dial offices and enlargement of others.

The estimated expenditures for purposes also are prominent in the construction program. Erection of new buildings or additions to others, together with land, call for more than \$22,000,000 in 1930 and \$74,000,000 in five years.

For New York City, many new buildings and additions to existing structures are planned, including the 27-story headquarters building in Brooklyn for the Long Island area, work on which has already begun. An enlargement of the long distance central office building in Walker St., Manhattan, will extend the structure to cover an entire block. An addition will also be made to the East 13th Street Building.

In the metropolitan suburban sections, comprising Westchester, Rockland and Putnam counties on the north, and Nassau and Suffolk counties on Long Island, it is estimated that approximately \$4,000,000 in 1930 and \$24,000,000 in five years must be applied to central office expansion and improvement. Complete or partial replacement of manual with dial equipment is planned for about 40 cities and villages. In those small communities in which the calling party signals the operator by turning a crank, it is expected during the longer period to replace this system with equipment of the common battery type of operation, under which the operator is signalled merely by removing the receiver from the hook.

The building projects in the New York City suburban sections include several new structures, among them the 7-story building now being erected at Hempstead, which will be the division headquarters for Nassau and Suffolk counties. For land and buildings in these sections the estimated outlays are approximately \$2,500,000 during 1930 and \$10,300,000 during five years.

For central office equipment in the up-State area, comprising all that part of New York State north of Westchester, Rockland and Putnam counties, approximately \$5,000,000 will be applied this year and \$26,000,000 in five years, according to the estimates. Substantial amounts are included for additional toll board equipment, an increase of about 70% in the number of operator's positions at toll switchboards being estimated for the entire period.

By 1934 complete dial operation will have been affected in the cities of Buffalo, Albany, Troy, Schenectady, Glens Falls, Rome, Auburn, Binghamton, Elmira, Johnson City, Solvay and about 25 smaller localities.

For land, new buildings and additions in the up-State area, expenditures of approximately \$8,800,000 are included in the five-year budget. Carrying forward its program of toll system expansion and improvement, including several joint projects with the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., the New York Telephone Co. plans to expend an average of approxi-

ately \$10,000,000 on this work during each of the next five years. The percentage of toll wire mileage enclosed in storm-proof cable will be largely increased, and it is expected that by the end of this period more than 93% of all the company's telephones will have this dependable cable connection with the general toll network.

Crossing under the Hudson River from Manhattan are at present 32 toll cables to up-State, New Jersey, and long distance points north, west and south. Five will be added in 1930 and 32 more in the following four years, making an increase of 116% during the budget period. The number of toll cables between New York City and suburban territory in New York and Connecticut will be largely increased.

Work will continue on the extension of new cable routes up-State, providing additional and improved toll links between hundreds of communities and reader access to long distance points. The new underground conduit route between New York City and Schenectady by way of Albany will be two-thirds completed by the end of this year, according to present plans. The Syracuse-Buffalo section of an additional main cable through the Mohawk Valley will also be finished during the current 12 months. Completion is expected within the next few years of the new cable route from Albany to Saranac and Montreal, of others crossing the State to Buffalo through the southern tier of counties, and of the cable line bisecting the State from Binghamton through Syracuse to Watertown. Various shorter routes are being extended into territory adjacent to the main cable highways.

During the five-year period 20 repeater stations, with amplifying equipment for toll and long distance service, will be added to the 14 already service on the cable routes of the State.—V. 130, p. 137.

New York Water Service Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Years Ended Nov. 30—	1929.	1928.
Operating revenues	\$2,607,478	\$2,423,808
Operation expense	742,857	707,186
Maintenance	141,895	83,409
Taxes (excluding Federal income tax)	234,006	204,263
Net earnings from operations	\$1,488,719	\$1,428,949
Other income	50,512	30,432

Gross corporate income \$1,539,231 \$1,459,382
Interest on funded debt 622,887
* The year ended Nov. 30 1928 includes revenues and expenses of properties prior to acquisition.—V. 129, p. 3964.

Niagara Falls Power Co.—Larger Dividend.—

The company on Dec. 31 paid to common stockholders of record Nov. 29 a quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share. This compares with quarterly distributions of 65 cents per share made from Dec. 1927 to Sept. 1929, incl.—V. 129, p. 2682.

Ohio Bell Telephone Co.—Acquisition.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has approved the acquisition by the company of the properties of the Chester Telephone Co. The Chester company owns and operates an exchange in the unincorporated village of Chesterland, Geauga County, Ohio, which serves 139 subscriber stations. No exchange is maintained by the Bell company at Chesterland, but its toll lines connect with the exchange of the Chester company.

On Sept. 10 1929, the Chester company gave the Bell company an option to purchase all of its physical properties, except real estate, free from all liens and encumbrances, for \$4,000. This option was exercised by the Bell company on Oct. 21 1929.—V. 129, p. 3800.

Ohio Water Service Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Years Ended Nov. 30—	1929.	1928.
Operating revenues	\$591,089	\$539,763
Operation expense	154,186	141,035
Maintenance	28,249	37,805
Taxes (excluding Federal income tax)	55,962	55,209
Net earnings from operations	\$352,692	\$305,713
Other income	27,959	22,524

Gross corporate income \$380,652 \$328,236
Interest on funded debt 159,636
* The year ended Nov. 30 1928 includes revenues and expenses of properties prior to acquisition.—V. 129, p. 3964.

Oregon-Washington Water Service Co.—Earnings.—

Years Ended Nov. 30—	1929.	1928.
Operating revenues	\$605,362	\$578,504
Operation expense	237,409	210,259
Maintenance	28,951	30,222
Taxes (excl. Federal income tax)	76,627	66,953
Net earnings from operations	\$262,375	\$271,070
Other income	1,650	2,698

Gross corporate income \$264,025 \$273,768
Interest on funded debt 137,500
* The year ended Nov. 30 1928 includes revenues and expenses of properties prior to acquisition.—V. 129, p. 3964.

Penn-Ohio Edison Co.—Consolidation Plan.—

See Commonwealth & Southern Corp. above.—V. 129, p. 1912.

Pittsburgh Suburban Water Service Co.—Earnings.—

Years Ended Nov. 30—	1929.	1928.
Operating revenues	\$321,292	\$306,972
Operation expense	113,942	110,253
Maintenance	12,757	27,789
Taxes (excluding Federal income tax)	7,493	4,643
Net earnings from operations	\$187,099	\$164,288
Other income	1,158	769

Gross corporate income \$188,257 \$165,056
Interest on funded debt 85,000
—V. 129, p. 3964.

Puget Sound Power & Light Co.—New Project.—

The Engineers Public Service Co. announces the beginning in the immediate future of work by one of its principal companies, the Puget Sound Power & Light Co., on the first stage of a 200,000 h.p. hydro-electric development at Rock Island on the Columbia River near Wenatchee, Wash., at an ultimate cost of about \$15,000,000. This will be the first major development to be constructed on this river.

The Puget Sound Power & Light Co., which will build the project, supplies electric power to a large part of western Washington. At present this company's power supply is obtained from water power plants on the western slope of the Cascades, supplemented by steam power, but the rapid growth of the company's business will now enable it to absorb the large amounts of power which can be made available at the Rock Island site. The remarkably high flow of the Columbia River, even in seasons of severe drought, will produce a minimum output at Rock Island materially greater than can be obtained at Muscle Shoals under similar conditions.

The dam will be about 60 ft. high and about 3,500 ft. long and will back up the water for 20 miles. 80,000 h.p. will be developed initially, and it will require over two years to make this block of power available. The ultimate development of 200,000 h.p. can be further increased, if desired, to 240,000 h.p., which will make it one of the most important hydro-electric plants in the country.

Some of the power will be used locally, but the major portion will be transmitted approximately 125 miles over the Cascade Mountains and distributed by the Puget Sound Power & Light Co.'s system.

Contract for the design and construction of the project has been awarded to Stone & Webster Engineering Corp.

Radio Corp. of America.—New Chairman.—

The directors on Jan. 3 accepted the resignation of Owen D. Young as Chairman of the board and elected Gen. James G. Harbord to succeed him in that office. At the same meeting, David Sarnoff was elected President

Earnings for 12 Months Ended Oct. 31 1929.

Gross earnings	\$16,123,553
Net earnings	6,757,494
Balance for reserves, retirements and dividends	4,353,063
Annual dividend requirements on \$5 prior preference stock	550,000

—V. 129, p. 2386.

and an executive committee was created with Mr. Young as its Chairman.—V. 130, p. 137.

Railway & Utilities Investing Corp.—Earnings.—

Earnings for six Months Ended Dec. 31 1929.

Profits on securities sold	\$97,231
x Dividends	52,435
Interest received & accrued	22,806
Total income	\$172,471
General expenses	15,259
Interest paid	7,827
Taxes	20,380
Net income available for preferred dividends	\$129,006
Preferred dividends paid	40,922

Surplus for period	\$88,084
Surplus June 30 1929	253,321
Surplus Dec. 31 1929	\$341,406
x Stock dividends not included.	

Condensed Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1929.

Assets—	Liabilities—
Investments	Reserve for taxes
Cash	Convertible preferred stock
Cash dividends receivable	Common stock
Interest accrued	Premiums on capital stock
	Surplus
Total	Total

Note.—243 shares of 7% convertible preferred stock series A, held in the Treasury Dec. 31 1929 and available for resale, are included in investments under assets and in preferred stock outstanding under liabilities.

Classification of Investments Dec. 31 1929 (at Approximate Market Value).

Railroad bonds	\$505,000
Railroad stocks: Paying cash dividends	1,638,887
Non-dividend paying	526,800
Public utility stocks: Paying cash dividends	760,701
Paying stock dividends	605,925
Non-dividend paying	322,225
Miscell. holdings, incl. railroad & (or) utility "rights," option warrants, treasury stock at par, &c	42,000
Total	\$4,401,630
Cost, as per balance sheet	4,100,248

Excess market value over cost \$301,381
—V. 129, p. 3167.

Reading Transit Co.—Receives New Offer.—

The holders of 6% 1st and refunding mortgage bonds, due 1954, have been offered a revised plan of exchange comprising Associated Gas & Electric securities on the basis of 100% of the principal amount of the bonds. The securities offered in the exchange are Associated Gas & Electric \$8 interest bearing allotment certificates at \$120 each plus cost of rights; \$6 cumulative convertible preferred stock, series B, of General Gas & Electric at \$100 a share and dividend, or 6% registered convertible debentures of Associated Gas & Elec. Co. at their principal amount and accrued interest.—V. 129, p. 4139.

Roanoke Water Works Co.—Earnings.—

Earnings for Year Ended June 30 1929.

Gross operating revenue	\$395,117
Operating & maintenance expenses	61,681
Net operating income	\$333,436
Net non-operating loss	951
Gross income	\$332,485
General expenses & taxes	74,107
Interest on funded debt	171,025
Bal. bef. prov. for deprec. & amortiz. of bd. & note disc. & exp.	\$87,353

Balance Sheet June 30 1929.

Assets—	Liabilities—
Cash	Notes payable
Notes receivable	Accounts payable
Accounts receivable	Int. accrued on bonds
Materials & supplies	Funded debt
Deposit for bond interest	Reserves
Investments	Preferred stock
Plant, equip. & constr.	Preferred stock subscriptions
Deferred charges	Common stock
	Surplus
Total	Total

—V. 123, p. 3322.

Rochester & Lake Ontario Water Service Corp.—

Earns. Years Ended Nov. 30—

	1929.	1928.
Operating revenues	\$557,622	\$515,066
Operation expense	185,358	173,451
Maintenance	30,247	28,692
Taxes (excluding Federal income tax)	35,017	35,561
Net earnings from operations	\$306,999	\$277,362
Other income	1,478	2,274
Gross corporate income	\$308,478	\$279,635
Interest on funded debt	125,000	
* The year ended Nov. 30 1928 includes revenues and expenses of properties prior to acquisition.—V. 129, p. 3965.		

Scranton-Spring Brook Water Service Co.—Earnings.—

Years Ended Nov. 30—

	1929.	1928.
Operating revenues	\$5,559,217	\$4,732,051
Operation expense	1,312,459	1,192,329
Maintenance	352,480	371,983
Taxes (excluding Federal income tax)	219,332	142,979
Net earnings from operations	\$3,674,945	\$3,024,759
Other income	13,135	10,968
Gross corporate income	\$3,688,081	\$3,035,728
Interest on funded debt	1,626,732	
* The year ended Nov. 30 1928 includes revenues and expenses of properties prior to acquisition.—V. 129, p. 3965.		

Sioux City Gas & Electric Co.—Bonds Offered.—

An issue of \$1,000,000 1st mtge. gold bonds, 5% series due 1960, is being offered at 93 and int., to yield over 5.45%, by Bonbright & Co. and A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc.

Dated Jan. 1 1930; due Jan. 1 1960. Int. payable (J. & J.). Denom. \$1,000 and \$5000*. Red. all or part at any time on not less than 60 days' notice at 105 and int., up to and incl. Jan. 1 1935, with successive reductions of 1% during each 5-year period until Jan. 1 1955, and at principal amount and int. thereafter to maturity. Prin. and int. payable at Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co., Chicago, trustee. Int. also payable at the office of the Commercial National Bank & Trust Co. of New York. Int. payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2%. Company has agreed to refund upon proper and timely application the Pa. 4-mill tax, Calif. tax not in excess of 4 mills per annum, Conn. tax up to 4 mills annually, Iowa tax up to 6 mills annually, Md. securities tax not in excess of 4½ mills per annum and the Mass. income tax or tax measured by income not in excess of 6% per annum on income derived from the bonds.

Data from Letter of C. I. Crippen, Vice-President of the Company.

Company.—Incorporated in Iowa. Does the entire electric light and power and gas business in Sioux City, Ia. An incidental steam heating business is carried on, and through Sioux City Service Co., a subsidiary,

street railway service is also furnished in the city. More than 38,800 gas and electric customers are served.

Security.—Bonds are secured by a direct first mortgage on all of the electric light and power and gas properties now owned by the company. All property hereafter acquired, subject to prior liens, if any, as restricted by the terms of the trust indenture, will also be subject to this mortgage.

Earnings 12 Months Ended Nov. 30.

	1928.	1929.
Gross earnings	\$3,007,622	\$3,223,689
Oper. exps., maint. & taxes, incl. Federal taxes	1,571,050	1,571,117

Net earnings.....\$1,436,572 \$1,652,572
 Ann. int. requirements on \$9,279,100 1st mtge. gold bonds (incl. this issue)..... 535,301
 Included in gross earnings are net non-operating revenues consisting principally of income from investments and amounting to \$250,582 and \$282,515 respectively.

Net earnings for the 12 months ended Nov. 30 1929 as shown above were thus more than 3 times annual interest requirements on all mortgage bonds to be presently outstanding, including this issue.

Purpose.—To reimburse treasury for funds heretofore expended for additional property, to provide for further additions and extensions to the properties, and for other corporate purposes.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st mtge. gold bonds 5% ser. due 1960 (this issue)	a	\$1,000,000
Series A, 6% due 1947	Closed	3,452,100
Series B, 6% due 1949	a	2,538,000
Series C, 5 1/2% due 1950	a	2,289,000
Preferred stock		\$6,000,000
Common stock		8,000,000
		b \$4,838,700
		5,800,000

a Limited by the restrictions of the mortgage agreement. b 7% series.
 In addition to the above, the company is contingently liable as the guarantor of \$1,273,100 6% bonds of Sioux City Service Co. Net earnings of this subsidiary, after depreciation and Federal taxes, are currently 2.14 times the interest requirements.

Management.—Company is controlled by American Electric Power Corp.—V. 122, p. 1918.

South Bay Consolidated Water Co., Inc.—Earnings.—

Earnings (Company Only) for 12 Months Ended June 30 1929.

Net revenue	\$408,062
Operating expenses	74,732
Maintenance	5,522
General expenses	25,046
Taxes	44,301

Gross income	\$258,460
Income from investments	38,795

Total income	\$297,255
Interest charges	152,346
Miscellaneous bills and accounts	5,508
Amortization of debt discount and expense	10,985

Surplus for period.....\$128,416

Balance Sheet June 30 1929.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$39,825	Notes payable	\$102,189
Accounts receivable	516,673	Accounts payable	241,435
Materials and supplies	69,298	Deferred credits	37,308
Investments	165,284	Funded debt	3,186,500
Plant, equipment and construction	4,771,955	Reserves	472,200
Deferred charges	260,263	Preferred stock	1,012,200
		Preferred—Stock subscript.	16,100
		Common stock	750,000
		Surplus	5,120
Total	\$5,823,298	Total	\$5,823,298

—V. 125, p. 248.

Southeastern Power & Light Co.—Consolidation Plan.—

See Commonwealth & Southern Corp. above.—V. 129, p. 3965.

Southern Natural Gas Corp.—New Gas Line.—

Bringing natural gas to Birmingham (Ala.) and Atlanta (Ga.) is one of the most significant developments in the new industrial South in a generation according to George W. Bacon, commenting on the formal opening this week in Birmingham of the 325-mile line from the Monroe-Richland field in Louisiana, announcement of which was made by J. H. White, President of the Southern Natural Gas Corp. Mr. Bacon is Chairman of the board of Ford, Bacon & Davis, Inc., New York engineers, who constructed the line in record time. The project was financed through G. L. Ohlstrom & Co., Inc., and Halsey, Stuart & Co. Work on the extension of the line to Atlanta, 137 miles farther, is 96% completed and gas will be turned on in that city late in January. The \$25,000,000 project also includes construction of 475 miles of lateral lines to more than 30 towns in Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia, all of which have been finished or are under construction.

The completed line will be the longest in operation in this country and, although it was finished to Birmingham in the comparatively short time of eight months, involved some of the most severe engineering difficulties ever met by his company, according to Mr. Bacon. In addition to the hilly country encountered over a great part of its length, the contractors were forced to carry it across 17 rivers, the largest of which was the Mississippi. In this crossing, a multiple line was sunk in the river bottom, its eight sections joined in either side by "headers" to guard against possible damage. The whole was arched against the current. The multiple line idea was used in the other crossings, the number of sections being four in most cases. Other difficulties encountered were 27 inches of rain during November and three inches of snow in December. During the last stages of the work, 20 gangs of 300 men each were used, working in three shifts during most of December. Sub-contractors who contributed a major share to the work include Williams Bros., Tulsa; Oklahoma Contracting Co., Tulsa; Hope Engineering Co., Mt. Vernon; Ohio; Sheehan Pipe Line Construction Co., Tulsa; and A. M. Lockett & Co., New Orleans.

The Southern Natural Gas Corp. has a 20-year contract with producers in the Monroe-Richland field to supply 150,000,000 cubic feet daily through its new line. This field, one of the largest in the world, is controlled by such well known operating companies as Electric Bond & Share Co., Standard Oil of N. J., Columbia Carbon Co., United Carbon Co., the Palmer Corp. and the Moody-Seagrave Interests.

Birmingham and its environs will be served through the Birmingham Gas Co. and the Industrial Gas Co., while Atlanta and near-by towns will be served through a subsidiary of the Central Public Service Corp.

Completes Branch Line to Vicksburg, Miss.—

The corporation has completed its branch line to Vicksburg, Miss., which has a population of approximately 21,000, and is now supplying the latter with natural gas, it was announced yesterday. The branch line of 6-inch pipe, about 27 miles long, to Vicksburg was constructed in record time and connects with the corporation's main inter-state transmission line extending from the Monroe and Richland gas fields in north-eastern Louisiana through Mississippi and Alabama to Atlanta, Ga. It is estimated that sales of natural gas to Vicksburg consumers will approximate 500,000,000 cubic feet annually.—V. 129, p. 3801.

Standard Gas & Electric Co.—Stock Increased—To Acquire Assets of Standard Power & Light Corp.—Latter to Become Holding Company.—

The stockholders of the Standard Gas & Electric Co. and the Standard Power & Light Corp. at special meetings held in Dover, Del., on Jan. 7 authorized the increase of capital stock and other transactions submitted to the meetings of the two companies as recommended by their boards of directors. All matters presented to the stockholders of Standard Power & Light Corp. by the directors were unanimously approved. Approval by the stockholders of the Standard Gas & Electric Co. of all matters submitted was virtually unanimous, a minority of less than 1% of the stock dissenting.

Under the plan the assets of Standard Power & Light Corp. are transferred to Standard Gas & Electric Co. and Standard Power & Light Corp. will have a majority of the common stock of Standard Gas & Electric Co., which will be the sole voting stock.

H. M. Byllesby & Co. and United States Electric Power Corp. under the above arrangements will control Standard Power & Light Corp. and Standard Gas & Electric Co. The latter company and its properties will continue under Byllesby management.

The new arrangement is designed to simplify the capital structure of Standard Gas & Electric Co. and to retain for it the benefits of Byllesby management while adding the advantages of the important utility and banking connections of United States Electric Power Corp. Provisions of the amended by-laws of the Standard companies make the control substantially a joint responsibility, or partnership, of the United States Electric and Byllesby groups, and retain the active management of Byllesby.

The assets transferred from Standard Power & Light Corp. to Standard Gas & Electric Co. include more than 94% of the common stock of the Standard Power & Light Corp., which through the Duquesne Light Co. and other subsidiaries, furnishes power and light, gas and transportation service to the city of Pittsburgh and adjacent territory. They also include substantial holdings in the stock of the Market Street Ry. Co. and in bonds of Sierra & San Francisco Power Co. In consideration of these and other assets Standard Gas & Electric Co. assumes \$24,000,000 of 6% gold debts of Standard Power & Light Corp. and surrenders all the outstanding partic. pref. stock of Standard Power & Light Corp. The Standard Gas & Electric Co. issues to Standard Light & Power Co. 220,000 shares of prior preference stock, \$7 cu. and 600,000 shares of com. stock without par value.

The United States Electric Power Corp. has transferred 580,000 shares of the com. stock of Standard Gas & Electric Co. to Standard Power & Light Corp. and has received 880,000 shares of the new com. stock of Standard Power & Light Corp. in payment therefor.

The Standard Gas & Electric Co., through its purchase of the assets of Standard Power & Light Corp., greatly strengthens its position, especially in the strategic Pittsburgh district. The Standard Power & Light Corp. becomes essentially a holding company and is placed in a highly advantageous investment and cash position. It is expected that the com. stock of the Standard Power & Light Corp. will be placed on a div. basis immediately and that the capitalization of the company will provide for the acquisition of additional properties as occasions present.

The Byllesby management, under which the Standard group will continue, has built up the properties of the Standard system to its present important position in the American utility field. H. M. Byllesby & Co. is one of the oldest and most influential American banking houses and occupies a particularly important position in the public utility field.

The United States Electric Power Corp. was organized in Sept. 1929 with resources in excess of \$90,000,000 and its position in the Standard group is the most important announcement of its activities in the public utility field that has been made since its inception. The company was organized by investment and utility groups including United Founders Corp., the American Founders group, Hydro-Electric Securities Corp., Harris, Forbes & Co., W. C. Langley & Co., A. O. Allyn & Co., Albert Emanuel Co., Inc., J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp. and Seaboard National Corp. J. Henry Schroder & Co., London, and the Societe Generale de Belgique, Brussels, are also represented on the United States Electric Board. No one of these companies holds a majority control of United States Electric Power Corp. although the largest holdings are known to be those of United Founders Corp. and American Founders Corp. with its subsidiary group of general management investment companies.

Through its large ownership of the stock of Standard Power & Light Corp., the United States Electric Power Corp. becomes one of the largest public utility holding companies in the United States, and this company should play an increasingly active part in the public utility field. A consolidated balance sheet will show total resources of approximately \$1,100,000,000.

The new boards of directors of the two companies consist of the following members:

(1) *Standard Gas & Electric Co.*—Arthur C. Allyn, J. H. Briggs, Victor Emanuel, Halford Erickson, C. L. Fisher, H. W. Fuller, Robert J. Graf, E. Carleton Granbery, William C. Langley, B. W. Lynch, M. A. Morrison, John J. O'Brien, Royal E. T. Riggs, Moritz Rosenthal and Louis H. Seagrave. John J. O'Brien will continue as President and there will be no changes in the officers of this company.

(2) *Standard Power & Light Corp.*—Arthur C. Allyn, J. H. Briggs, H. C. Cummins, Chester Dale, Victor Emanuel, C. L. Fisher, Robert J. Graf, E. Carleton Granbery, C. C. Levis, B. W. Lynch, M. A. Morrison, John J. O'Brien, Thomas A. O'Hara, Royal E. T. Riggs and Louis H. Seagrave. Louis H. Seagrave and Victor Emanuel, respectively Chairman of the Board and President of United States Electric Power Corp., were elected Chairman of the Board and President of Standard Power & Light Corp. (See also further details in V. 129, p. 4140.)—V. 130, p. 137.

Standard Power & Light Corp.—Becomes Essentially a Holding Company—To Sell Assets to Standard Gas & Electric Co.—See latter company above.

Special Dividend.—The directors have declared a special dividend to holders of its old common stock of one share of the common stock of Standard Gas & Electric Co. for each 22 shares of Standard Power & Light Corp. old common stock held, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 7 1930.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Sept. 30 1929.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Plant, property, rights & franchises, &c.	\$380,937,203	Funded debt	\$191,641,340
Invest. in other cos., assoc. &c.	11,509,798	Notes payable	400,000
Skg. fds. & other depositions	1,199,461	Accounts payable	2,911,986
Cash	6,492,402	Accrued liabilities	9,733,852
Cash on deposit—call loans	2,300,000	Deferred liabilities	1,163,179
Cash on deposit for bond & note interest, &c.	1,538,199	Miscel. unadjusted credits	899,867
Notes & accts. receivable	4,168,576	Retirement & depletion res.	40,705,591
Inventories	4,708,734	Res. for contingencies, &c.	6,411,979
Prepaid accts. & unexpired insurance	851,875	\$7 cum. pref. stock	a 20,398,333
Deferred exp. & charges in process of amortization	2,395,772	\$1 cum. partic. pref. stk.	b 13,359,890
Unamortized debt discount & expense	14,116,732	Subs. & affil. pref. stk.	70,774,950
		Corp. com. stk.	c 2,696,667
		Subs. & affil. com. stk.	8,490,609
		Minority interests	5,802,011
		Standard Power & Lgt. Corp. incl. its propor. of surp. of subs. & affil. cos. since date of acquisition	11,453,987
		Cap. surp. represented by book value over cost of inter-co. owned bonds & stocks	11,321,377
		Cap. sur. of subs. & affil. cos. arising from reval. of prop.	4,053,133
Total	\$430,218,753	Total	\$430,218,753

a Represented by 220,000 no par stock. b Represented by 440,000 no par stock.

Note.—This balance sheet does not include operated lessor companies of subsidiary and affiliated companies, none of the capital stocks of said lessor companies being owned by subsidiary, and affiliated companies. The outstanding securities of said lessor companies at Sept. 30 1929 were: Capital stocks \$16,779,000, and bonds \$6,659,500, certain of which are guaranteed as to dividends, principal and interest.—V. 129, p. 4141.

Union Water Service Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Years Ended Nov. 30—		1929.	1928.
Operating revenues		\$423,855	\$400,695
Operation expense		113,602	109,760
Maintenance		16,824	17,445
Taxes (excluding Federal income tax)		54,566	48,436
Net earnings from operations		\$238,863	\$225,054
Other income		54,906	55,494
Gross corporate income		\$293,768	\$280,548
Interest on funded debt		146,520	

—V. 129, p. 3966.

United Gas Co.—Earnings.—

For the 12 months ended Nov. 30 1929, company reports consolidated gross revenues of \$14,006,589 and net operating income of \$8,318,498. After deducting prior charges of controlled companies, priority common stock interest after reserves but before Federal tax, and dividends on preferred stock of parent company, the balance available for depreciation, reserves, Federal tax and United Gas Co. common stock was \$3,820,822. Average common stock outstanding during the period was about 1,250,000 shares.

Earnings of Consolidated Gas Utilities Co., in which United Gas Co. recently acquired 51% of the voting trust certificates representing class B stock, are not included in this statement, nor are earnings from a number of recently completed developments of the parent company. These include new pipe lines put in operation to San Antonio, Texas, and Monterey, Mexico.—V. 130, p. 138.

United Rys. & Electric Co., Baltimore, Md.—Fare Increase Upheld.—

The U. S. Supreme Court, in an opinion handed down by Justice George Sutherland, on Jan. 6 upheld the right of this company to increase its fares. The increase gives the company a flat 10-cent rate in the place of 10 cents cash or 4 tokens for 35 cents, as ordered by the Maryland Circuit Court of Appeals.

Justices Louis D. Brandeis, Harlan F. Stone and Oliver Wendell Holmes dissented.

The Court ruled that a return to the company of 7.44% on the present worth of the property was not excessive, and that a fare which would net less would be confiscatory. The Maryland P. S. Commission, in fixing the fares at 10 cents each or 4 tokens for 35 cents, took the position that the return of 6.26%, which would thus be brought about, was adequate. Justice Sutherland, speaking for the majority of the Court, held that the case presented the simple question whether this return is so inadequate as to result in a deprivation of property in violation of the due process clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.

The majority opinion justified the return of 7.44% on several grounds, including evidence submitted by the company, showing that upon the valuation fixed with allowance for depreciation calculated and upon the fares in 1920 to 1926, incl., the return was slightly more than 5%.

In the dissenting opinion, which was written by Justice Brandeis and concurred in by Justice Holmes, it was held that the depreciation item should be calculated on the basis of the original cost of the property rather than on its present worth, as the company had done. It was also contended that an item of \$5,000,000 which the company put in as the value of its franchise was not properly figured in the valuation, as it cost the company nothing.—V. 129, p. 3168.

United States Electric Power Corp.—Transfers Holdings in Standard Gas & Electric Co. in Exchange for Standard Power & Light Corp. Common Stock.—See Standard Gas & Electric Co. above.—V. 129, p. 3474.

United Traction Co. of Albany, N. Y.—Offer to Albany Ry. Bondholders.—

Associated Gas & Electric Securities Co. has forwarded holders of Albany Ry. consolidated 5% bonds, due 1930, notice of revision of its offer, allowing a turn-in price of 40 for the bonds for securities in the Associated system. The revised offer makes the turn-in allowance against the Associated Gas securities of 90% of the principal amount of Albany Ry. bonds for any of the following:

- (a) In lieu of cash on subscriptions to Associated Gas & Electric \$5 interest bearing allotment certificates at \$120 each plus cost of necessary rights.
- (b) \$6 cumulative convertible preferred stock, series B of General Gas & Electric Corp. at \$100 a share.
- (c) Convertible debentures of Associated Gas & Electric Co. at principal amount.—V. 130, p. 138.

West Virginia Water Service Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Years Ended Nov. 30—	1929.	x1928.
Operating revenues	\$806,945	\$769,435
Operation expense	302,822	300,869
Maintenance	39,645	43,470
Taxes (excluding Federal income tax)	88,857	80,198
Net earnings from operations	\$375,621	\$344,897
Other income	2,816	3,339
Gross corporate income	\$378,437	\$348,237
Interest on funded debt	175,750	
x The year ended Nov. 30 1928 includes revenues and expenses of properties prior to acquisition.—V. 129, p. 3966.		

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Refined Sugar Prices Advanced.—The following companies Jan. 9 each advanced the price of refined sugar 5 points to 5.20c, a lb.: American, Arbutick, National, Pennsylvania, Revere and Spreckels.

Garment Workers Strike.—Workers in 84 garment factories in Cleveland walked out after a general strike call had been issued. It was estimated that between 4,000 and 5,000 workers were affected.—N. Y. "Times" Jan. 8, p. 21.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" of Jan. 4.—(a) Wholesale trade in November as reported to Federal Reserve Board indicates more than usual seasonal decrease, p. 21. (b) Federal Reserve Board's survey of retail trade in the United States—November sales 1% larger than same month last year, p. 22. (c) Wholesale trade in New York Federal Reserve District below that of previous year, p. 24. (d) New automobile models and price changes, p. 31. (e) Motor and Equipment Association reports slowing up of manufacturing operations in automotive parts industry as year ends, p. 32. (f) Canadian firms retaining 1929 newspaper price for first half of 1930, p. 32. (g) Cotton trade review and outlook by Gardiner H. Miller, President New York Cotton Exchange, p. 32. (h) Sugar Exchange in Liverpool formed—Opposition to new futures market voiced by London trade, p. 34. (i) Coffee trading on Exchange in 1929 exceeded 1928 by over 2,500,000 bags, p. 34. (j) American investments abroad in 1929 \$1,678,039,400, according to Max Winkler—Foreign financing during past year declines 22% compared with 1928, p. 42. (k) \$60,000,000 tax cut voted in France, p. 44. (l) Outstanding brokers' loans on N. Y. Stock Exchange drop to \$3,989,510,273 Dec. 31, decline \$27,088,496 in month, p. 50. (m) Twenty-eight bank mergers involving 44 New York institutions consummated during 1929, according to Gilbert Elliott & Co., p. 53. (n) Prices in 1929 at the N. Y. Stock Exchange, p. 67.

(The) Abbott Co., Tulsa, Okla.—Bonds Offered.—First National Co., St. Louis, recently offered at par and int. \$500,000 1st mtge. fee & leasehold 6% serial gold bonds.

Date May 1 1929; due serially (M. & N.) from Nov. 1 1930 to May 1 1939. Principal and int. (M. & N.) payable to Mississippi Valley-Merchants State Trust Co., St. Louis, Mo., Mississippi Valley Merchants-State Trust Co. and Orville Grove, trustees. Call on any int. date on 60 days' notice at 102 and int.

Security.—Bonds are a direct obligation of The Abbott Co., and are secured by a first closed mortgage upon fee, leasehold and Abbott Building in Tulsa, Okla.

The improvements consist of a new 7-story and basement and sub-basement department store building of structural steel and concrete construction covering the entire ground area, (14,000 square feet) with exterior walls on the two street elevations faced with terra cotta, the other elevations being of brick. The building contains approximately 2,024,042 cubic feet and approximately 112,000 square feet of floor space. These improvements were completed in December 1929.

The fee, leasehold and building securing this mortgage have been appraised at \$987,000.

Rental Income.—The entire building has been leased to the Halliburton-Abbott Co. for a period of 20 years from Oct. 1 1929, at an annual rental of \$90,000. The lessee is to pay all operating costs and maintenance of the building, the owner to pay taxes and insurance. The owners estimate that the net annual revenue from this property, after payment of taxes and insurance premiums, will be approximately \$75,000, or 2½ times the greatest annual interest charge on this loan.

Halliburton-Abbott Co., originally incorporated in 1906 as the Scott-Halliburton Co., is the leading department store in Tulsa. The old quarters were found to be totally inadequate for their growing business, necessitating the construction of their new building for increased floor space and modern fixtures throughout. Several new departments are being added which will add materially to their already increasing volume of business. This lease has been assigned to the trustee as additional security for the loan.

Abitibi Power & Paper Co., Ltd.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of an additional 100,000 shares of common stock (no par) on official notice of issue from time to time in exchange for a like number of shares without par value of the common stock of Provincial Paper, Ltd., making the total amount of common stock applied for 1,117,038 shares.

The company has agreed to purchase and acquire the entire issued and outstanding common stock of Provincial Paper, Ltd., consisting of 100,000 common shares, under an agreement with The Dominion Securities Corp., Ltd., of the City of Toronto, Ont., whereby The Dominion Securities Corp., Ltd., undertakes to deliver at least 90,000 common shares of Provincial Paper, Ltd., and such additional common shares as it may be able to obtain. The consideration for the purchase and acquisition of the common shares is the allotment and issue to the holders thereof of shares of the common stock of the company on the basis of one share of common stock of the company for each common share of Provincial Paper, Ltd.—V. 129, p. 1442.

(J. D.) Adams Mfg. Co.—Estimated Earnings.—

The company, makers of road building machinery, will report earnings of around \$4.25 per share for the year 1929, according to an estimate by President Roy E. Adams, and current business is reported as excellent. This compares with \$4.07 per share for 1928.—V. 129, p. 3637.

Addressograph Co.—Debentures Called.—

All of the outstanding 5½% serial gold debentures, dated Sept. 1 1927, have been called for payment March 1 next at the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, 115 West Monroe St., Chicago, Ill., at the following prices:

Debentures maturing Sept. 1 1930, at 100½ and int.; debentures maturing March 1 and Sept. 1 of each of the years 1931 and 1932 and March 1 and Sept. 1 of each of the years 1934 and 1935 and March 1 1936, at 102 and int.; debentures maturing Sept. 1 1936, March 1 1937 and Sept. 1 1937, at 103 and int.—V. 129, p. 2073.

Affiliated Bond & Share Corp.—Transfer Agent.—

The Bankers Trust Co. has been appointed transfer agent for the \$3 cum. conv. pref. stock, series A, common stock, class B stock and common stock purchase warrants.

Airparts & Tool Corp.—Initial Class B Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial dividend of 18½ cents per share on the class "B" stock, no par value, payable Jan. 20 to holders of record Jan. 10.—V. 129, p. 3328.

Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Co.—Earnings.—

Period Ended Dec. 31—	1929—Month—	1928.	1929—12 Mos.—	1928.
Gross earnings	\$254,500	\$231,000	\$3,456,500	\$3,208,500
Net profit after int. & Ebner Mine develop. charges but before deprecia't'n & Fed. tax.	70,400	48,450	1,159,050	929,050

Aluminum Co. of America.—Tenders.—

The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, trustee, will until noon Jan. 24 receive bids for the sale to it of 5% s. f. debenture gold bonds to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$1,000,169 at a price not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 129, p. 3637.

Amarada Corporation.—Brings in New Well.—

This corporation and the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana (Dixie) have completed the Fullerton Well No. 1 in the East Earlsboro pool of Oklahoma which, on proration test flowed at the rate of 10,000 barrels of oil daily. This well will be put on production in accordance with proration agreements.—V. 130, p. 138.

American Cigar Co.—Dividend Correction.—

Due to a typographical error, the stock distribution made on Dec. 31 1926 was given as 23 1-3% in our issue of Jan. 4. This should have read 33 1-3%. See V. 130, p. 138.

American Colortype Co.—Contract Closed.—

President Edwin Lennox states that a contract has been signed with "College Humor" for a period of three years whereby the company will print all of the color work for this publication, which includes a four-page cover and a number of colored inserts each issue. This is in addition to a number of other contracts recently renewed, including a long-term contract for all the color work of "Liberty Magazine."

The annual report is expected to be issued early in February. Mr. Lennox expects that profits for 1929 will be between \$4.20 and \$4.30 per share compared with \$4.86 earned for 1928, the reduction in earnings being due to extraordinary expenses incurred during a strike last summer. Dividends are regularly being paid on the common stock at the rate of \$2.40 per annum.

Mr. Lennox states that announcement is expected shortly of the signing of some additional contracts.—V. 129, p. 3328.

American Department Stores Corp.—Net Sales.—

1929—Dec.—	1928.	Increase.	1929—12 Mos.—	1928.	Increase.
\$1,554,349	\$1,478,323	\$76,026	\$10,823,480	\$7,059,683	\$3,763,797

American Depositor Corp.—Record Cash Distributions.—

In addition to the regular coupon distribution, which amounts to 7% on the \$10 par value corporate trust shares, the trust distributed extra cash dividends totaling \$1.26½, bringing the total cash distribution for the year to \$1.96½ per share. The extra distributions were a little more than 150% of the regular coupon rate. Distributions on corporate trust shares accrue from 28 common stocks contained in the portfolio, of which there are four shares of each for every "unit" of 2,000 corporate trust shares outstanding. Distributions also accrue from interest earnings on cash in the reserve fund. The corporation also granted rights to all shareholders to purchase additional shares at 5% under the offering price during January.—V. 129, p. 4142, 3503.

American District Telegraph Co. (N. J.).—Bonus to Employees.—

All employees of this company and controlled companies have received a 1929 bonus of 72% of their monthly salary, through the employee participation plan, according to President Clarence C. Johnson. This is the sixth consecutive year that the plan has been in effect, and the bonus is one of the largest ever distributed.

The 1929 bonus brings the total amount of money distributed to employees in this manner to almost \$1,000,000. "More than 2,500 employees of the company will benefit from the award," Mr. Johnson stated. The American District Telegraph Co. operates burglar alarm and fire protection systems in many large cities of the country, he explained.—V. 128, p. 2633.

American London & Empire Corp.—Income Statement.

Income Statement—Jan. 1 to Nov. 30 1929.	
Profit, exclusive of reserve for market fluctuation, Jan 1 to Sept. 30 1929	\$796,744
Loss Oct. 1 to Nov. 30 1929	533,420
Balance, profit	\$263,324
Preferred dividends paid	222,639
Balance	\$40,685
Undivided profits Jan 1 1929	159,547
Reserve for market fluctuation	27,112
Total profit	\$227,344
Deduct—reserve for market fluctuation	1,500,000
Deficit as of Nov. 30 1929	\$1,272,656
The balance sheet as of Nov. 30 1929 was given in V. 130, p. 138.	

American Metal Co., Ltd.—New President.—Dr. Otto Sussman, who has been Vice-President for the past 12 years, was recently elected President to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of C. M. Loeb on June 30 1929.—V. 129, p. 3013.

American Piano Co.—Preferred Stockholders' Committee.—W. B. Armstrong, formerly Vice-President of the company, has announced that a committee has been formed to protect the interests of the preferred stock holders.

The committee of which Mr. Armstrong is Chairman, includes George G. Foster, former Chairman of the company; Fred H. Gordon and Lee Richmond, of Rochester; and George Q. Chase, of Koeler & Chase, dealers for the company in San Francisco. Walter A. Hall was appointed secretary and counsel to the committee.—V. 130, p. 138.

American Rolling Mill Co.—Extends Rights.—The directors have voted to extend until June 1 the time in which the stockholders may subscribe to 20% additional stock at \$104 a share. The time had previously been extended to Feb. 15.—V. 129, p. 2859.

American Salamandra Corp.—To Exchange North Star Insurance Co. Stock for 80,000 Shares of General Alliance Corp.

The American Salamandra Corp., an insurance holding and investment company, has made arrangements for the exchange of the entire capital stock of North Star Insurance Co., its wholly owned subsidiary, for 80,000 shares of capital stock of General Alliance Corp. The General Alliance stock to be received will bring to American Salamandra's portfolio 25% of the General Alliance shares to be outstanding after the exchange. A special meeting of stockholders will be held on Jan. 17, to consider and vote upon the proposed exchange.

The North Star Insurance Co., which after the exchange will be wholly owned by General Alliance, is a fire re-insurance company. General Alliance, which has heretofore operated in the casualty and surety re-insurance field, will thus be enabled to extend its activities to the fire re-insurance field. Likewise, the American Salamandra Corp., through its holdings of General Alliance stock, will participate in profits from casualty and surety as well as fire underwriting.—V. 129, p. 2075.

American Surety Co.—Results for 1929.

Recording a year of the largest volume of business in its history, the company reports a total of net premiums in 1929 of \$10,060,000. During the year the lines written by the company were increased by the addition of automobile, workmen's compensation and other important forms of liability.

From the business written and from its investments, company realized an income of \$2,018,930, and profit on and appreciation of securities amounted to \$318,187. Total net income from these two items was \$2,337,117. Disbursements from this net income included \$1,500,000 in dividends, \$3 a share being paid on 200,000 shares during the first six months of the year, and \$3 a share being paid on 300,000 shares during the last six months, at the rate of \$6 annually. Surplus and undivided profits now total \$8,329,930.

Comparative Balance Sheet December 31.

1929.		1928.		1929.		1928.	
Assets—		Liabilities—		Assets—		Liabilities—	
Real estate	8,406,069	8,539,225	Capital stock	7,500,000	5,000,000		
U. S. bonds	5,752,560	3,207,512	Sur. & undiv. prof.	8,329,931	6,027,831		
Other bonds	11,289,880	3,999,865	Res. unearn. prem.	7,047,470	6,944,386		
Stocks	2,551,902	4,445,787	Res. conting. claim	4,210,704	3,785,094		
Cash	2,551,902	1,173,725	Exp. & tax reserve	1,111,997	1,110,725		
Premium in course of collection	2,154,424	2,106,031	Volunt'y spec. res.	1,500,000	100,000		
Accr. int. & rents	88,559	98,467	Res. outst. prem.	400,000	450,000		
Reinsur. & other accts. receivable	102,020	57,660	Accts. pay., &c.	245,313	210,237		
			Tot. (each side)	30,345,415	23,628,273		

American Vitrified Products Co.—

Years End. Oct. 31—	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Net sales	Not Available.		\$3,765,519	\$3,600,488
Net profits for year after depreciation, but before Federal taxes	\$270,747	\$258,662	332,985	276,696
Net credits to surplus after dividends	17,525	2,249	16,983	def. 53,440
Profit and loss surplus	1,440,446	1,416,934	1,419,914	1,402,930

Comparative Balance Sheet Oct. 31.

1929.		1928.		1929.		1928.	
Assets—		Liabilities—		Assets—		Liabilities—	
Fixed assets	\$4,604,828	\$4,576,756	Preferred stock	\$1,315,900	\$1,359,900		
Inv. in assoc. co.	143,224	165,295	Common stock	3,500,000	3,500,000		
Sundry invest.	42,763	17,090	Notes payable	225,000	250,000		
Inventory	999,362	1,064,215	Accts. payable	86,406	92,307		
Notes & accts. rec.	504,287	534,075	Prov. for Fed. tax.	20,548	24,836		
Accts. other co.'s	350,002	387,814	Accruals	114,060	116,853		
Cash	85,896	18,085	Pref. stock divs.	23,028	23,798		
Deferred charges	24,026	21,298	Surplus	1,440,447	1,416,934		
Total	\$6,725,391	\$6,784,630	Total	\$6,725,391	\$6,784,630		

* After deducting reserve for depreciation of \$2,336,443.—V. 127, p. 3707.

Anaconda Wire & Cable Co.—Earnings.

The company reports for the quarter ended Sept. 30 1929, earnings of \$572,844 after deducting all expenses, including selling and administrative, repairs, depreciation and estimated taxes. These earnings are equivalent to \$1.38 per share on the 411,672 shares of stock outstanding.—V. 129, p. 2860.

Anglo-Chilean Consol. Nitrate Corp.—New Plant.

The corporation has completed the erection of a unit at its Maria Elena nitrate plant for the recovery of iodine as a by-product. Chilean nitrate ores contain considerable quantities of iodine, it is stated. Operation of the new unit will increase substantially the earning capacity of the company.—V. 129, p. 3170.

Art Metal Works, Inc.—Corrects 1928 Report.

Attention has been called to the fact that the annual report for the year ended Dec. 31 1928, was incorrectly prepared in that gross profit was stated, after depreciation, giving rise to the belief that no depreciation had been charged before arriving at net income.

A copy of a letter to the company from Barrow, Wade, Guthrie & Co. outlines the facts as follows:

"Before arriving at the amount of gross profit on sales aggregating \$1,760,501, as shown in the company's printed annual report, there was deducted an amount of \$28,840 in respect of depreciation on buildings, machinery, punches, dies and molds and patents. The item of operating expenses, shown under the above gross profit, includes a further amount of depreciation aggregating \$4,649, in respect of office furniture and fixtures and automobiles, which makes a total depreciation charge for the year of \$33,488. This amount has been included in cost of sales or operating expenses before arriving at the net profit of \$1,040,241, as set forth in the company's consolidated income statement for the year ended Dec. 31 1928."—V. 130, p. 139.

Associated Apparel Industries, Inc.—Earnings.

Period—	11 Mos. End.		Years Ended Dec. 31	
	Nov. 30 '29.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Net income	\$1,509,922	\$980,534	\$623,648	\$576,966
Other income	167,869	338,523	95,213	80,633
Total income	\$1,677,791	\$1,319,057	\$718,861	\$657,599
Interest	176,732	151,150	43,511	15,273
Depreciation	110,366	136,044	71,457	70,323
Income taxes	165,729	118,476	67,897	61,414
Net profit	\$1,224,964	\$913,388	\$535,995	\$510,589
Dividends paid	607,497	599,997	399,998	391,664
Balance, surplus	\$617,467	\$313,391	\$135,997	\$118,925
Shs. com. stk. outstand'g	207,500	200,000	100,000	100,000
Earnings per share after preferred dividends	\$5.90	\$4.41	\$4.94	\$4.66

Surplus account follows: Surplus, Dec. 31 1928, \$1,497,944; add, surplus for 11 mos. ended Nov. 31 1929, after divs., \$617,467; total surplus, \$2,115,411; deduct: Profit and loss adjustments for prior years (net), \$53,927; deprec. on appreciation of capital assets and adjustment of appreciation on capital assets sold, \$96,016; leaving surplus on Nov. 30 1929, \$1,965,467.

The above for 1928 includes earnings of companies acquired from Jan. 1 1928, except La Mode Garment Co., Inc., which is included from July 1 1928; 1927 includes earnings of M. J. Corset Co. from Aug. 1 1927; 1926 includes earnings of H. W. Gossart Co. (Del.) from Feb. 8 1926, date incorp.

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Assets—		Liabilities—		
Nov. 30 '29.	Dec. 31 '28.	Nov. 30 '29.	Dec. 31 '28.	
x Land, buildings, equity, &c.	\$1,778,229	\$2,403,087	Preferred stock	\$3,800
Cash	670,197	256,493	Common stock	\$4,298,847
Notes and accounts receivable	2,678,353	1,644,508	Funded debt	1,100,000
Inventories	3,690,525	4,472,713	Notes payable	1,157,500
Advances	25,304	—	Accts. payable	783,346
Prepaid expenses	32,091	52,885	Divs. payable	—
Other assets	163,342	52,256	Prep. red. pfd. stk.	66,733
Prepaid charges	227,584	214,658	Accrued accounts	365,173
Good-will, &c.	566,062	561,455	Taxes	165,704
			Other liabilities	33,333
			Conting. reserve	128,021
			Surplus	1,965,467
Total	\$9,831,687	\$9,658,055	Total	\$9,831,687

x After depreciation. y Represented by 207,500 no par shares.—V. 129, p. 283.

Arrow-Hart & Hegeman Electric Co.—Larger Dividend.

The company on Jan. 1 last paid a quarterly dividend of 75c. a share on the common stock and the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.62½ a share on the preferred stock, both to holders of record Dec. 16. This placed the common stock on a \$3 annual basis compared with \$2 previously.—V. 128, p. 2094.

Atlantic Ice & Coal Co., Atlanta, Ga.—Sale.

See American Electric Power Corp. under "Public Utilities" above.—V. 129, p. 3639.

Autosales Corp.—Correction.

In recent announcement of the election of directors of this corporation, Edward M.-P. Murphy was elected to the board and not G. M.-P. Murphy as stated. See V. 130, p. 139.

Backstay Welt Co.—Earnings.

Consolidated net income of the company for the 10 months ended Oct. 31 1929 totaled \$311,928 after charges and Federal taxes, equal after 4% preferred dividend requirements to \$3.85 a share on 79,876 no par common shares.—V. 129, p. 3639.

Baltimore American Insurance Co.—Extra Dividend.

The directors have declared the regular semi-annual dividend of 30 cents a share and an extra dividend of 60 cents a share, both payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Jan. 8. Like amounts were paid on July 15 last. M. L. Jacobs has been elected a director to succeed R. B. Alderofft, resigned, and H. V. Smith a director to succeed C. A. Ludlum, resigned.—V. 129, p. 800.

Bankers Capital Corp.—No Action on Dividends.

The directors on Dec. 30 took no action on either the pref. or common dividends due at this time. See also V. 129, p. 3968, 3170, 3014.

Bauer Bros. Co., Springfield, Ohio.—Extra Dividend.

An extra dividend of 16c. per share was paid in December last on the no par capital stock, it was recently stated.—V. 113, p. 1678.

Berkshire Fine Spinning Associates, Inc.—To Take Over Parker Mills by Exchange of Securities.

See Parker Mills below.—V. 130, p. 139.

Berland Shoe Stores, Inc.—1929 Gross Sales Up 53%.

1929—Dec.—1928.	Increase.	1929—12 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$415,721	\$294,928	\$120,793	\$3,964,637
			\$2,587,596
			\$1,377,041

(H. C.) Bohack Co.—Sales Increase.

Period End. Dec. 31—	1929—5 Wks.—1928.	1929—11 Mos.—1928.
Sales	\$2,994,465	\$2,736,820
		\$26,536,484
		\$23,580,290

Borden Co.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of (1) 10,815 additional shares of capital stock (par \$25) on official notice of issuance, in connection with the acquisition of the entire assets and the businesses of the Mitchell Dairy Co. and The Hall Ice Cream Co., Inc.; and (2) not exceeding 111,201 additional shares of capital stock on official notice of issuance, as a 3% stock dividend.

Pursuant to resolutions adopted by directors, the company has been authorized to effect certain purchases and to issue additional shares of its capital stock as follows:

8,240 shares and the assumption of all liabilities, except liability for capital stock and certain tax liabilities, in payment for the entire assets and business of The Mitchell Dairy Co.

2,575 shares and the assumption of all liabilities, except liability for capital stock and certain tax liabilities, in payment for the entire assets and business of The Hall Ice Cream Co., Inc. (N. Y.).

Pro Forma Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1928.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Property, plant & equipm't.	\$97,454,407	Mortgages	\$1,511,444
Cash	14,408,834	Notes & accts. payable	26,373,290
Receivables	18,410,586	Income taxes (estimated)	2,010,020
Marketable securities	11,294,487	Other current items	3,690,364
Inventories	24,084,057	Deferred credits	119,823
Prepaid items and miscell. assets	1,119,051	Capital stock	93,277,350
Trade marks, patents and good will	7,000,000	Reserve for insurance contingencies, &c.	16,469,524
		Surplus	30,313,609
Total	\$173,771,423	Total	\$173,771,423

* Values are based on cost or on field surveys by company's engineers, supplemented where necessary by independent appraisals, with subsequent additions at cost; less mortgage on Madison Avenue Office Building property of \$1,400,000 and reserve for depreciation.

The above balance sheet is after giving effect to the acquisition of the properties and businesses of Standard Creameries, Inc., on basis of figures as of Sept. 30 1928; Walker-Gordon Laboratory Co.; The Purity Ice Cream & Dairy Co.; Dairy Dale Co.; Sharpless-Hendler Ice Cream Co.; Springfield Dairy Products Co.; A. H. Barber & Co.; Averill Dairy Co.; Plainfield Milk & Cream Co.; Borgen's Dairy Co.; Peerless Creamery Co.; Mutual Dairy Association; Galloway-West Co.; Heros Ice Cream Co.; Inc.; Trojan Ice Cream Corp.; Central Distributors, Inc.; Castanea Dairy Co.; Hasselbeck Cheese Co.; Red Wing Corp. Co.; and Adirondack Dairy Corp., on basis of figures as of Dec. 31 1928; Hammond Dairy Co.; Terre Haute Pure Milk & Ice Cream Co. and Logan Square Dairy Co., on basis as of Feb. 28 1929; Central Dairy Products Corp.; Hendler Creamery Co.; Casein Co. of America; S. Caulfield & Sons, Ltd.; Caulfield's Dairy, Ltd.; and Irving Park Dairy Co., on basis of figures as of March 31 1929; Des Plaines Dairy Co. and Arlington Heights Dairy on basis of figures as of Feb. 28 1929; Maricopa Creamery Co. and Monroe Cheese Co., on basis of figures as of May 31 1929; certain assets and business of Oregon Milk Co., on basis of figures as of June 1 1929; Rascher Dairy Co. and Absopure Ice Cream Co., on basis of figures as of June 30 1929; Benson Dairy Co.; C. Carlsen Dairy Co.; Winnetka Sanitary Dairy Co. and Hohfelder Dairy Co., on basis of figures as of July 31 1929, and to the appropriation to reserve account of the net capital surplus arising from the above transactions offsetting purchased good will against acquired surplus. The net assets acquired from the above-mentioned companies include certain property valuations based on appraisals partially completed and are subject to audit of books of the companies now in progress.—V. 130, p. 139.

Borg-Warner Corp.—Sub. Co. Receives Orders.

President C. S. Davis announces that the Warner Gear Co., a division of the corporation has received orders to fill the transmission requirements

of the Austin automobile, a British light car, which is to be manufactured in this country by a company recently organized here. Clutches for the Austin car will be manufactured by another subsidiary, Mr. Davis said.—V. 129, p. 4143.

Boss Manufacturing Co. (& Subs.).—Bal. Sheet Nov. 30.

Assets—		Liabilities—			
1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.		
Plant & equip.	\$1,292,294	\$510,924	Common stock	\$3,250,000	\$2,500,000
Cash	373,419	360,788	Preferred stock	750,000	750,000
Demand ins. & int.	400,169	300,479	Accounts payable	127,709	18,234
Receiv'le (less res.) ..	1,151,005	835,951	Notes payable	6,500	—
Cash surrender val.	—	—	Accrued wages	34,017	15,466
of insur. policies	57,440	187,765	Tax reserve	72,898	87,506
Inventories	2,324,186	2,360,793	Res. for conting's	100,000	100,000
Investments	26,740	4,100	Profit & loss surp.	1,316,978	1,118,405
Deferred charges	32,850	28,810			
Total	\$5,658,103	\$4,589,611	Total	\$5,658,103	\$4,589,611

a After deducting \$1,244,428 depreciation.

Peter A. Waller, President, says in part:

We call attention of the stockholders to the fact that in addition to the regular cash div. of 7% on the pref. stock and of 10% on the com. stock, a 20% stock div. was distributed to the holders of com. stock on Nov. 15, and in addition to this, 2,500 shares of com. stock were offered to the stockholders at a price of \$165 per share and were promptly subscribed.

The latter part of the year the company instituted a program of expansion from which it expects to derive a great deal of benefit. The stockholders voted to authorize an increase of the com. stock to \$5,000,000, of which there is outstanding \$3,250,000. Preferred stock already authorized was \$1,250,000, of which \$500,000 has been retired, leaving outstanding \$750,000.—V. 129, p. 2540.

Bourne Mills, Fall River.—May Liquidate.

The stockholders, at an adjourned meeting held on Dec. 5, voted authority to their directors to liquidate the company's holdings, providing such action was deemed advisable by the board.

The directors' statement to the stockholders in part said:

"The directors are presented with a problem, therefore, which requires most careful consideration, and the solutions available in their opinion are: (1) To liquidate the property and distribute the proceeds after payment of debts; or (2) to sell or exchange the assets of the corporation as a whole for stock or cash; or (3) to reopen the plant when market conditions warrant and endeavor to manufacture merchandise salable at a profit. This last solution is the one the directors hope to be able to effect. They naturally would prefer to carry on and bring the investment back to a dividend-paying basis. They are faced, however, with the expenditure of considerable sums of money, to say nothing of conditions which may change from day to day. What may appear to be sound policy now may seem a week from to-day to have been foolish. For this reason, they have asked the stockholders to place the whole matter in their hands with full powers to take such action as they shall deem advisable. They will not liquidate the mill until they have in their opinion ascertained the possibilities of profitable operation. But, it may well be that unless full powers are given them, opportunities of the best remedy will slip by awaiting the calling of a stockholders' meeting. This meeting now convened was called Nov. 9, an example of the difficulties of negotiation in times when parties are impatient of delay. The directors wish to conserve every asset and know full well the history of other mills in this city whose assets have vanished waiting for the tide to turn."—V. 129, p. 3171.

Broadway Department Store, Inc.—Earnings.

Years Ended Oct. 31—	1929.	1928.
Sales	\$18,983,873	\$19,491,468
Cost of goods sold, selling, operating and administration expenses, less miscellaneous earnings ..	18,135,709	18,618,599
Interest on 15-year 6% sinking fund debentures ..	156,098	163,362
Provision for Federal income tax ..	68,500	93,836
Surplus	\$623,566	\$615,671
Previous surplus	969,832	653,783
Total surplus	\$1,593,398	\$1,269,453
Extraordinary expenses ..	142,009	—
Dividends on 7% cum. 1st pref. stock ..	181,997	195,408
Dividends on 7% non-cum. 2nd pref. stock ..	105,000	104,212
Balance, per balance sheet ..	\$1,164,393	\$969,832
Earnings per share on 116,461 common shares ..	\$5.36	\$5.28

x Before allowing for extraord. charges of \$142,009 for store alterations. President Malcolm McNaghten says in part:

Against this year's profits there has been charged \$142,009, representing extraordinary expenses incurred in connection with the refixturing and altering of the store, leaving a balance of \$481,557 available for dividends. The cost of the changes amounted to \$925,232 and of this sum \$783,223 was capitalized.

Balance Sheet October 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—			
1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.		
Cash	766,869	1,178,034	Accts. payable	1,324,350	1,130,898
Short term secur.	525,056	300,821	Reserve for taxes	68,500	98,783
Accounts receiv.	1,634,836	1,839,297	Other current liab.	278,399	276,289
Merchandise	3,238,324	3,319,855	Miscell. reserves	32,832	19,315
Bldgs. & equip. on leased land, store fixtures, deliv'y equipment, &c.	4,111,327	3,493,006	15-year 6% sinking fund debts	2,621,500	2,753,000
Miscell. assets	209,937	245,602	7% cum. 1st pf. stk ..	2,718,000	2,815,300
Deferred charges	352,258	317,396	7% non-cum. 2nd pref. stock	1,500,000	1,500,000
			Common stock	2,130,584	1,130,584
Total	10,838,607	10,694,011	Surplus	1,164,393	969,832

x After reserve of \$80,655. y After depreciation of \$576,507; no value included for leases. z Represented by 116,641 no par shares.—V. 128, p. 562.

Brockway Motor Truck Corp.—Omits Common Div.

The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about Feb. 1 on the common stock, no par value. From May 1 1928 to and including Nov. 1 1929 quarterly disbursements of 75 cents per share were made.—V. 129, p. 1744.

Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining & Concentrating Co.

—Extra Dividend to be Reduced.—The stockholders are in receipt of the following notice signed by President F. W. Bradley:

"At the present depressed prices for metals particularly zinc and silver, the company is not earning sufficient surplus to warrant paying its regular and two extra monthly dividends in addition to paying for all new development and construction work it now has under way. Therefore, in accordance with its past dividend policy, the board of directors has decided that beginning with the dividend payable on Feb. 5 next one of the two extra monthly dividends of 25c. per share be discontinued until further notice."

Dividends have been paid monthly at the annual rate of \$3 regular and \$6 extra.—V. 129, p. 3639.

Butler Brothers, Chicago.—Debentures Offered.—Halsey, Stuart & Co. Inc., First Union Trust & Savings Bank and First Chicago Corp., Chicago, are offering \$7,500,000 5% serial gold debentures at prices ranging from 92.50 and int. to 99.41 and int., to yield from 5.30 to 5.75%, according to maturity.

Dated Dec. 15 1929; due serially Feb. 1 1932-1945. Principal and int. (F. & A.) payable by First Union Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee. First interest coupon for 7½ months payable Aug. 1 1930, denom. \$1,000 and \$500c. Callable all or part, on any int. date upon 30 days' notice at 102½ and int. on or before Feb. 1 1933; at 102 and int. after Feb. 1 1933 and on or before Feb. 1 1935; at 101½ and int. after Feb. 1 1935 and on or before Feb. 1 1940; at 101 and int. after Feb. 1 1940 and on or before Aug. 1 1944. Interest payable without deduction for Federal normal income taxes not in excess of 2%.

Data from Letter of Pres. Frank S. Cunningham Dec. 30.

Business.—Butler Bros. was founded in 1877. Its business consists chiefly of the wholesaling of general merchandise to merchants only, through a chain of distributing houses, extending from Coast to Coast and located in New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Dallas and San Francisco, with sales offices in other important trading centers of the United States. Company operates 76 departments of general merchandise, comprising approximately 30,000 items, including dry goods, clothing, hardware, tinware, toys, glassware, crockery, automobile accessories and jewelry, &c. Sales are made through the medium of monthly catalog department stores in general and variety stores, including dry goods and department stores in small towns throughout the United States. The number of customers is in excess of 200,000 independent merchants.

American Wholesale Corp.—This company, which was acquired by Butler Bros. on Jan. 1 1930, is the largest wholesale house in the Southeast serving the territory south of Philadelphia and east of Ohio and handling a complete line of general merchandise; sales for 1928 amounted to \$22,866,000. Its selling is effected through a monthly net price catalogue. Its plant is located at Baltimore and this acquisition will complete a group of seven wholesale houses.

During 1929 the retail division of merchandising was undertaken through the organization of a wholly owned subsidiary, Scott Stores, Inc., which operates variety stores specializing in goods retailing from five cents to \$1, in towns which are not served through the wholesale division. Our merchandising, warehousing and operating organization which supplies goods for the chain of wholesale houses effectively serves the retail chain of Scott Stores. Forty-two such stores are now in operation and it is expected that 80 additional stores will be opened during the coming year. Our expansion program in the retail division will be further augmented during 1930 by the organization of 10 to 20 junior department stores, which will sell exclusively popular priced women's, misses' and children's ready-to-wear clothing; men's clothing, shoes and comprehensive assortment of notions and fancy goods.

Earnings.—Net earnings after all charges including depreciation but before Federal income taxes for the eight year period, 1922 to 1929, incl., were as follows:

1922	\$2,581,587	1927	\$3,162,237
1923	3,649,801	1928	2,487,162
1924	3,127,437	1929 (est.)	2,000,000
1925	3,819,842		
1926	3,194,055	Average	\$3,002,765

Average net earnings for the eight year period 1922 to 1929, incl., after all charges including depreciation but before Federal income taxes were \$3,002,765. The maximum annual interest requirements of this issue will be \$375,000. Such net earnings for the year 1929 are conservatively estimated at \$2,000,000, after making provision for extraordinary non-recurring expenses expended in the foundation of the new retail division and the operation of the new San Francisco house. These net earnings do not include earnings of the American Wholesale Corp. which for the same period, have averaged \$1,247,251 annually. Cash dividends have been paid on the capital stock of Butler Bros. without interruption for the past 42 years.

Purpose.—Proceeds of this financing will provide in part for the retirement of current indebtedness, for the expansion of the retail store division and for other corporate purposes.

Financial Statement Nov. 30 1929 (Giving Effect to this Financing).

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$1,363,224	Accounts payable	\$1,338,713
Accounts receivable	14,777,702	Bills payable	2,225,000
Merchandise	13,343,269	Reserve for taxes, &c.	664,863
Supplies	135,184	5% serial gold debentures ..	7,500,000
Prepaid int. & insurance	184,096	Real estate loan on St. Louis plant	960,000
Investments	214,964	Cap. stk. (auth. \$3,000,000) ..	22,762,200
Deferred charges	843,179	Surplus	7,199,406
Deferred retail chain devel. exp.	288,784		
Improve. to leased prop., &c.	707,452		
Real estate, fix. & equip., &c.	9,729,486		
Employees stock sales fund	689,928		
Employees pension fund	372,914	Total (each side)	\$42,650,182

To Decrease Dividend.

Beginning with the payment due Feb. 15, the annual dividend rate on the capital stock will be reduced from \$2 to \$1.20 per share it was announced by President Frank S. Cunningham, who stated that in view of the company's expansion program, the directors believe that it is in the interest of the company to put more earnings back into the business and to pay out a smaller amount in dividends.—V. 129, p. 3015.

(A. M.) Byers Co.—Earnings.

[Including operations of Orient Coal & Coke Co.]			
Years End. Sept. 30—	1929.	1928.	1927.
Sales (net)	\$10,154,843	\$10,606,362	\$11,415,945
Cost of sales	6,851,721	7,384,622	8,131,986
Gross mfg. profit	\$3,303,122	\$3,221,740	\$3,283,958
Other income	623,741	275,816	104,612
Total income	\$3,926,863	\$3,497,556	\$3,388,570
Admin., gen. & sell. exp.	1,022,960	922,092	850,894
Exper., spec. chgs., &c.	658,025	852,443	178,350
Prov. for deprec., &c.	—	—	65,456
Prov. for conting. & idle time	—	—	68,034
Int., disc. & exp. of bonds ..	—	—	47,826
Federal income taxes	268,681	145,508	175,766
Special charges	—	—	36,006
Net profit	\$1,977,197	\$1,577,513	\$1,377,237
Preferred dividends	429,130	428,858	425,526
Surplus	\$1,548,067	\$1,148,655	\$951,711
Previous surplus	3,839,351	3,375,045	2,814,355
Total surplus	\$5,387,418	\$4,523,700	\$3,766,066
Prem. & unamort. disc. & exp. of bonds retired ..	—	—	391,019
Profit & loss charges	x168,964	y684,349	—
Profit & loss surplus	\$5,218,454	\$3,839,351	\$3,375,045
Shs. com. out. (no par) ..	266,635	199,340	150,000
Earns. per share on com.	\$5.81	\$5.76	\$4.77

* Applicable to prior year in respect to delivery of common stock under contract. y Loss on abandonment of Gerard blast furnace and Pittsburgh puddle mill.

Comparative Balance Sheet Sept. 30.

Assets—		Liabilities—		
1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.	
Land, bldgs., mach. & equipm't.	10,943,184	7,775,891	7% pref. stock	6,124,400
Good-will	1	1	Common stock	2,666,350
Invest. in sub.	500,000	500,000	Cap. sur., incl. sur. arising from appraisal of prop.	2,673,884
Pref. stock purch. for employees	24,202	—	Accounts payable	1,412,575
Inventories	2,854,057	2,141,780	Acqr. gen. tax & expenses	177,187
Adv. pay. on ore contracts & notes rec.	1,125,481	1,040,327	Accrued curr. Fed. taxes	268,681
Investment	2,959,626	3,613,212	Pref. div. payable	107,177
Cash on time dep.	310,882	2,400,000	Reserves	738,821
Cash in banks, &c.	7,800,000	534,490	Surplus	5,218,454
Call loans	931,818	—	Paid-in surplus	8,131,000
Patents	93,480	285,140	Tot. (each side)	27,518,529
Deferred charges	—	—		18,348,756

x After deducting reserve for depreciation and depletion. y Represented by 266,635 shares of no par value.—V. 129, p. 3804.

Camden Fire Insurance Co.—Larger Quarterly Div.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 25c. a share, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 17.—An extra of 20c. a share and a regular quarterly dividend of 20c. a share were paid on Nov. 1 last.—V. 129, p. 2390.

Canada Dry Ginger Ale, Inc.—Option Extended.

This corporation, which on Jan. 8 officially admitted informal discussions with the White Rock Mineral Springs Co. regarding a possible combination of the two companies, on Jan. 9 confirmed the fact that its option on the

stock of the Campfire Corp., obtained last year, had been extended for a period of another year. The Campfire Corp. manufactures marshmallows. —V. 130, p. 139.

Capital Management Corp.—25c. Extra Dividend.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25c. per share and the regular quarterly dividend of 25c. a share, both payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 21. An extra distribution of \$1 a share was made on Aug. 1 last.—V. 129, p. 636.

Caracas Sugar Co.—Earnings.

	1929.	1928.
Net earnings from sales of sugar & molasses	\$1,334,906	\$1,385,974
Operating cost	1,260,581	1,358,901
Interest & discount (net)	155,293	158,879
Adjustments for previous periods	5,652	610
Organization expense, proportion written off	4,185	4,185
Adjustment of cost of materials on hand	Cr. 37	5,305
Accounts receivable, written off	145	996
Depreciation on machinery & equipment	49,473	-----
Net loss for period	\$129,081	\$141,682
Deficit at beginning of period	1,960,939	1,801,170
Reserve for adv. to planters doubtful of collection	Cr. 708	18,087
Depreciation of old cane fields	10,476	-----
Deficit at Sept. 30	\$2,099,788	\$1,960,939

Comparative Balance Sheet Sept. 30.

Assets—		Liabilities—		
1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.	
Total fixed assets	\$5,327,430	\$5,356,750	7% cum. pref. stk. \$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Organization exp.	75,325	79,510	Common stock	9,900,211
Stock in Compania Exportadora de Azucar de Cuba, S. A.	1,900	1,900	Capital surplus	339,061
Int. mtg. on lands	24,140	72,299	Bank loans	1,953,203
Investment	23,763	23,588	Other notes payable	975,468
Supplies at cost	101,251	108,659	Int. & rents accr.	31,291
Prepaid expenses	64,854	60,358	Planters' accts. pay	4
Unliq. sugar & molasses, less adv.	-----	78,157	Merch. & current accts. payable	53,575
Accts. receivable	49,427	54,372	Accounts payable	105
Notes receivable	-----	4,559		
Cash	12,985	60,371		
Planters' accts. rec.	85,845	112,416		
Planted & growing cane	94,064	92,615		
			Tot. (each side)	\$5,913,857
				\$6,172,879

a Capital surplus obtained on conversion of common stock, \$2,000,000 less deficit account of \$1,960,939. Arrived at as follows: b 100,000 shares common stock par \$10, \$1,000,000; capital surplus obtained on conversion of common stock \$2,000,000; total \$3,000,000; less deficit account \$2,099,788 balance as above.

Note.—Company holds, or has deposited in escrow, as guarantee for the fulfillment of certain obligations, cash and securities amounting to \$157,732.—V. 128, p. 405.

(A. M.) Castle & Co.—Extra Dividend.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25c. a share and the regular quarterly dividend of 75c. a share on the common stock, both payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 20. Like amounts were paid in May, August and November last.—V. 129, p. 2541.

Ce Co Manufacturing Co., Inc.—Sales.

Calendar Years—	1929.	1928.	Increase.
Net sales	\$2,091,374	\$1,070,281	\$1,021,093

Central Alloy Steel Corp.—Increased Oper. Capacity.

The corporation has increased operations of its productive facilities to about 70% of capacity compared with a low point of around 40% in December, Chairman F. J. Griffiths announced. Releases and new orders for sheets and other material from the automobile industry have expanded substantially since the first of the year.

Two important divisions of the company are running practically at capacity, these being the auto body sheet mills at Massillon and the electric furnace and stainless steel departments at the Canton works. The company is operating 15 of its 23 open hearth furnaces compared with six in the middle of December.

This corporation will be a part of the Republic Steel Corp., the new \$350,000,000 Midwest steel merger recently formed by the Continental Shares-Eaton interests of Cleveland.—V. 129, p. 3969.

Central Illinois Securities Corp.—Initial Dividend.

The directors have declared an initial dividend of 41 2-3 cents per share on the \$1.50 cum. conv. pref. stock, no par value, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 20. It consists of a regular quarterly dividend of 37 1/2 cents and a special dividend of 4 1-16 cents covering the period from Oct. 21 to Nov. 1 (see V. 129, p. 2391).—V. 129, p. 3478.

Centrifugal Pipe Corp. of Del.—1930 Dividends.

The directors have declared four quarterly dividends of 15c. each for the entire year 1930. The dividends are payable Feb. 15, May 15, Aug. 15 and Nov. 15 to holders of record Feb. 5, May 5, Aug. 5 and Nov. 5, respectively. Similar quarterly distributions were made during 1929.—V. 128, p. 2096.

Cessna Aircraft Co.—Receivership Sought.

Advisers from Wichita, Kan., say that the appointment of a receiver for the company has been asked in a suit filed in Sedgewick County District Court by F. M. Munoz, a stockholder, who alleges mismanagement.—V. 128, p. 3518.

Chapman Ice Cream Co.—December Sales.

1929—December—1928.	Increase.	1929—12 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$42,677	\$26,297	\$16,380	\$657,915
Calendar Years—			\$480,123
Net profits, before Federal taxes	(est.)	\$120,000	\$53,572

Chatham Phenix Allied Corp.—Report.

The corporation, as of Dec. 31 shows a liquidating value of \$49,987,586, or approximately \$24.99 a share, taking closing prices on that day. The assets on the same date included \$34,168,036 in cash and call loans and the balance in dividend-paying stock of railroad, public utility and industrial companies.—V. 129, p. 3640.

Chevrolet Motor Co.—Output Increased.

Surpassing its best previous achievement by more than 150,000 cars, the company in 1929 manufactured 1,350,000 cars and trucks. The year was, by a wide margin, the greatest in Chevrolet history.

Although the first Chevrolet Six did not go onto the street until Jan. 1, there were a million in owner operation early in August.

The monthly production mark was set in May when the Chevrolet factories built 160,895 cars. A new high monthly record was established in every month except January. Chevrolet's daily production average for the year was 4,500 cars and trucks.

Production annually in recent years is shown in following table:

1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929
309,000	510,000	1,001,000	1,001,000	1,200,000	1,350,000

Sixteen factories, located in strategic points from coast to coast, made the 1929 production showing possible. They are: the motor, sheet metal and assembly plants at Flint; the drop forge and gear and axle plants in Detroit; the transmission plant at Toledo, Ohio; the small parts plant at Bay City, Mich.; the foundry at Saginaw, Mich.; the export plant at Bloomfield, N. J.; and assembly plants in the following cities: Tarrytown, N. Y., Buffalo, N. Y., St. Louis, Mo., Cincinnati, O., Janesville, Wis., Kansas City, Mo., Atlanta, Ga., and Oakland, Calif. ("Wall Street Journal")—V. 127, p. 1952.

Childs Co., New York.—Sales Increase.

1929—Dec.—1928.	Increase.	1929—12 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$2,407,100	\$2,369,168	\$37,932	\$27,532,332
			\$26,379,261

Chrysler Corp.—Anticipates a Return to Normal.

In response to requests for his views of the business outlook for 1930, Walter P. Chrysler, President and Chairman of the Board, authorized the following:

Plans of this corporation for 1930 anticipate a return to normal production early in the year and a continuation of good business thereafter for the balance of the period. Ample opportunity in the last two months to observe the reaction from the stock market decline at least indicates that only a relatively small percentage of the total buying power of the country was adversely affected.

Meanwhile, business generally, especially automobile manufacture, has been cleaning house. Overloaded distributing facilities are being relieved of the pressure of stocks on hand, and inventories will be a great deal lower by April 1. Production and merchandising of automobiles this year promise to be on a more profitable basis for dealers and distributors as well as manufacturers. More than ever before Chrysler Corp.'s production this year will be based on retail sales to the public. Moreover, both dealers and manufacturers will be better equipped to handle the used car situation.

Notwithstanding the record output of automobiles in 1929, the market for automobile production in 1930 promises to reach a very satisfactory volume. With replacements alone estimated at more than 3,000,000 motor vehicles, certainly the normal growth of automobile users among new car buyers, two-car families and exports should add sufficient volume to make the total market for motor cars in 1930 compare favorably with any year in the industry's history.

This view, however, does not take into account another most important factor in the industry's progress and one which has always in the past enlarged automobile output. That is, engineering advances which are steadily making individual transportation more economical, more efficient and more desirable than ever before. This year, for instance, Chrysler Corp. will produce for the first time in the industry's history eight-cylinder cars in the low-price field, namely, in the Dodges and De Soto lines.

Nothing appears on the business horizon to change the forward-looking course of the motor car industry or to lessen confidence in its future prosperity and increasing service to the public, if the manufacturer continues to keep his house in order and help the dealer to make money. Undue emphasis has been laid on this year's seasonal decline in production. Yet experience shows that production normally is only approximately 50% during the winter months as compared with July, August and September. Chrysler Corp. sold to the American public 16% more passenger cars during Sept., Oct. and Nov. this year than it produced during these months, and stocks in dealers' hands on Dec. 28 were 27% less than they were Dec. 23 1928. Furthermore, stocks at the end of December were lower than at the same time in each of the last four years except the year 1927.

The stock market recession had so little effect on the sales of Chrysler-built cars that it would not be possible to tell, from the sales curve of the Chrysler Corp., just when the market break occurred.

Particularly significant as an indication of the financial stability of the American public is the fact that the three months' period up to the beginning of December produced 11,000 new stockholders for the Chrysler Corp. This was an increase of 44% and represented by a considerable margin the largest number of stockholders acquired in any similar period since the corporation came into existence. And the bulk of these have become shareholders since the market break.—V. 129, p. 3804.

City Ice & Fuel Co.—Earnings.

11 Months Ended Nov. 30—	1929.	1928.
Sales	\$26,616,348	\$22,649,879
Net profit after int., deprec. & Federal taxes	5,766,927	4,847,982
Earnings per share on 1,120,770 shares com. stock (no par)	\$4.45	\$3.63

Claggett Shares Corp.—Initial Dividend.

The directors have declared an initial dividend of 50c. on the no par value capital stock, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 20.—V. 129, p. 1746.

For the quarter ended Dec. 31 1929, earnings were equivalent to 73c. a share.

President Strabo V. Claggett in a letter to the stockholders, says: "The earnings record during the quarter ended Dec. 31 1929, was established despite the fact that securities markets in that period, and particularly October and November, suffered the greatest shrinkage of values ever witnessed in any similar space of time."

"For a long time previous to the decline we considered prices of representative open market securities to be out of line with intrinsic values and as a result the corporation's resources were not invested in highly inflated issues."

"The corporation is now in a position to consider the purchase of stocks selling at attractive prices. Even at to-day's prices, however, all stocks are not attractive. The management considers careful discrimination to be as important as ever, and believes that 1930 prospects rather than 1929 earnings will be the determining influence on the course of prices over the next several months."—V. 129, p. 1746.

Cleveland Tractor Co.—New Director.

J. O. Eaton, Chairman of the board of the Eaton Axle & Spring Co., has been elected a director.

Business of the company for the quarter ended Dec. 31, the first quarter of the fiscal year, is reported as the best in its history.—V. 129, p. 3805.

Clover Splint Coal Co., Inc.—Initial Dividend.

The company on Dec. 20 paid to holders of 8% cum. pref. stock of record Dec. 15 an initial quarterly dividend of 2%. See also V. 129, p. 3172, 3016.

Cockshutt Plow Co., Ltd.—Earnings.

Period—	11 Mos. End. Nov. 30 '29.	12 Mos. End. Dec. 31 '28.
Operating profit, after depreciation	\$875,859	\$827,451
Surplus from sale of Adams Wagon Co.	142,043	-----

Total income	\$1,017,902	\$827,451
Provision for taxes, &c.	68,247	54,936
Conversion payments	-----	x646,500

Net income	\$949,655	\$126,015
Dividends	324,675	216,450
Transferred to merchandise reserve	100,000	-----

Balance	\$524,980	def\$90,434
Brought forward	479,917	570,352

Profit and loss surplus \$1,004,898 \$479,917
 x Preference stock conversion payment under plan of capital arrangement.

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Assets—		Liabilities—		
Nov. 30 '29.	Dec. 31 '28.	Nov. 30 '29.	Dec. 31 '28.	
Cash	112,223	24,505	Accts. payable	622,198
Accts. receivable	2,859,111	2,108,618	Bank loans	-----
Inventories	4,164,058	3,338,624	Unclaimed divs. & divs. payable	28,624
Prepd. expenses	26,509	35,078	Prov. for taxes	80,830
Securities	50,200	1,045,750	Common stock	x11,465,000
Inv. in affil. cos.	773,267	674,071	Reserve	2,500,000
Fixed assets	7,716,150	7,566,057	Profit & loss account	1,004,898
Tot. (each side)	15,701,521	14,792,708		479,917

x Represented by 288,600, no par shares.—V. 130, p. 140.

Columbian Carbon Co.—Dividend Rate Increased.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.25 a share and the usual extra dividend of 25c. a share, both payable Feb. 1 to holders of voting trust certificates of record Jan. 20.

In each of the four quarters of 1929, the company paid a regular of \$1 a share and an extra of 25c. a share.—V. 129, p. 3330.

Columbia Steel Corp., San Francisco.—Sale.

Special meetings of the common stockholders have been called for Jan. 15 to authorize the sale of this company to the United States Steel Corp. and on Jan. 27 to authorize the dissolution of the company. It is reported that 97% of the preferred stock has been deposited for redemption.—V. 129, p. 2863.

Consolidated Steel Corp.—Earnings.—The company reports for the 10 months ended Oct. 31 net income of \$776,858 after all charges but before Federal taxes, equal after preferred dividend requirements to \$2.14 a share on the 241,617 common shares outstanding.—V. 130, p. 140.

Container Corp. of America.—Consol. Balance Sheet.

Oct. 31 '29.		Dec. 31 '28.		Oct. 31 '29.		Dec. 31 '28.	
Assets—				Liabilities—			
Cash	\$ 654,221	\$ 656,535	Accounts payable	760,873	\$ 594,695		
Accts. & notes rec.	1,775,433	1,028,026	Accrued wages	45,451	18,661		
Inventories lower	1,892,681	2,009,890	Reserve for taxes	303,469	228,802		
Other assets	164,661	267,510	Res. for conting.	81,622	116,554		
Deferred charges	636,207	907,225	Reserve for deprec.	2,728,241	2,103,216		
Organization exp.	49,735	49,735	Funded debt	9,523,000	9,997,000		
Real estate	2,781,307	2,781,307	7% cum. pref. stk.	1,990,000	2,000,000		
Bldgs., mach. & equipment	18,553,119	18,077,040	Cl. A com (\$20 par)	5,483,500	5,475,500		
			Cl. B com (no par)	4,424,483	4,424,483		
			Earned surplus	1,166,725	818,356		
Total	26,507,365	25,777,267	Total	26,507,365	25,777,269		

x Represented by 588,289 shares (no par value).—V. 130, p. 140.

Cuban Dominican Sugar Corp.—To Reduce Stated Capital Stock and Extinguish Deficit.—A special meeting of stockholders will be held on Jan. 20 to act on a proposal to reduce the total amount of capital stock from \$45,713,275 to \$40,000,000. The effect of this would be to realize for capital surplus reserves \$5,713,275, a part of which would be used to extinguish the deficit now shown on the balance sheet of \$928,555, and set up a substantial capital surplus. As of Sept. 30 last, the outstanding capital stock, consisting of 1,142,833 no par shares, was carried at \$45,713,275.—V. 129, p. 4135.

Cutler-Hammer, Inc.—Comparative Balance Sheet.

June 30 '29.		Dec. 31 '28.		June 30 '29.		Dec. 31 '28.	
Assets—				Liabilities—			
Accts. & notes rec.	\$1,387,919	\$1,058,074	Accounts payable	\$277,093	\$268,754		
Marketable secur.	244,883	416,688	State taxes & misc.	335,155	196,245		
Cash	1,309,473	1,467,389	Fed. inc. taxes (est.)	150,000	200,000		
Sundry accts. rec.	73,568	85,879	Reserves	146,267	103,226		
Inventory	2,327,185	1,731,437	Common stock	2,750,000	2,750,000		
Deferred charges to operations	289,485	294,198	Capital & earned surplus	4,381,773	3,728,621		
Investments	5,110	5,610					
Invest. in subsid.	207,089						
Plant and property	1,878,817	1,859,914					
Patents	316,759	327,657					
Total	\$8,040,288	\$7,246,846	Total	\$8,040,288	\$7,246,846		

x After depreciation of \$3,024,160.—V. 130, p. 140.

Devonshire Investing Corp.—Earnings.

Earnings for Period from Dec. 15 1928 to Sept. 30 1929.	
Interest miscellaneous income	\$51,952
Cash dividends received	20,275
Profit, sale of securities after Federal taxes	99,274
Total income	\$171,501
Expenses	\$14,301
Taxes, incl. Federal tax on income	5,184
Balance	\$152,015

Balance Sheet Sept. 30 1929.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Investment stocks	\$1,121,538	Capital stock (34,000 no par shs)	\$850,000
Notes receivable (call loans)	600,000	Accounts payable	2,460
Cash	69,876	Dividends payable	17,000
		Tax liability	18,689
Total (each side)	\$1,791,414	Capital surplus	802,250
		Earned surplus	101,015

—V. 129, p. 1130; V. 128, p. 1913.

Dictaphone Corp.—Larger Quarterly Cash Dividend—10% in Stock Also Declared.—The directors have declared a 10% stock dividend on the common stock and a regular quarterly dividend of 75c. a share on the common and \$2 on the pref. stock, all payable Mar. 1 to holders of record Feb. 14. Previously regular quarterly dividends of 50c. a share were paid. In addition an extra dividend of 50c. a share was paid on the common stock on Dec. 1 1928 and on June 1 and Dec. 2 1929, while on Nov. 1 1929 and on June 1 1928 stock dividends of 10% each were paid.—V. 129, p. 2864.

Dominion Bridge Co.—Stock Increased—Acquisition.—The stockholders on Jan. 8 increased the authorized capital stock from 500,000 shares to 600,000 shares, no par value. T. R. Deacon, Pres. of Manitoba Bridge & Iron Works, Ltd., of Winnipeg, announces that a majority of the stockholders of this company, including all the directors, have agreed to the absorption of that company by the Dominion Bridge Co. The terms of the merger provide for the exchange of Manitoba Bridge stock on the basis of one share of Dominion Bridge stock for each two shares of Manitoba Bridge stock held. Fractional shares of Dominion Bridge stock will be paid for at the rate of \$65 a share. The exchange of stock may be made through the Northern Trusts Co. at Winnipeg, Canada, before March 1 1930. "It is to be noted," Mr. Deacon's letter continues, "that the next dividend of the Dominion Bridge Co. will be payable to holders of record Jan. 31 1930. To enable shareholders of Manitoba Bridge to share in this dividend their certificates, endorsed to the Dominion Bridge Co., must be in the hands of the Northern Trust Co. at Winnipeg on or before Jan. 27.—V. 130, p. 140.

Dryden Paper Co., Ltd.—Earnings.

Years End.	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Gross earnings	\$351,823	\$400,015	\$345,744	\$292,093
General expense	74,308	69,709	66,997	66,997
Interest	100,118	115,454	117,272	128,223
Depreciation & deple'n.	100,000			
Net earns. before taxes x Before depreciation.	\$151,704	x\$210,253	x\$158,763	x\$96,873

Balance Sheet Sept. 30.

Assets—		Liabilities—		
Cash	\$40,317	\$267,532	Accts payable	\$83,530
Accts receivable	165,207	172,457	Accrued charges	22,789
Inventories	629,147	487,036	Reserves	929,454
Deferred charges	20,231	7,322	6% 1st M. bonds	1,500,000
Call loan and accrued interest	125,781		Common stock and surplus	x5,551,704
Mills, bldgs., machinery & plant, real est., timber & water powers	7,106,794	6,858,589		
Total	\$8,087,478	\$7,792,935	Total	\$8,087,478

x Represented by 150,000 no par shares.—V. 128, p. 1061.

Dunhill International, Inc.—Retires 40,000 Shares.—It is announced that this company between Sept. 20 1929, and Dec. 10 1929, retired 40,000 shares of com. stock, no par value, thus decreasing the outstanding stock as of the latter date to 141,585 shares. The 1% stock dividend payable Jan. 15 1930, will increase the outstanding com. stock to 142,998 shares.—V. 130, p. 141.

(E. I.) du Pont de Nemours & Co.—Offers Debenture Stock to Employees.—The company has set aside 10,000 shares of 6% debenture stock for subscription at \$114 a share for all employees of this company and its subsidiaries. This debenture stock also carries an extra dividend of \$3 a share for a period of five years and is offered only to employees.—V. 129, p. 3971.

Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.—December Sales.—1929—December—1928. Increase. | 1929—12 Mos.—1928. Increase. \$413,776 \$324,726 \$89,060 | \$3,751,628 \$2,986,001 \$765,627 —V. 129, p. 3641.

Electric Power Associates, Inc.—Report.—President H. Hobart Porter in his report to the stockholders says: Company was organized on Feb. 8 1929, not as an investment trust to acquire and hold a highly diversified list of securities, but with the intention of making long-term investments of relatively large amounts in the common stocks of public utilities which stocks the management felt would increase in value over a period of time. Funds not so invested have been used to acquire as temporary investments a variety of other preferred and common stocks (largely of public utilities). During the period from Feb. 8 to Dec. 31 1929 company realized net cash profits from interest, dividends and the sale of securities amounting to \$1,213,667, exclusive of stock dividends. After expenses company had 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 on Feb. 1 1930 to holders of record Jan. 15. 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 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 by the company from the issuance of its own stocks. Directors feel that company's investments will, over a period of time, materially increase in value.

Income Account from Feb. 8 1929 to Dec. 31 1929.

Cash dividends and interest	\$419,859
Profit on sale of securities	793,809
Total income	\$1,213,668
Expenses	47,952
Reserve for taxes	120,000
Net profit	\$1,045,715

Note.—The above statement does not include stock dividends. The market value of the stocks so received was on Dec. 31 1929, \$1,295,123.

Balance Sheet December 31 1929.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash & call loans	\$1,688,849	Accounts payable	\$8,307
Securities at cost	24,776,109	Reserve for taxes	120,000
Accrued int. receivable, &c.	4,780	Capital stock and surplus	x26,373,183
Furniture and fixtures	1,623		
Organization expense	30,128		
Total	\$26,501,490	Total	\$26,501,490

x Represented by 400,000 no par class A stock and 400,000 no par common stock.

- List of Securities Held as of December 31 1929.**
- American Chile Co., com.
 - American Power & Light Co., com.
 - Amer. Wat. Works & Elec. Co., Inc., com.
 - Columbia Gas & Electric Corp., com.
 - Detroit Edison Co., capital stock.
 - Gen'l Pub. Serv. Corp., 5 1/2% conv. debts.
 - Georgia Power Co., \$6 pref.
 - Gold Dust Corp., com.
 - Long Island Lighting Co., com.
 - Louisiana Power & Light Co., \$6 pref.
 - Mountain States Tel. & Tel. Co., cap. stk.
 - New Engl. Tel. & Tel. Co., cap. stock.
 - Pacific Gas & Electric Co., com.
 - Public Service Corp. of N. J., com.
 - St. Louis City Gas & Elec. Co., \$7 pref.
 - Standard Gas & Electric Co., com.
 - Southern California Edison Co., com.
 - United Light & Power Co., \$6 conv. pref.
 - U. S. Electric Power Corp., com., with option warrants attached.
 - U. S. Electric Power Corp., \$6 conv. pref.
 - Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. Co., com.
- V. 130, p. 141.

Electrical Products Corp. of Colorado.—Rights.—The common stockholders of record Dec. 1 1929 were recently given the right to subscribe on or before Dec. 16, at \$5 per share, for additional common stock, on the basis of two new shares for each three shares held.—V. 129, p. 1130.

Empire Fire Insurance Co.—On Curb.—Company has announced the listing of 40,000 shares capital stock (par \$10) on the New York Curb Market. There are only two other insurance company stocks at present traded in on the Curb Exchange, namely, Insurance Co. of North America and Insurance Securities, Inc.—V. 129, p. 1919.

Empire Title & Guarantee Co.—Annual Report.—The company in its annual report for the year ended Dec. 31 1929 shows net profits, after all provisions for taxes and reserves, of \$106,080, equivalent to \$10.60 per share on the outstanding capital stock. Earnings for 1929 of \$10.60 per share compare with \$17.50 per share for 1928 and \$10.30 per share for 1927. Although the earnings for 1929 have decreased from the 1928 figure, the showing is considered excellent in view of the extremely unfavorable real estate and mortgage market which has prevailed throughout most of 1929. Judge E. A. Richards, President of the company, stated that the company carries no real estate and has sustained absolutely no loss whatever from foreclosures.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1929.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$289,783	Agency accounts	\$17,500
Bonds and first mortgages	2,452,698	Borrowed money	1,320,000
Stocks and bonds	24,760	Accounts payable	82
Notes receivable secured by collateral	\$5,500	Int. accrued on guar. mtges., but not yet payable	50,877
Accounts receivable	6,043	Commissions not yet payable	1,063
Accrued interest	93,838	Reserve for taxes	13,419
Total (each side)	\$2,952,622	Capital stock	1,000,000
		Surplus and undivided profits	549,591

—V. 129, p. 2544.

Engels Copper Mining Co.—Earnings.

Period Ended Nov. 30 1929—	Month.	11 Mos.
Gross value production	\$159,017	\$1,942,902
Net income after mine exploration and development but before depreciation and depletion	41,095	482,176

—V. 129, p. 3174.

Equitable Office Building Corp.—Earnings.

8 Months Ended Dec. 31—		1929.	1928.
Total revenue		\$4,213,327	\$3,844,003
Operating profit		3,446,206	3,098,666
Depreciation		183,854	183,854
Balance		\$3,262,352	\$2,914,812
Other income		72,322	46,774
Total income		\$3,334,674	\$2,961,586
Interest, real estate tax, &c.		1,440,049	1,456,068
Federal taxes		222,000	184,000
Reserve for additional depreciation		50,814	40,139
Net profit		\$1,621,811	\$1,281,379
Earns. per sh. on 893,576 shs. com. stock (no par)		\$1.81	\$1.43

—V. 129, p. 3971.

Everett (Mass.) Mills.—\$15 Liquidating Div.—Sale.—The directors have declared a second dividend in partial liquidation of \$15 per share, payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Jan. 8. A liquidating dividend of \$10 per share was paid on Sept. 27 1928. See Pilot Radio & Tube Corp. below.—V. 129, p. 2081.

Exchange Buffet Corp.—Sales Higher.—Sales for Month and Eight Months Ended Dec. 31. 1929—December—1928. Increase. | 1929—8 Mos.—1928. Increase. \$597,082 \$524,878 \$72,204 | \$4,352,095 \$3,842,566 \$509,529 —V. 129, p. 3641.

Fairey Aviation Co., Ltd.—Initial Dividend.—An initial dividend of 12c. a share on the "American" shares has been declared payable on Jan. 15 to holders of record Jan. 13. This dividend was declared from earnings for the year ended Sept. 30 last.

Federal Bake Shops, Inc.—December Sales.—
 1929—Dec.—1928. Increase. 1929—12 Mos.—1928. Increase.
 \$426,933 \$403,633 \$23,300 \$4,500,731 \$4,074,934 \$425,797
 —V. 129, p. 3806.

Financial Investing Co. of New York, Ltd.—Omits Div.
 The company omitted the payment on Jan. 1 1930 of a 2% stock dividend on the common stock. A quarterly distribution at this rate was made on Oct. 1 and July 1 1929, as compared with quarterly cash dividends of 40c. a share formerly paid.—V. 129, p. 2235.

First National Stores, Inc.—Sales.—
 Period. End. Dec. 28— 1929—5 Weeks—1928. 1929—13 Weeks—1928.
 Sales ----- \$9,753,154 \$7,400,486 \$62,637,149 \$19,239,727
 —V. 129, p. 3806.

(M. H.) Fishman & Co., Inc.—December Sales.—
 1929—December—1928. Increase. 1929—12 Mos.—1928. Increase.
 \$414,209 \$222,731 \$191,478 \$2,056,078 \$913,005 \$1,143,073
 —V. 129, p. 3642.

(F. B.) Foshay Co.—New Directors.—
 A new board of directors of the company, elected Jan. 2 at an adjourned meeting of stockholders, has been authorized by common stockholders to take steps "to work the company out of present receivership," and return its affairs to the management of its officers and directors.

The board was asked, in a resolution adopted at the adjourned meeting, to "immediately contact and work with creditors and others of interest toward the solution of this plan."

Wilbur B. Foshay, President of the company, was elected to the new board after resignations of all of the old board were accepted, including Mr. Foshay's. Other members of the board include H. H. Henley, George M. Bleeker, Dr. A. B. Butter, Dr. T. H. Bauer, and Dr. J. L. Litchfield.

A move to have the Foshay Tower and building sold at a foreclosure sale to satisfy lien holders has been launched in Hennepin County District Court. The G. W. Olson Manufacturing Co. as one of 80 lien holders representing liens of \$450,000 against the building, filed suit asking foreclosure sale of the south half of the block on which the tower stands.

In a statement Mr. Foshay declared the stockholders "and the directors whom they have elected are anxious to see the receiverships of the various companies worked out in such a way that the companies will be conducted and re-established in business on a sound basis rather than to have them liquidated, and it was with that idea in mind that receivership was originally agreed to."

Mr. Foshay, as President of the company, presented a report to the stockholders which included the statement that as of Oct. 31 1929 the company had in its inventory \$4,805,048 of securities of Public Utilities Consolidated Corp., that it had borrowed on \$4,769,437 of these securities \$2,184,697, and that it had a large amount of money tied up in advances paid on properties for Public Utilities Consolidated Corp. and in investigations of other properties and in properties which it was holding for the benefit of Public Utilities Consolidated Corp.

The resolution adopted at the meeting follows:
 Be it resolved by the common stockholders of the W. B. Foshay Co., in meeting assembled, that having elected a new board of directors pursuant to a plan adopted Dec. 16 1929 at a meeting of the stockholders including both common and preferred, and having the utmost confidence in such board, and each of the members thereof, it is our desire that said board take such steps and do such things as in their judgment may seem best for the purpose of working this company out of the present receivership and returning its affairs to the management of its officers and directors and that the board be asked to immediately contact and work with creditors and others of interest toward the solution of this plan.—V. 129, p. 3174.

Fox Film Corp.—Receivership Plan Disavowed.—
 S. M. Lazarus of Fox Film class "A" stockholders issued following statement:

"Inquiry has been made of the committee of class "A" stock in connection with the alleged rumor that a receiver should be applied for.

"The committee states that it does not know of any basis or foundation of such rumors and that the committee has no intention of now applying for a receiver nor, so far as its present plans indicate, at any time in the near future. It is the committee's opinion that if such rumor has to do with any voluntary application by the Fox interests that that also is without foundation, and that the present situation in the pending negotiations would render such move extremely unlikely and unnecessary.—V. 130, p. 141.

Franklin Process Co., Providence, R. I.—50% Stk. Div.
 The directors have authorized an increase in capital stock from 100,000 to 200,000 shares, 50,000 shares to be distributed as a 50% stock dividend, subject to the approval of the stockholders at a special meeting to be held Jan. 22 1930. The other 50,000 shares will be held in the treasury. The 50% stock distribution will be payable on or about Feb. 15 to holders of record Feb. 1. An extra dividend of \$1 in cash, and the regular quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share were paid on Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 24.—V. 130, p. 141.

(Robert) Gair Co.—Class A Dividend Deferred.—

No action was taken in regard to the declaration of a dividend on the \$2.75 cumulative participating class A stock at the directors' meeting on Jan. 3. The company had been paying 68 1/2 cents quarterly on this stock, the last dividend having been paid Oct. 15.

President George W. Gair in a notice to the stockholders says in substance: "1929 has proven an unprofitable year, due to the general conditions in the industry, and the immediate outlook does not justify the payment of dividends until conditions improve."

"The annual report will be presented at the stockholders' meeting on Feb. 27. The company's financial position is very strong."

"At Dec. 1 1929 current assets represented a ratio of 8 to 1 to current liabilities, the book value of the class A shares over \$90 a share, and net current assets \$25 a share. Improvements and economies completed this year will result in a great saving during the coming year, and it is further hoped that some plan for the correction of the over-production that the industry is suffering from will be found which will result in general betterment.—V. 129, p. 2691.

General Alliance Corp.—To Acquire North Star Insurance Co.—

See American Salamandra Corp. above.—V. 128, p. 2471.

General Electric Co.—Orders Received.—

Period End. Dec. 31—	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
3 months-----	\$108,398,049	\$88,162,049	\$76,708,532	\$80,406,570
12 months-----	\$445,802,519	\$348,848,512	\$309,784,623	\$327,400,207

—V. 129, p. 4145.

General Empire Corp.—New Director.—

Robert H. Treman, President of the Tompkins County National Bank, Ithaca, N. Y., and formerly Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, has been elected a director.—V. 129, p. 2865.

General Bancshares Corp.—Stock Offered.—Franklin Flick & Co., San Francisco, are offering the class A shares at \$10 per share.

Cumulative preferred dividends payable Jan. 1 and July 1 at the rate of 70 cents per share per annum. Certificates dated as issued. Entitled to additional dividends earned and paid upon the basis of an equal distribution between the two classes of stock. Preferred as to assets up to \$10 per share, plus an equal distribution in excess thereof between the two classes of stock. Right reserved to class A stock to select a majority of the board of directors upon default in the payment of 4 consecutive dividends. Exempt from personal property tax in California and income free of present normal Federal income tax. Pacific National Bank, San Francisco, registrar. Franklin Flick & Co., San Francisco, transfer agent.

Capitalization.
 Class A shares (preference and participating)-----500,000 shs.
 Class B shares (voting)-----50,000 shs.

Company.—Incorp. in Delaware. Corporation is designed to provide an investment, offering maximum income and profit accruals, through group investment in the shares of various banks and other financial institution and securities consistent with the fundamental requirements for safety of principal.

Bank Stocks Approved for General Bancshares Investment.

New York Banks— Bank of the Manhattan Co. Bank of New York & Trust Co. Bankers Trust Co. Chase National Bank Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. County Trust Co. Empire Trust Co. Equitable Trust Co. First National Bank Guaranty Trust Co. Irving Trust Co. Manufacturers Trust Co. National City Bank	New York Banks (Continued)— New York Trust Co. Public National Bank & Trust Co.	Chicago Banks— Central Trust Co. of Illinois Continental Illinois Bank & Tr. Co. Drovers National Bank. First National Bank Foreman National Bank Harris Trust & Savings Bank National Bank of the Republic Northern Trust Co. Peoples Trust & Savings Bank Union Bank of Chicago
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Invested funds may include additional banks, prime bonds and other high-grade securities.

General Fireproofing Co.—Stock for Employees.—

The stockholders are being asked to approve an issue of 10,000 additional common shares, to be sold to employees upon terms to be determined by the directors. Action will be taken on the proposal at the annual meeting on Jan. 28 and stockholders are asked to waive pro rata rights.—V. 129, p. 3807, 2082.

(The S. A.) Gerrard Co.—Acquisition.—

The company has acquired nearly 50% of the capital stock of the Sands Furber & Co. of Boston. John M. Barr, Secretary of the Gerrard Co., stated that the newly acquired company will be made a branch of Gerrard organization.—V. 129, p. 290.

Gillette Safety Razor Co.—Plans to Quadruple Production in 1930.—

Plans for the manufacture and distribution of an entirely new model safety razor and blade by this company were announced on Jan. 9 by J. E. Aldred, Chairman of the Board.

The company, Mr. Aldred stated, has so arranged its methods of production and distribution that the company will shortly be manufacturing 80,000 of the new model razors each day. This compares with the production of razors last year of between 20,000 and 30,000 a day. The production schedule for the new blade is geared to reach from 2,700,000 to 3,000,000 finished blades per day. This production basis will be reached by Mar. 1.

The company sells about 75% of all the blades and razors used in the world. The output of the old-style razors and blades by the Gillette company has been sharply curtailed with the results that dealers' stocks are ready for the new products.

In the matter of changing over to the manufacture of the new razor, the production problems have been solved. The company's plans for the introduction of the new razor and blade call for advertising expenditures in the United States alone during 1930 of \$7,500,000. This is an increase of \$2,500,000 over the company's advertising expenditures in 1929.

Earnings Years Ended Dec. 31.				
	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Net earnings after taxes, depreciation and all other fixed charges....	\$13,620,700	\$16,244,429	\$14,589,037	\$13,311,412
Shares capital stock outstanding (no par)....	2,100,000	2,100,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Earnings per share.....	\$6.18	\$7.74	\$7.29	\$6.65

—V. 128, p. 4146.

Gilmore Oil Co.—Rights.—

The directors have voted to offer stockholders of record Jan. 15 the right to purchase one new share for each share held at \$12 a share. This offer expires Feb. 10. There are now 189,567 shares of stock outstanding. This offering will be subject to approval of the California State Corporation Commission.

The directors declared regular quarterly dividend of 30c. a share, payable Jan. 31 to holders of record Jan. 15.—V. 129, p. 3972.

Glidden Co.—Earnings.—

Years Ended Oct. 31—				
	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Operating profit.....	\$4,221,864	\$3,297,713	\$2,826,633	\$2,969,375
Interest, &c.....	382,728	393,812	492,445	516,170
Depreciation.....	520,526	380,282	371,750	323,260
Fed. & Canadian taxes....	359,500	262,500	250,000	268,000

Net profits.....	\$2,959,110	\$2,261,118	\$1,712,438	\$1,861,945
Sub. cos. pref. dividends	17,500	—	—	—
Prior pref. divs. (7%)	505,712	487,693	497,850	497,800
Common divs. (cash).....	(\$2)1,137,147	—	(\$1)399,247	(\$2)798,750
Common divs. (stock)....	\$33,750	—	—	—

Balance, surplus.....	\$1,265,000	\$1,773,425	\$815,341	\$565,395
Shs. com. out. (no par)....	681,750	500,000	400,000	400,000
Earnings per share.....	\$3.57	\$4.43	\$3.04	\$3.41

a 6,750 shares capitalized at \$5 per share.
 Surplus account Oct. 31 1929.—Previous surplus, \$9,723,997; surplus for year (after divs.), \$1,264,963; excess of amount received over declared value of \$5 per share on 175,000 shares common stock (no par) sold during year, together with premium obtained for issuance of 5,276 shares prior preferred stock (net); \$6,201,589; appreciation of permanent assets (acquired \$76,635; total surplus Oct. 31 1929, \$17,267,184.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Oct. 31.							
1929.		1928.		1929.		1928.	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
Assets—				Liabilities—			
Land, buildings, equipment, &c.	\$14,100,295	8,778,502	7% prior pt. stock.	7,444,300	6,916,700		
Good-will, trade-marks, &c.	\$2,972,490	1,037,340	Common stock....	3,408,750	2,500,000		
Investments.....	1,265,024	1,168,227	Sub. co. 1st 6s....	470,000	315,000		
Cash.....	747,597	633,087	Cap. stock sub. co.	500,000	—		
Notes & accts. rec.	\$5,262,605	3,790,272	Notes pay., bank acceptances, &c.	2,682,051	—		
Miscell. accts. rec.	47,443	158,917	Notes pay. assum'd in connect. with acquia. of sub. co.	150,000	—		
Inventories.....	8,640,114	4,884,859	Min. int. sub. co.	2,737	—		
Other assets.....	712,582	251,805	Sun. bds. & mtges.	—	117,500		
Deferred charges....	570,314	371,100	Accts. pay., misc. accounts, &c....	1,671,185	942,885		
			Accr. tax., int., &c.	566,407	372,766		
			Res. for conting.	155,852	185,261		
			Surplus.....	17,267,184	9,723,997		

Tot. (each side) 34,318,466 21,074,109
 a Includes land, \$2,215,453; buildings, machinery, equipment, &c., \$15,233,522; less allowance for depreciation, \$3,348,680. b Good-will, trade-marks, reorganization and development expenses and unamortized bond discount, &c. c Common stock represented by 681,750 no par shares, with declared value of \$5 per share. d Customers' accounts and notes receivable, less reserve for doubtful accounts, discounts, &c.—V. 129, p. 4146.

(F. & W.) Grand 5-10-25-Cent Stores, Inc.—Sales.—

1929—Dec.—1928.	Increase.	1929—12 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$3,600,920	\$3,387,762	\$213,158	\$21,928,709
\$17,160,872	\$4,767,837		

—V. 129, p. 3642.

(F. & W.) Grand-Silver Stores, Inc.—1929 Sales—

Merger Now Complete—To Pay Stock Dividends.—

"Sales totaled \$30,416,858 for the full year 1929 against \$23,818,091 in 1928, an increase of \$6,598,766, or 27.7%." President Harold F. Stone announced. "Sales for Dec. 1929 were \$5,127,882 compared with \$4,749,213 for 1928, an increase of 7.97%. It is expected that the increase in net profits has been on practically the same ratio for the year and that earnings per share for 1929 will show a substantial increase over the \$3.64 per share reported in 1928. The balance sheet of the company as of Dec. 31 1929, will show a ratio of current assets to current liabilities of about five-to-one. The company had in operation at the close of the year 139 stores."

"It is the intention of the directors to declare stock dividends on the common stock, which has just been placed on a \$1 annual cash div. basis. The amount of such stock dividend will be determined at a later meeting of the board and will be payable in semi-annual installments."

"The new company is now functioning as one unit having a centralized management with resultant economies in operation. Six members of the

board of directors of the new company are formerly of the Grand company and two formerly of the Silver company. The officers and heads of all departments of the new company were formerly associated with the Grand company with the exception of Newman Silver, now in charge of display and store layouts of the new company.

"As a result of more efficient operation made possible through the consolidation of the companies and the normal growth of the business, sales for 1930 should approximate \$38,000,000 with a corresponding increase in net profits."—V. 130, p. 142.

Granite City Steel Co.—Earnings.—

Earnings for 11 Months Ended Nov. 30 1929.

Billings	\$14,544,655
Net income after all charges incl. taxes	1,667,895
Preferred dividends	x23,400
Balance for common	\$1,644,495
Earnings per share on 292,347 shs. capital stock (no par)	\$5.63
x Stock retired during year.—V. 129, p. 2866.	

(W. T.) Grant Co.—Sales.—

1929—December—1928.	Increase.	1929—12 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$11,535,827	\$10,327,814	\$1,208,013	\$65,448,285
\$54,985,456	\$10,462,829		

—V. 129, p. 3642.

Great Lakes Finance Co.—Receivership.—

It is reported that receivers have been appointed in Delaware for this company whose main office is in Detroit.

Greenebaum Sons Investment Co.—Omits Dividend.—
The directors have voted to omit the dividend which would ordinarily have been paid on Jan. 1 on the no par value capital stock. Previously quarterly distributions of 50 cents per share were made.—V. 129, p. 485.

Hamilton Woolen Co.—Earnings.—

Years End. Nov. 30—	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Sales	\$5,001,464	\$4,436,987	\$4,016,251	\$3,959,043
Operating costs	4,810,527	4,351,899	4,326,415	4,462,558
Operating income	\$190,937	y\$85,088	loss\$310,164	loss\$503,515
Other income			9,470	731
Net income	\$190,937	\$85,088	loss\$300,694	loss\$502,784
Shares of stock	38,775	25,850	25,850	25,850
Earnings per share	\$4.92	\$3.29	Nil	Nil

y Includes interest and depreciation.

Balance Sheet Nov. 30.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Plant	\$896,368	Capital stock	x\$1,938,750
Inventory	1,300,810	Notes&acct. pay.	257,420
Investments	5,709	Int. acer.&adv.	74,605
Cash & acct. rec.	1,173,794	Profit and loss	919,133
Adv. to ins. cos.	32,543		
Prepd. taxes, ins., &c.	13,227		
	16,242	Tot. (each side)	\$3,189,908
			\$3,529,932

x Represented by 38,775 (no par) shares.—V. 128, p. 1917.

Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection & Insurance Co., Hartford, Conn.—Obituary.—
Sherwood F. Jeter, Vice-President, died in Hartford on Dec. 31.—V. 129, p. 4147.

Hayes Body Corp.—Rescinds Action on Jan 2 Dividend.

The directors late in December rescinded their recent resolution declaring a quarterly 2% stock dividend on the common stock, no par value, payable Jan. 2, to holders of record Dec. 24. This rate had been paid in each of the three preceding quarters, while in Jan. 1929 an initial quarterly cash distribution of 75c. a share was made.—V. 129, p. 3973.

Herring-Hall Marvin Safe Co.—Extra Dividend.—

An extra dividend of \$3.75 per share and the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.25 per share were paid Jan. 2 1930, the regular payment to holders of record Dec. 4 and the extra to holders of record Dec. 28. Like amounts were paid on Oct. 1 last.—V. 129, p. 2395.

Hershey Chocolate Corp.—Initial Common Div., &c.—

The directors have declared the following dividends for payment Feb. 15 to holders of record Jan. 25; an extra dividend of \$1 a share on the conv. preference stock and a quarterly dividend of \$1.25 a share on the common stock. These dividends are in addition to the regular quarterly dividends of \$1.50 a share on the prior pref. and \$1 a share on the conv. preference stock previously declared for payment Feb. 15. Under the provisions of the articles of incorporation, before any dividends may be declared and paid on the common stock in any year, an extra dividend of \$1 a share must be declared, set aside and paid on the conv. preference stock. The corporation has just closed the most successful year in the history of the business and the action of the board is a reflection of the prosperous condition of the company and the excellent outlook for the ensuing year, it was announced.—V. 129, p. 2867.

Homestake Mining Co.—Extra Dividend of \$1.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$1 per share in addition to the regular monthly dividend of 50c. per share, both payable Jan. 25 to holders of record Jan. 20. The company paid a similar extra dividend in January of 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928 and 1929.—V. 128, p. 1917.

Home Title Insurance Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.—Extra Div.

The company on Dec. 31 1929 paid to stockholders of record Dec. 24 an extra dividend of 25c. per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 75c. per share. A dividend of 75c. per share was paid on the stock on Sept. 30 last.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1929.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Bonds and mortgages	\$3,790,527	Capital stock	\$2,500,000
Stocks and bonds (market \$875,479)	559,804	Surplus and profits	2,800,110
Accrued interest	254,811	Mortgages sold	90,589
Real estate, company use only	652,776	Agency account	99,755
Accounts receivable	52,767	Interest prepaid	91,417
Cash	439,477	Reserve for taxes & conting.	168,291
Total	\$5,750,163	Total	\$5,750,163

—V. 129, p. 2395.

Horn Signal Mfg. Co.—Omits Dividends.—

The company has omitted the quarterly dividends of 25c. a share on both the class A and class AA stocks, due at this time. In view of the orders on hand and the volume of business in prospect, the directors deem it advisable to conserve cash, it was announced. The company manufactures manual and automatic automobile traffic control devices and accessories.—V. 130, p. 143.

Hunt's, Ltd., Toronto, Ont.—Extra Dividend.—

On Jan. 1 last, an extra dividend of 50 cents per share and the regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share were paid on both the class A and class B stock to holders of record Dec. 21.—V. 129, p. 1598.

Hupp Motor Car Corp.—Regular 2 1/2% Stock Distribution.

The directors have declared the regular quarterly cash dividend of 5% (50c. per share) in addition to the regular quarterly stock disbursement of 2 1/2%, both payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 15. Like amounts have been paid since and incl. Aug. 1 1928. From Nov. 1 1926 to May 1 1928 incl. quarterly cash dividends of 3 1/2% (35c. per share) were paid. In addition, the company on May 1 1928 paid a 2 1/2% stock dividend.—V. 129, p. 2867.

Illinois Pipe Line Co.—Exchange Offer.—

See Ohio Oil Co. below.—V. 128, p. 1742.

Insull Utility Investments, Inc.—Debentures Oversubscribed.—Oversubscription of a \$60,000,000 issue by investors as well as by dealers sums up the result of the first test of

1930's bond market and the first real test with a large issue since the early part of October. The issue represents the largest corporate bond offering since the \$100,000,000 Texaco Corp. debentures were offered on Oct. 9. The issue was the \$60,000,000 10-year 6% debentures which were offered by a large banking group headed by Halsey, Stuart & Co., a 99 1/2 and int., yielding 6.07%. Bankers reported many inquiries from dealers as soon as the new issue was rumored pointing to the fact that dealer inventories are low and that they are in position to take new commitments.

The size of the first offering of the new year came as something of a surprise since the belief prevailed that the market first would be tested with smaller issues. The only other financing of large size recently was the U. S. Treasury bills which, because of their nature, hardly could be considered as a test of market strength.

Bankers Making Offering.—Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.; Continental Illinois Co., Inc.; Harris, Forbes & Co.; Central-Illinois Co.; First Union Trust & Savings Bank; Field, Gloré & Co.; Foreman-State Crop; the National Republic Co.; E. H. Rollins & Sons; Hill, Joiner & Co., Inc; Insull, Son & Co., Inc. and Insull, Son & Co., Ltd., London, Eng. and Montreal, Can. See full details in V. 130, p. 143.

International Business Machines Corp.—Retires Bonds

The corporation announces that it has deposited under sinking fund terms \$250,000 for the retirement of Computing, Tabulating & Recording Co. 6s due 1941. This leaves slightly less than \$3,000,000 of an original issue of \$7,000,000 as outstanding. In 1928 the company retired bond in the amount of \$2,000,000.—V. 130, p. 144.

Internat. Combustion Engineering Corp.—Receiver.—

Following a joint meeting of the stockholders and creditors of the company Jan. 6, Federal Judge Alfred C. Cox made permanent the temporary receivership of the company. Judge Cox appointed the Irving Trust Co. and Wilbur R. Wood as receivers.—V. 130, p. 143.

International Harvester Corp.—Offers to Purchase

\$446,000 Bonds of Elk Drainage District of Missouri.—See under "State and City" section on a subsequent page.—V. 129, p. 487.

International Shoe Co.—Acquisition of Stock of McElwain

Co. Held Not to Violate Clayton Act.—

The acquisition of the capital stock of the W. H. McElwain Co. by the International Shoe Co. in May 1921, was Jan. 6 upheld by the U. S. Supreme Court in reversing a decision of the lower courts affirming an order issued by the Federal Trade Commission requiring International to divest itself of such holdings.

The commission's order was based on Section 7 of the Clayton Act and held that the acquisition of the McElwain stock had the effect of lessening competition between the two companies and restraining commerce in the shoe business in localities where both were engaged in inter-State commerce. The company contested the order on the ground that there had never been substantial competition and that the condition of McElwain at the time of the purchase of stock was such that it had to liquidate or sell and that, therefore, the prospect for future competition was entirely eliminated.

The Supreme Court upheld International's contention that there was no substantial competition, pointing out that the companies competed only in the sale of men's dress shoes, and there to only a limited extent. The type of shoes made by the two concerns were different, they catered to different classes of customers and 95% of the business was done in non-competitive territory.

In selling the stock to International, the court held, the officers of the McElwain company did their best to "avert a more disastrous fate," the recovery of the concern being in gravest doubt.

"In the light of the case, thus disclosed, of a corporation with resources so depleted and the prospect of rehabilitation so remote that it faced the grave probability of a business failure with resulting loss to its stockholder and injury to the communities where its plants were operated," the court declared, "we hold that the purchases of its capital stock by a competitor (there being no other prospective purchaser), not with a purpose to lessen competition but to facilitate the accumulated business of the purchase and with the effect of mitigating seriously injurious consequences otherwise probable, is not in contemplation of law prejudicial to the public and does not substantially lessen competition or restrain commerce within the intent of the Clayton Act."

A dissenting opinion was filed by Justices Stone in which Justices Holmes and Brandeis concurred.—V. 130, p. 133, 144.

Johnson Iron Works, Dry Dock & Ship Building Co., Inc.—\$2 Accumulated Dividend.—

The directors have declared a dividend of \$2 per share on account of accumulation and the regular quarterly dividend of \$2 per share on the pref. stock, both payable Jan. 1 1930 to holders of record Dec. 26 1929.—V. 127, p. 1815.

Johnson Motor Co.—Rights—Underwritten.—

The directors have authorized the offering at \$25 a share of 19,710 shares of authorized but unissued common stock to stockholders of record on Jan. 14 1930, in the ratio of one new share for each five outstanding. The rights will expire Jan. 27 1930 and payment in full will be required on or before that date. Hayden, Stone & Co., who are represented on the board of directors, have agreed to provide for the underwriting of the offer.

The company manufactures outboard motors. Its sales have increased from 3,500 motors in 1922 to 31,000 in 1929. The company is producing an entirely new line of five outboard motors. In order to level out production and offset the seasonal nature of the company's major activity, the management has developed a line of portable power pumps and also a small and economical gasoline motor for use where electric power is not available. The company has also designed and is having manufactured to its specifications a complete line of boats which are correctly adapted to the Johnson motors. This will require additional working capital and proceeds of the new financing will be utilized for this purpose.

Years Ended Sept. 30—

Net sales	1929.	1928.
	\$4,832,894	\$3,348,623
Cost of goods sold	3,070,622	1,940,706
Provision for depreciation	115,345	102,163
Expenses	1,201,314	975,192
Net earnings	\$445,613	\$330,559
Other income credits	18,362	17,070
Total income	\$463,975	\$347,629
Interest	80,639	41,253
Income tax	36,660	18,755
Net income	\$346,676	\$287,621
Earnings per share on 98,412 shares common stock (no par)	\$3.52	\$2.92

—V. 129, p. 138.

Kaybee Stores, Inc.—Sales Increase.—

1929—December—1928.	Increase.	1929—12 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$234,674	\$193,967	\$40,707	\$1,286,797
			\$310,650

—V. 129, p. 3644.

Kayne Co., Cleveland.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors recently declared an extra dividend of 1 1/2c. per share and the usual quarterly dividend of 50c. per share on the common stock both payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 20 1929. Like amounts have been paid quarterly since and incl. Oct. 1 1927.—V. 129, p. 1923.

Kendall Co.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors recently declared an extra dividend of 5c. per share on the common stock, payable Dec. 26 to holders of record Dec. 20.—V. 129, p. 3974.

(George E.) Keith Co. & Subs.—Sales, &c.—

Table with columns for years 1925-1928 and sales figures. 1925: \$18,800,000; 1926: \$17,900,000; 1927: \$18,400,000; 1928: \$18,400,000.

Comparative Balance Sheet Oct. 31.

Balance sheet comparing 1929 and 1928 assets and liabilities. Assets include L'd. bldgs., mach'y & equipment, G'will, walk-over, etc.

Keyes Fibre Co., Inc.—Omits Common Dividend.—

The quarterly dividend of 50c. a share usually paid Jan. 1 was omitted on that date on the common stock. The last distribution at this rate was made on Oct. 1 last.—V. 125, p. 1060.

Kidder, Peabody Acceptance Corp.—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.

Balance sheet for Kidder, Peabody Acceptance Corp. comparing 1929 and 1928 assets and liabilities. Assets include Cash, U. S. Govt. bonds, Demand loans, etc.

Note.—Other bankers acceptances sold with endorsement of corporation amounted to \$7,006,946 in 1929 and \$7,270,593 in 1928.—V. 128, p. 413.

(G. R.) Kinney Co., Inc.—December Sales.—

Sales comparison table for (G. R.) Kinney Co., Inc. for December 1929 and 1928, and 12 months ending Dec 31, 1929 and 1928.

President E. H. Krom authorizes the following: "The sales for the 12 months period of 1929 and also for the month of December were the largest in the history of the company. Stores in operation at the end of the year numbered 362 including 44 new stores which were opened during the year.—V. 129, p. 3809.

Kline Bros. Co.—December Sales.—

Sales comparison table for Kline Bros. Co. for December 1929 and 1928, and 12 months ending Dec 31, 1929 and 1928.

The decrease in sales for December was due in part to the fact that there was one Saturday less in December this year, and also to bad weather conditions.—V. 129, p. 3644.

(S. S.) Kresge Co.—Sales.—

Sales comparison table for (S. S.) Kresge Co. for 1929 and 1928, and 12 months ending Dec 31, 1929 and 1928.

The company is operating 578 stores in the United States and 19 in Canada. The decrease in sales for December was due in part to the fact that there was one Saturday less in December this year, and also to bad weather conditions.—V. 129, p. 3644.

(S. H.) Kress & Co.—Sales.—

Sales comparison table for (S. H.) Kress & Co. for 1929 and 1928, and 12 months ending Dec 31, 1929 and 1928.

The above figures include sales of stores from dates of acquisition only.—V. 130, p. 144.

Laguna Land & Water Co.—New Treasurer.—

C. Graham has been elected Treasurer to succeed H. H. Carstin, deceased.—V. 120, p. 711.

Lahey Foundry & Machine Co.—Smaller Dividend.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 25c. a share, compared with 50c. in previous quarters. The dividend is payable Jan. 30 to holders of record Jan. 15. An extra dividend of 2 1/2% in stock was also paid in each of the four quarters of 1929.—V. 129, p. 3334.

Lane Bryant, Inc.—Sales Higher.—

Sales comparison table for Lane Bryant, Inc. for 1929 and 1928, and 12 months ending Dec 31, 1929 and 1928.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$1 per share on the pref. and common stocks, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Dec. 29.—V. 121, p. 1575.

Lautaro Nitrate Co., Ltd.—Balance Sheet June 30.—

Balance sheet for Lautaro Nitrate Co., Ltd. comparing 1929 and 1928 assets and liabilities. Assets include Cash, Cash dep. with respect to proposed issue, etc.

Note.—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. x After depreciation of \$6,623,936.—V. 130, p. 145.

Lefcourt Realty Corp.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25c. a share and the regular quarterly dividend of 40c. a share on the common stock, no par value, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Feb. 6.—V. 129, p. 2239.

Lawyers Title & Guaranty Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Balance sheet for Lawyers Title & Guaranty Co. comparing 1929 and 1928 assets and liabilities. Assets include Cash, Stocks & invest. account, Bonds & mortgages, etc.

Lehigh Portland Cement Co.—Earnings.—

Earnings comparison table for Lehigh Portland Cement Co. for 1929 and 1928, and 12 months ending Nov. 30, 1929 and 1928.

Surplus Account November 30. Table showing surplus carried to balance sheet, comparing 1929 and 1928.

Comparative Balance Sheet Nov. 30. Table comparing 1929 and 1928 assets and liabilities. Assets include Land, build., mach & equip., Mineral deposits, etc.

Lerner Stores Corp.—December Sales.—

Sales comparison table for Lerner Stores Corp. for 1929 and 1928, and 12 months ending Dec 31, 1929 and 1928.

Craig B. Hazelwood, chairman of the bondholders committee of the first mortgage bonds, which have been in default since Nov. 1 1928, has called for deposits of bonds in order that proper representation may be made at the condemnation proceeding pending, whereby title to the property was vested in the City of New York about Aug. 1 1929, and whereby the city is now obligated to pay such award as the court may fix. Taxes approximating \$125,000, covering 1926, 1927, 1928 and 1929 are in default. The corporation operates a hotel at 26 Delancey St. The depositories for the bonds are the Chicago Title & Trust Co. in Chicago and the Bank of America, N. Y. City.

Libby's Hotel Corp.—Deposits of Bonds.—

C. O. Miniger, President of Electric Auto-Lite Co., was recently elected a director.—V. 129, p. 3795.

Lincoln Fire Insurance Co. of N. Y.—Initial Dividend.

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 60 cents per share on the capital stock, payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Jan. 6.

Rights Extended.—

The directors on Jan. 3 1930 extended the time within which stockholders may exercise the right to subscribe for 20,000 additional shares of capital stock, par \$10 per share, under stock subscription warrants for full and fractional shares mailed to all stockholders on Dec. 4 1929, from Jan. 10 1930 to and including March 10 1930. Such action was taken in view of the continuance of unusual financial conditions and was decided by the directors to be for the best interests of the corporation and of its stockholders. The Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. as agent, has been authorized to accept subscriptions in accordance with such warrants, if stockholders exercise the right of subscription on or before March 10 1930.—V. 128, p. 4168.

MacMarr Stores, Inc.—December Sales.—

Sales comparison table for MacMarr Stores, Inc. for 1929 and 1928, and 12 months ending Dec 31, 1929 and 1928.

McCroly Stores Corp.—New Directors—Sales.—

Edmund C. Lynch and Luigi Criscuolo of Merrill, Lynch & Co., Samuel L. Fuller and Andrew Stewart of Kissell, Kinnicut & Co., and William M. Clark have been elected directors, succeeding the following members of the board who resigned: viz., Mrs. Carrie M. McCroly, S. S. Brinkley, E. A. Brillinger, F. D. Jolly and Thomas H. Lyons.

Sales for Month and Twelve Months Ended Dec. 31.

Sales comparison table for McCroly Stores Corp. for 1929 and 1928, and 12 months ending Dec 31, 1929 and 1928.

(Arthur G.) McKee & Co.—To Recapitalize.—

The stockholders will vote Jan. 13 on approving a plan to increase the class B shares from 55,000 to 100,000, and to offer holders of class A stock the right to convert share for share their class A stock into class B shares at a time up to May 1 1930. The stockholders will also vote on cancelling existing restrictions and limitations upon the right to hold and transfer class B shares. At present class B stock can be held only by officers and employees of the company. It is the intention of the management to place the cla

B stock on a \$3.50 annual dividend which is amply justified by this year's earnings, says Secretary Robert E. Baker.—V. 126, p. 3606.

McLellan Stores Co.—Sales Increase.—

1929—Dec.—1928.	Increase.	1929—12 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$4,381,312	\$4,069,259	\$312,053	\$23,774,676
		\$18,516,066	\$5,258,610

Compare also V 130, p. 145.

(R. C.) Mahon Co.—Extra Dividend.—

The company on Dec. 15 last paid an extra dividend of 15c. per share on the common stock to holders of record Dec. 10 1929.—V. 127, p. 2963, 2241.

Mangel Stores Corp.—Sales Increase.—

1929—December—1928.	Increase.	1919—12 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$1,621,922	\$1,522,738	\$99,184	\$10,629,324
		\$8,543,488	\$2,085,836

—V. 129, p. 3810.

Mason Tire & Rubber Co.—Payment.—

Holders of first mortgage 20 year 7% gold bonds, series A of the Mason Tire & Rubber Co. dated March 1 1923, and of the non-negotiable receipts therefor issued by the Bankers Trust Co. are notified that on and after Jan. 2 1930 the following payments on account of the bonds will be made: \$35,60143 upon each \$1,000 bond, \$17,80072 upon each \$500 bond, \$3,56014 upon each \$100 bond out of a third dividend to creditors paid by the trustee in bankruptcy out of the proceeds of sale of un-mortgaged assets. Payments will be made to the holders of bonds upon the presentation thereof with Sept. 1 1928 and subsequent appurtenant coupons to Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall St. N. Y. City.

Bondholders will not be entitled to receive their distributive share in the dividends payable out of the proceeds of the un-mortgaged assets unless they present their bonds promptly as the right to receive such share expires upon receipt by Bankers Trust Co. of a notice of the date assigned for the meeting of creditors to declare the final dividend which notice is to be given at least 30 days before the date of such meeting.—V. 127, p. 3553.

Massachusetts Investors Trust.—1% Stock Dividend.—

The trustees have declared a quarterly cash dividend of 52c. a share, and a stock dividend of 1%, both payable Jan. 20 to holders of record Jan. 8. This compares with a quarterly cash dividend of 45c. a share paid in April and October last, and 52c. a share in July 1929 on which latter date a 1% stock distribution was also made.—V. 130, p. 145.

Maud Muller Candy Co.—Extra Dividend.—

The company on Jan. 1 1930 paid to common stockholders of record Dec. 15 an extra dividend of 25c. per share.—V. 128, p. 2475, 901.

Melville Shoe Corp.—Increases Common Dividend.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50c. per share on the common stock, placing the issue on a \$2 annual basis, against \$1.40 previously.

The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividends of 1½% on the 1st pref. stock and 1¼% on the 2d pref. stock. All dividends are payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 18. Holders of the old common stock, issued prior to the split-up in August 1928, will only receive dividends when they exchange their old stock for the present stock.

Sales for Month and 12 Months Ended Dec. 31.

1929—December—1928.	Decrease.	1929—12 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$2,423,340	\$2,621,127	\$197,787	\$25,514,253
		\$22,438,205	\$3,076,048

—V. 129, p. 3810.

Mesta Machine Co.—Co-Transfer Agent.—

The Bankers Trust Co. has been appointed co-transfer agent for the common stock, \$5 par value.—V. 129, p. 3645.

Metropolitan Chain Stores, Inc.—Sales.—

1929—Dec.—1928.	Increase.	1929—12 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$3,432,128	\$2,751,793	\$680,335	\$18,121,818
		\$13,512,704	\$4,609,114

At the end of December 1929 Metropolitan was operating 151 stores, against 109 stores at the close of 1928.—V. 129, p. 3645.

Moreland Oil Corp.—Extra Dividend.—

The company on Dec. 31 paid an extra dividend of 5c. per share and a regular quarterly dividend of 15c. per share on the no par value class B stock. An initial dividend of 20c. per share and an extra of 5c. per share were paid on the no par class B stock on Sept. 30 last.—V. 129, p. 2241.

(John) Morrell & Co., Inc. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Earnings for 13 Months Ended Nov. 2 1929.

Net sales (American companies only)	\$94,660,595
Operating profit of all companies after deducting all expenses, including repairs and maintenance of properties, but before providing for depreciation, int. charges and Fed. income tax	4,512,417
Provision for depreciation	469,154
Interest charges	177,464
Provision for Federal income tax	430,000
Net profit	\$3,435,799
Dividends paid	1,080,000
Balance, surplus	\$2,355,799
Earns. per share on 400,000 shs. common stock (no par)	\$8.59

Consolidated Balance Sheet, Nov. 2 1929.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$622,954	Notes payable	\$1,150,000
Value of life insur. policies	83,953	Drafts drawn agt. consignments	44,350
Market'le sec. (British Govt.)	1,050,189	Accounts payable	554,683
Notes & accounts receivable	4,520,081	Sundry deposit & loan accts.	664,493
Claims (net)	11,743	Acce'd prop. taxes, wages, &c.	163,475
Product, incl. consignments	6,860,230	Sales ex-consignment, acct. sales not rendered	49,384
Raw materials, live stock, &c.	778,703	Insurance fund	22,444
Investments & advances	26,880	Reserve for income taxes	688,459
Land, build., fixed equip, &c.	9,408,973	Other reserves	297,000
Deferred charges	123,602	Capital stock	x15,639,204
		Initial surplus	1,858,018
		Earned surplus	2,355,799
Total	\$23,487,309	Total	\$23,487,309

x Represented by 400,000 no par shares.—V. 128, p. 3697.

Munson Steamship Line (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Earnings for Year Ended June 30 1929.

Operating revenues	\$23,774,014
Expenses, including interest, amortization and depreciation	23,312,120
Net profit	\$461,894

Balance Sheet June 30 1929.

Condensed consolidated balance sheet of Munson Steamship Line and subsidiaries engaged in the operation of steamships and allied activities (excluding the subsidiaries owning and operating certain office building property in N. Y. City and certain hotel and appurtenant property in Nassau, B.I., on which properties there is moge. indetbt. of \$6,319,219).	
Assets—	
Steamships & auxiliary props	\$15,599,504
Investments & advances	3,514,596
Special depts. & misc. invests.	90,768
Cash	411,792
Call loans	1,200,000
Marketable secs. incl. co's bonds reacquired	392,690
Receivables	1,811,723
Stores & supplies	295,507
Prepaid insurance	328,025
Goodwill	550,000
Deferred charges	737,999
Total	\$24,932,604
Liabilities—	
Curr. liabils., incl. maturities on funded debt due within 1 year	3,149,573
Def. liabils. to sub. & affil. cos	259,515
Excess of revs. over exps. on voyages not completed	403,416
Funded debt	9,832,667
Res. for claims, cont., etc.	1,430,643
Min. int. in cap. stk. & surplus of subs.	1,061,975
Pref. stock	1,104,500
xCommon stk. (125,000 shs. no par)	2,450,000
Capital surplus	525,117
Earned surplus	4,715,198
Total	\$24,932,604

Note.—The Munson Steamship Line has a contingent liability in connection with its guarantee of the annual interest and sinking fund payments of the \$3,421,500 6¼% bonds of the Munson Building Corp. The net earnings of the Munson Building Corp. for the 12 months ended June 30 1929, were substantially in excess of these requirements and the appraised value of the property as of May 13 1924 securing such bonds, less depreciation to June 30 1929 was \$5,630,300. The Munson Steamship Line is also contingently liable on \$65,250 1st pref. mtge. on Steamship Munnystic. The New York Canal & Great Lakes Corp., a subsidiary, was contingently liable in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 in connection with an agreement with Inland Waterways Corp.

x There were issued and outstanding at June 30 1929 option warrants for the purchase of 67,640 shares of common stock, of which 2,110 shares were represented by warrants attached to 6½% gold debenture bonds required by the company.—V. 128, p. 415.

Morison Electrical Supply Co., Inc.—Sales.—

1929—Dec.—1928.	Increase.	1929—12 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$315,809	\$224,586	\$91,223	\$2,250,691
		\$1,382,450	\$868,241

—V. 129, p. 3810.

(G. C.) Murphy Co.—Sales Increase.—

1929—Dec.—1928.	Increase.	1929—12 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$2,641,658	\$2,449,581	\$192,077	\$15,721,946
		\$12,118,187	\$3,603,759

—V. 129, p. 3646.

Nash Motors Co.—Earnings.—

Years End. Nov. 30—	1928-29.	1927-28.	1926-27.	1925-26.
xNet income	\$20,204,505	\$23,604,832	\$25,898,190	\$27,020,524
Prov. for Fed. taxes	2,190,724	2,784,746	3,227,445	3,674,218

Net inc. after expenses reserves & local taxes \$18,013,781 \$20,820,085 \$22,670,744 \$23,346,306 Preferred dividends 140,908 Common dividends 16,380,000 16,380,000 13,650,000 y10,190,000 Rate (\$6) (\$6) (\$5) (\$13)y

Balance, surplus	\$1,633,781	\$4,440,085	\$9,020,744	\$12,285,398
Adjustments				Dr 401,920
Previous surplus	38,137,180	33,697,094	24,676,350	25,077,872
Total surplus	\$39,770,961	\$38,137,179	\$33,697,094	\$36,961,350
Common stock divs				a12,285,000

Profit & loss surplus \$39,770,961 \$38,137,179 \$33,697,094 \$24,676,350

Earns. per sh. on 2,730,000 shs. com. stk. (no par) \$6.60 \$7.62 \$8.30 \$8.50

On Feb. 1 1926 company paid a stock div. of 900% in common shares, capitalizing \$12,285,000 of the surplus (\$5 per share). x Net income after deducting expenses of manufacturing (incl. depreciation), selling, administrative and local taxes. y Being \$10 per share on 273,000 shares (before payment of 900% stock div.) and \$3 per share on 2,730,000 shares.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Nov. 30.

Assets—		Liabilities—		
Real estate, equipment, &c.	x 9,160,930	8,216,058	Common stock	y13,887,000
Investments	1,247,447	1,286,048	Accounts payable	2,900,692
Govt. securities	24,707,072	20,297,071	Reserves—	
Mat'l & supplies	5,246,094	5,809,040	Federal taxes	5,958,847
Notes receivable	321,000	63,000	Other taxes	4,082,129
Acc'ts receivable	5,562,510	6,830,824	Losses on acct's receivable	18,260
Cash	17,214,333	20,947,663	Miscellaneous	34,070
Prepaid expenses	537,399	69,211	Contingencies	1,516,954
			Surplus	39,770,961
Total	64,086,785	63,518,915	Total	64,086,785

x After depreciation. y Represented by 2,730,000 no par stock.—V. 129, p. 2422.

National American Co., Inc.—Proposed Merger.—

See State Title & Mortgage Co. below.—V. 129, p. 3022.

National Bellas Hess Co., Inc.—Net Sales.—

1929—Dec.—1928.	Decrease.	1929—12 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$4,866,734	\$4,985,767	\$119,033	\$48,851,047
		\$44,532,696	\$4,318,351

The last three months of 1928 include sales of heavy weight lines of merchandise which were discontinued this year. Figures for 1928 do not include proportion of receipts of companies in which common stock ownership was subsequently acquired.—V. 129, p. 3646.

National Distiller's Products Corp.—Initial Com. Div.

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 50c. a share on the common stock, no par value, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 20. The entire issue of preferred stock was redeemed on Aug. 30 1929.—V. 130, p. 146.

National Enameling & Stamping Co.—Stock Placed on a Quarterly Dividend Basis.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50c. a share, payable March 31 to holders of record Feb. 28. Previously the company paid semi-annual dividends of \$1 a share.—V. 129, p. 1455.

National Family Stores, Inc.—December Sales.—

Sales for Month and 11 Months Ended Dec. 31.			
1929—Month—1928.	Increase.	1929—11 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$1,048,471	\$476,474	\$571,997	\$6,605,783
		\$3,208,234	\$2,397,549

Figures for 1928 include the Hoyle and Harick Stores but exclude the W. T. & E. J. Farley Stores sales.—V. 129, p. 3811, 3178.

National Liberty Insurance Co.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared the regular semi-annual dividend of 25c. a share and an extra dividend of 50c. a share, both payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Jan. 8. Like amounts were paid in January and July 1929.

National Milk Products Co.—Receivership.—

National Trust Co. of Toronto has been appointed receiver for National Milk Products Co. of Gananoque, which failed to pay interest on its 6½% first mortgage bonds on Sept. 15. National Milk was a subsidiary of Canada Dairies, Ltd., but the latter company did not guarantee the \$150,000 of bonds outstanding at the time it acquired the capital stock.—V. 129, p. 2664.

National Service Cos.—Notes Offered.—C. D. Parker & Co., Inc., Boston, are offering at 99 and int. \$1,500,000 3-year 6% secured convertible gold notes.—

Dated Dec. 2 1929; due Dec. 1 1932. Int. payable J. & D. Prin. and int. payable at offices of Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, trustee. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Present Conn., Penn. and Calif. 4 mills taxes, Maryland 4½ mills tax, and Mass. and New Hampshire income taxes up to 6% refundable.

Convertible.—Notes are convertible on any interest date during their life into convertible participating preferred shares at the rate of 2¼ such shares for each \$100 of notes so converted, or into common shares at the rate of 12 such shares for each \$100 of notes so converted, or into convertible participating preferred shares and common shares at the rate of 2 convertible participating preferred shares and 2 common shares for each \$100 of notes so converted.

Capitalization as of Oct. 31 1929 (including this issue). 6% secured gold notes, due 1932 (this issue) \$1,500,000 Convertible participating preferred shares (no expressed value) 4,727,621 Common shares (no expressed value) 692,918 shs.

History & Property.—A holding company formed Mar. 23 1928 in Mass., for the purpose of acquiring the securities of companies engaged in the ice, coal and allied industries.

During the past 6 years over 100 separate operating ice, coal or oil organizations, serving many of the principal cities of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Westchester County in

New York have been consolidated into seven operating units and, through the formation of the National Service Companies these seven units have been brought under one control, thereby securing for the National Service Companies' shareholders the advantages of a territorially diversified investment in ice and fuel companies together with the economies of consolidated operation and unified management.

The properties include 20 modern artificial ice plants with a daily manufacturing capacity of 2,500 tons; natural ice reserves with storage houses sufficient to provide for an annual harvest of 1,765,600 tons; over 60 centrally located ice delivery stations; and 14 yards for the retail distribution of coal and several bulk stations for the distribution of petroleum products. Combined ice sales in 1928 were approximately 1,400,000 tons; coal sales were over 180,000 tons. All these companies serve prosperous and rapidly growing communities whose combined population is more than 3,000,000.

On Oct. 15 1929, the company acquired the entire capital stock of the Busfield Oil Co. and plans are being consummated as rapidly as possible to expand the business of the company into all territories served by any subsidiary of National Service Companies not already handling fuel oils.

Purpose.—Proceeds of this issue will be used to retire entire note indebtedness (\$400,000) and to buy underlying securities of the subsidiary Companies when in the opinion of the management such purchase will show a substantial net profit to National Service Companies.

Listing.—Application will be made to list these notes on the Boston Stock Exchange.

Income Statement for 12 Months Ended October 31 1929.

[Based on shares owned Oct. 31 1929 and actual expenses of trustees for that period, also income of constituent companies for the calendar year 1928.]

Annual income of trustees based on interest and dividends payable at present rates on securities owned as of Oct. 31 1929 (excluding Busfield Oil Co., Inc., none of which was owned during 1928).....\$389,376
 Actual expenses of trustees for 12 months ended Oct. 31 1929..... 12,033
 Interest for one year on notes payable outstanding Oct. 31 1929..... 24,000

Balance.....\$353,343
 Additional income from securities to be acquired with proceeds of issue of \$1,500,000 notes..... 77,553
 Interest savings on present notes outstanding..... 24,000

Net available for interest (this issue) after giving effect to this financing.....\$454,896

Consolidated Statement Nine Months Ending Sept. 30 1929 (Co. & Subs.)
 Ice sales.....\$6,319,018
 Fuel and miscellaneous supplies..... 1,716,929
 Miscellaneous non-operating income..... 85,424

Gross revenue.....\$8,121,371
 Cost of goods sold..... 2,903,870

Gross profit.....\$5,217,501
 Operating expenses including maintenance..... 3,442,953
 Interest..... 444,494

Balance.....\$1,330,054
 Dividends on National Service Cos. preferred and subsidiary prior preferred..... 315,998

Balance.....\$1,014,056

Balance Sheet, Oct. 31 1929 (Giving effect to issue of notes.)

Assets		Liabilities	
Securities owned at cost.....	\$9,116,813	Convertible notes.....	\$1,500,000
Cash.....	1,104,383	Accounts payable.....	1,677
Divs. & interest receivable.....	52,727	Reserve for taxes.....	275
Prepaid interest.....	2,733	Reserve for dividends.....	80,619
Organization expense, &c.....	105,626	Preferred shares.....	\$4,727,621
		Common shares.....	\$4,072,090
Total.....	\$10,382,282	Total.....	\$10,382,282

a Represented by 107,491 shares. b Represented by 692,918 shares.—V. 129, p. 3178.

National Shirt Shops, Inc.—Gross Sales.

1929—December—1928.	Increase.	1929—12 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$23,834	\$769,108	\$54,726	\$4,469,488
—V. 129, p. 3646, 3178.		\$3,796,803	\$672,685

National Steel Corp.—Budget for 1930, &c.

The corporation, recently formed through consolidation of the Weirton Steel Co., Great Lakes Steel Corp., and subsidiaries of the M. A. Hanna Co. of Cleveland, will expend \$32,000,000 in expansion and new construction during 1930, Ernest W. Weir, Chairman of the Board, announced on Jan. 6. The corporation's budget for the new year includes \$7,000,000 for expansion of its present plants and \$25,000,000 for the new Detroit plant of the Great Lakes Steel Corp., its subsidiary.

"Consummation of the merger of our subsidiary companies has put National Steel Corp. in a position to go forward with its development program as a completely integrated steel producing unit," said Mr. Weir. "Our producing capacity for the current year will be 3,350,000 tons of iron ore, 1,750,000 tons of pig iron and 2,000,000 tons of steel ingots, with a great diversity of finishing capacity."

"The position of the company in raw materials, plants and financial structure is unusually sound. Ore properties are owned on all the Lake Superior ranges, both in Minnesota and Michigan, and include both operating and large reserve properties, which will insure an adequate low-cost supply for many years to come. The company ranks second only to the United States Steel Corp. in its ownership of lake ore tonnage as compared with its annual requirements, and the location of its plants on the Ohio river and on the lakes at Detroit and Buffalo is most favorable for obtaining low production costs and effective distribution to principal consuming territories. Our Weirton plant is one of the most modern and efficient in the country, and the Great Lakes plant in Detroit, now under construction, will have the benefit of the latest developments in the industry."

The National Steel Corp., at the outset of its operations, ranks as the sixth largest steel producer in the United States. A preliminary balance sheet shows total assets of \$119,982,000 and current assets having a ratio of better than 2½-to-1 of current liabilities."

The corporation has purchased a 1,000-acre tract on Lake Michigan, east of Gary, Ind., and will establish a steel mill representing an investment of between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000 within the next three years, Mr. Weir announced on Jan. 8. "The plant site which we have acquired in the Chicago district was purchased through the Insull interests," said Mr. Weir, "and will aggregate about 1,100 acres upon completion of reclamation work. Construction on this property will be started upon completion of the new Detroit plant of Great Lakes Steel Corp., probably within the next three years. The Detroit plant, now building, will on completion represent an investment of \$25,000,000, and with our contemplated Chicago operation and improvements in our Weirton, W. Va. plant, now under way, makes an aggregate expenditure of more than \$72,000,000 scheduled for expansion operations by National Steel within the next several years. The Chicago plant will embody the last word in modern steel mill construction and will include blast furnaces, complete steel plant, and finishing mill. Decision of the company to build in the Calumet district is in recognition of the growing importance of the Middle West as a steel consuming center, and is another step in the company's program of diversifying manufacturing operations to locate production close to both consuming markets and sources of raw material supply. All of our plants are on waterfront locations, making our position most favorable for obtaining low production costs and effective and low-cost distribution."—V. 129, p. 3976.

National Tea Co., Chicago.—Sales.

1929—Dec.—1928.	Decrease.	1929—12 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$8,076,019	\$8,190,681	\$114,662	\$90,193,156
—V. 129, p. 3811.		\$85,893,241	\$4,299,915

(Oscar) Nebel, Inc.—Acquisition.

The corporation has acquired the assets, good-will, trade-marks, and organization of Rosenhalm Co., Inc., whose capital stock is \$300,000. The latter concern has heretofore been the principal sales agency for the Oscar Nebel products. By this acquisition the Nebel company takes over the sales force and selling end of its own product, thus eliminating the middle man's profit and having the advantage of a more direct contact with its customers. It is anticipated that this acquisition should add considerably to the earnings of the Nebel company.—V. 129, p. 2400.

Neiman-Marcus Co.—Pref. Stock Offered.—Republic National Co., Dallas, Tex. recently offered at 100 and int. \$400,000 cum. 7% 1st pref. stock.

Dated Dec. 1 1929. Cumul. dividends payable (Q.-M.). Callable all or part on any div. date upon 35 days' notice at \$105 per share and div. Callable for sinking fund at \$105 per share and divs. or by purchase in the open market at \$105 or less. Preferred as to assets in case of voluntary or involuntary liquidation at \$105 per share and divs. Exempt from State, county and city taxes, and from present Federal normal income tax. Transfer agents: Republic National Bank & Trust Co., Dallas, Registrar: Mercantile Bank & Trust Co. of Texas, Dallas.

Capitalization	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Cumul. 7% 1st preferred stock (par \$100).....	\$500,000	\$400,000
Common stock (par \$100).....	750,000	750,000
Mortgage note on leasehold due Nov. 12 1930.....		30,000
1st mtg. 6% gold bonds, due ann. May 15 1930-42.....		420,000

Incorporated in Texas April, 1907. Is a large retail establishment, specializing in everything worn by women and children, men's haberdashery and home decoration. It is one of the largest and best equipped institutions of its kind in the Southwest. The business has shown a continuous growth since its establishment.

Earnings.—The net earnings for the past five years have been as follows:

	Net Profit.	% of Profit on Net Sales.
Year ended Dec. 31 1924.....	\$145,437	6.74
Year ended Dec. 31 1925.....	181,212	7.87
Year ended Dec. 31 1926.....	161,023	6.65
13 months ended Jan. 31 1928.....	166,252	5.81
Year ended Jan. 31 1929.....	112,864	4.01
Year ended Jan. 31 1930 (est.).....	200,000	—

The net earnings for the first 4 months of the fiscal year, beginning Feb. 1 1929, and ending May 31 1929, were \$107,479. For the five years ended Jan. 31 1929, the net earnings in excess of all charges, including Federal income tax, have averaged approximately \$153,000 or 5½ times the dividend requirements on this issue of pref. stock.

Assets.—The balance sheet as of May 31 1929 adjusted to give effect to the present financing, shows net tangible assets after deducting all liabilities, amount to over \$420 per share of the \$400,000 of this issue of first pref. stock. The ratio of current assets to current liabilities is over 5 to 1.

Sinking Fund.—Company is required, beginning on April 30 1931, and every 3 months thereafter, to set aside a sinking fund of \$6,250 with which to pay off and retire the pref. stock of this issue at \$105 per share of par value and divs. Under this plan this \$400,000 issue of first pref. stock will be retired by 1947, or in 18 years. Company has the right out of this fund to purchase at a lesser price than \$105 for each share in the open market.

Purpose.—To provide funds for the expansion of the business and for further equipping the entire building with a modern up-to-date cooling system.

Neisner Bros., Inc.—Completes Best Year.

President A. H. Neisner Jan. 3 said: We have just completed the best year in the history of our company. In January 1929 we had 35 stores. During the past year we opened 23 additional stores, making a total of 58 now in operation.

Calendar Years	1928.	1929.	Increase.
Sales.....	\$10,292,115	\$15,087,610	46.59%

Sales in old stores show an increase in 1929 over 1928 of 15.11%. We are looking forward to 1930 as another year of great progress. Our stores have completed taking inventory and our inspectors report small and clean inventories. Our finances are in excellent shape to take care of our 1930 expansion.—V. 130, p. 146.

(J. J.) Newberry Co.—December Sales.

1929—Dec.—1928.	Increase.	1929—12 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$5,149,801	\$4,546,109	\$603,692	\$27,788,269
—V. 129, p. 3811.		\$20,609,243	\$7,179,026

New England Southern Corp.—Earnings.

Earnings Year Ended Sept. 30 1929.

Gross sales (excl. sales of Lowell inventory).....	\$6,568,476
Deductions from sales incl. selling expenses.....	316,984
Cost of sales & operating charges.....	5,688,676

Operating income.....	\$562,815
Other credits less other charges.....	2,986

Gross operating profit.....	\$565,801
Depreciation.....	299,312
Current interest.....	105,976
Interest on funded debt.....	340,502

Consolidated loss after all charges.....	\$179,988
Consolidated capital stock & surplus account Oct. 11 1928.....	10,621,145
Reserve set up for liquid. & reorgan. losses, exps., etc.,—Dr.....	2,155,309
Reserve for loss by Pelzer Mfg. Co. in connec. with Chicora Bk.....	Dr. 150,000

Total surplus.....	\$8,135,847
Gain on 7% secured notes purchased for sinking fund.....	\$7,180
Consolidated capital stock and surplus account Sept. 30 1929.....	\$8,223,027

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet Sept. 30 1929.

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash.....	\$430,784	Notes payable unsecured.....	\$822,500
Notes & accounts receiv.....	692,245	Notes pay. (sec. by pledge of raw cotton).....	17,800
Inventories.....	1,826,067	Accts. payable & accruals.....	456,077
Prepaid items.....	83,043	Funded debt.....	5,578,910
Chicora bank stock.....	80,000	Bal. of res. for liquid. losses, expenses, &c.....	57,056
Plant acct. (incl. Lowell real estate).....	x12,193,230	Res. for loss by Pelzer Mfg. Co. in conn. with Chicora Bank.....	150,000
Total (each side).....	\$15,305,369	Capital stock & surplus.....	y8,223,027

x After depreciation of \$1,646,787. y Represented by 33,720 shares prior preferred stock, 62,500 shares preferred stock, and 59,530 shares common stock all of no par value.—V. 127, p. 2546.

Newton Steel Co.—Notes Sold.—Midland Corp., Union Cleveland Corp., R. V. Mitchell & Co., and McDonald-Callahan & Co., Cleveland, have sold at par and interest \$3,000,000 2-year 6% convertible gold notes.

Dated Jan. 1 1930; due Dec. 31 1931. Interest payable (J. & J.) at Cleveland. Denom. \$1,000 c*. Interest payable without deduction for Federal income tax not in excess of 2% per annum. Company agrees to reimburse on application, for the Penn. 4-mill tax. Red. as a whole only at the company's option upon not less than 30 days' notice as follows: on July 1 1930 and Jan. 1 1931 at 101, on April 1 1931 at 100½ and on July 1 1931 at 100 plus interest in each case. Union Trust Co., Cleveland, trustee.

Conversion.—Each note is convertible at the option of the holder into common stock at any time not less than 15 days prior to maturity (or in event of earlier redemption, then on or before the 25th day after the date of the notice of redemption) at the rate of 12 shares of common stock as now constituted for each \$1,000 of notes. Indenture provides for the protection of the conversion privilege in any dilution or other change in the company's common shares. Such right of conversion is subject to the limitations stated in the indenture, which provides among other things for conversion upon 60 days' notice in event of merger, consolidation or sale of assets and for termination of conversion rights at the end of such period.

Data from Letter of Edward F. Clark, Pres. of the Newton Steel Co.

Company manufactures full finished steel sheets which are used extensively by the automobile, metal furniture and stamping industries. Company has two thoroughly modern plants, one at Newton Falls, Ohio, and the other just being completed at Monroe, Mich.

Capitalization	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Funded debt (this issue).....	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
6% cumul. preferred stock (\$100 par).....	4,000,000	2,177,500
Common stock (no par).....	300,000 shs.	*264,000 shs.

* 36,000 shares of authorized common stock are reserved for the conversion of notes. The outstanding common shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange and company agrees to apply for additional listing of the 36,000 shares so reserved for conversion.

Purpose.—Proceeds are to be used to reimburse the company in part for the cost of the new plant at Monroe, Mich. (representing an investment cost at this time of approximately \$6,800,000) and the balance for working capital.

Earnings.—The net earnings of the company for the period of 4 years and 11 months, before deduction for interest and Federal taxes follow: 1925 -----\$1,023,606 1927 -----\$482,847 1929 (11 mos.)\$2,298,230 1926 -----664,514 1928 -----1,526,346

These earnings reflect no benefit from use of the plant at Monroe, Mich., which is expected to go into operation.

Assets.—Based on the balance sheet as of Nov. 30 1929, and giving effect to this financing, the company shows total net tangible assets of approximately \$14,668,000 and net current assets of approximately \$4,116,000, being respectively \$4,889 and \$1,372 for each \$1,000 note.—V. 130, p. 146

New Weston Hotel, New York City.—Bonds Offered.—S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., are offering at par and int. \$600,000 gen. mtge. fee 7% sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated Dec. 1 1929; due Dec. 1 1938. Int. payable J. & D. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Callable except for sinking fund purposes at 104 and int. Red. for sinking fund retirement at 101 and int. Penn., Conn. 4 mills taxes; Maryland and 1/2 mills tax; District of Columbia and Virginia, 5 mills taxes refunded. Trustee: Straus National Bank & Trust Co., New York.

New Weston Hotel.—This financing will provide in part for the erection of a 21-story hotel building on the southeast corner of Madison Avenue and 50th St., N. Y. City, to be operated as an integral part of the New Weston Hotel, now located on the northeast corner of Madison Avenue and 49th St., and the New Weston Hotel Annex on the south side of East 50th St. The present New Weston Hotel and Annex, containing 447 rooms is a successful midtown hotel and has shown a steady increase in earning power. Both the hotel and the annex are consistently well occupied at all times. The new building is being erected in response to a demand for which present accommodations are inadequate. The new building will have 228 rooms, making a total in the three buildings of 675 rooms.

Security and Valuation.—Bonds are secured by a mortgage on the new 21-story hotel building and the land thereunder, fronting 50 ft. on Madison Ave. and 75 ft. on East 50th St., containing approximately 4,825 sq. ft. In addition these bonds are secured by a mortgage upon the adjoining New Weston Hotel Annex and the land thereunder, running 200 ft. through the block to 49th St. The 21-story Annex fronts 50 ft. on East 50th St., while the 49th St. frontage, 40 feet in width, contains two five-story houses. The above properties, exclusive of furnishings, have been appraised at \$3,900,000.

The general mortgage bonds are subject to a standing first mortgage on the new addition and the land thereunder of \$1,090,000, maturing in 1939, with interest at 5% per annum; and to first and second mortgages on the New Weston Hotel Annex and the land thereunder as described above, aggregating \$1,529,250, with interest at 6% per annum.

Earnings.—Based on operations of the New Weston Hotel and Annex for the 12 months ended Oct. 31 1929, the net income of the new building, after deducting operating cost, taxes and interest on the first mortgage, are estimated at \$141,500, which is more than 3 times the greatest annual interest charge on this general mortgage bond issue and nearly \$50,000 in excess of the annual sinking fund and interest requirements taken together.

Sinking Fund.—Under the provisions of the trust mortgage a minimum of \$50,000 in bonds are to be retired each year, beginning Dec. 1 1933. However, the trust mortgage requires that additional bonds shall be retired annually, the amount to be based on the net earnings of the properties owned or controlled by the borrowing corporation. Based on the actual net earnings of the New Weston Hotel and the Annex for the year ending Oct. 31 1929, and on the estimate of earnings for the new building, the borrowing corporation estimates that an additional \$40,000 to \$50,000 in bonds will be retired annually.

New York Athletic Club.—Report.—The Club in its report for 1929, the first year in which the new clubhouse was occupied reports total membership 8,013, including the 256 athletic memberships. The non-athletic memberships increased from 6,941 to 7,757 during the year. New members elected during the year totaled 1,359.

After writing off a depreciation of \$154,828, our operating profits amounted to the sum of \$402,741, which was added to surplus," William Kennelly, President, reported. "Many momentous events have occurred during the year, most important of which was the completion and occupancy of our new clubhouse. Moreover, the problem of the excess real estate owned by the club was solved when title to the old clubhouse site at Fifty-ninth Street and Sixth Ave. was passed to the purchaser for the sum of \$2,000,000. This sum and withdrawals from the net club's surplus funds were used for the purpose of reducing the club's indebtedness by \$2,250,000, which reduction was accomplished by paying off the two mortgages on the Sixth Ave. site, aggregating an amount of \$1,000,000, and by retiring loan bonds in the sum of \$1,250,000."—V. 128, p. 572.

Northern Securities Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years— 1929. 1928. 1927. 1926. Total receipts -----x\$406,808 \$405,647 \$404,522 \$403,115 Taxes -----22,770 24,985 23,653 23,166 Administration expenses. 8,109 7,767 13,616 13,797 Interest and exchange. 1,352 213 174 400

Net income -----\$374,576 \$372,681 \$367,079 \$365,752 Dividends -----(9%)\$355,851 (9%)\$355,851 (10)\$395,390 (10)\$395,390

Balance, surplus -----\$18,725 \$16,830 def\$28,311 def\$29,638 Earns. per sh. on 39,540 shs. stock (par \$100) -- \$9.47 \$9.43 \$9.26 \$9.25

x Total receipts in 1929 include divs. from C. B. & Q. RR., \$230,630 divs. from Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., Ltd., \$171,342, and int., \$4,834.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets— 1929. 1928. Liabilities— 1929. 1928. Cost of charter --- \$85,048 \$85,048 Capital stock --- \$3,954,000 \$3,954,000 Cash --- 186,073 162,354 Divs. unclaimed & C. B. & Q. stock --- 2,858,810 2,858,810 unpaid --- 1,506 1,335 Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. stock --- 3,808,945 3,808,945 Balance, surplus --- 3,080,006 3,061,287 Fractional scrip --- 97 97 U. S. bonds --- 95,037 100,037 Suspense acct., &c. --- 1,501 1,330 Total (each side) \$7,035,512 \$7,016,622

Note.—The company on Dec. 31 1929 owned of C. B. & Q. RR. stock 23,063 shares of \$100 each, shown in balance sheet as \$2,858,810. Company also owned on Dec. 31 1929 of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. stock 28,557 shares of \$100 each, carried in the balance sheet at \$3,808,945.—V. 128, p. 263.

(Charles F.) Noyes Co., Inc.—Profits.—

The company announces its gross business for the first eight months of its fiscal year, from May 1 to and including Dec. 31, as approximately 50% greater than its business of a year ago. Net profits for the eight months before reserves, taxes, co-operative fund or dividends, were 30% greater than a year ago and net profits after dividends on preferred stock and after deducting co-operative fund, group insurance, reserves and State and Federal taxes, were 50% greater than a year ago. The figures include the company's business for Oct., Nov. and Dec.

Mr. Noyes states that several deals that were temporarily halted on account of the situation in Wall Street have been closed and there is more good business in negotiation at the present time than is usually the case with the company. Profits of the Noyes company for its last fiscal year were the greatest in its history and the earnings for this year therefore are breaking all previous records.—V. 129, p. 3485.

Ohio Oil Co.—Preferred Stock Issue Approved.—

The stockholders on Dec. 30 approved the creation of 600,000 shares of 6% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, to be offered in exchange for stock of the Illinois Pipe Line Co. The exchange is to be made on the basis of three shares of Ohio Oil preferred for one share of Illinois Pipe Line stock, of which 200,000 shares are outstanding.

There are at present 2,400,000 shares of Ohio Oil Co. common stock (par \$25) outstanding.

The Ohio Oil Co. early in December last contracted to furnish natural gas as fuel for operations at the American Smelting & Refining Co.'s smelter at Murray, a suburb of Salt Lake City, Utah, and at its Garfield smelter on the shore of Great Salt Lake. Garfield smelter treats mainly concentrates from the Utah Copper Co.

The City Commissioners of Provo, largest Utah city south of Salt Lake City, have voted the Ohio Oil Co. a 50-year franchise for the distribution of natural gas in their community. The Ohio Oil officials are reported to be negotiating for the purchase of the Utah Valley Gas Co., a Poshay subsidiary, now supplying the Provo area with artificial gas.

As soon as required franchises in other Utah County towns have been secured, the Ohio Oil Co. will proceed with the extension of its gas mains from Sandy, 15 miles south of Salt Lake City, into Provo district.—V. 129, p. 3811.

Old Colony Investment Trust.—Report.—

The company in a statement of condition as of Nov. 25 last shows securities carried at \$11,528,295 and cash \$674,315, making total assets \$12,202,610. The securities had a market value of \$11,047,558. The principal groupings, in cost figures, were: Public utility bonds, \$2,153,064; industrial bonds, \$726,819; railroad bonds, \$376,636; foreign bonds, \$286,323; industrial stocks, \$4,061,118; public utility stocks, \$1,693,080, and railroad stocks, \$1,161,678.

Adding securities at market value of \$11,047,558 to the cash of \$674,315 gives total assets of \$11,721,873. After deducting \$7,500,000 of bonds outstanding, there is a balance of \$4,221,873 applicable to 300,000 shares of common stock, indicating a liquidating value of \$14.07 a share. The book value per share of common was \$15.67.

The most important stock items in the investment portfolio, together with cost and market value as of Nov. 25, follow:

No. Shs. Stock. Cost. Mkt. Val. 900 Lawyers Mtge. Invest. Corp. of Boston -----\$184,500 \$184,500 1,000 American Sugar Co. 7% preferred -----110,700 103,000 5,200 Atlantic Coast Fishery -----260,700 130,000 3,000 Flintkote 3% common -----107,227 69,000 2,000 Robert Gar Co. "A" 5 1/2% -----98,000 30,000 1,000 General Electric -----194,750 221,000 2,000 German General Electric -----98,553 84,000 1,000 Gillette Safety Razor -----119,500 105,000 2,000 Hahn Department Stores 6 1/2% preferred -----206,000 152,000 2,000 Hamilton Woolen Co. -----104,400 60,000 1,000 Ludlow Mfg. Associates 10% common -----190,038 149,000 1,000 Peppercorn Mfg. Co. 8% common -----95,561 88,000 2,600 Radio Corp. 2nd preferred -----195,475 182,000 1,000 Shell Union Oil 5 1/2% preferred -----97,000 100,000 2,000 Swedish Ball Bearing "A" -----107,206 123,000 1,000 Swift & Co. 8% -----124,087 128,000 1,000 Thompson's Spa 6% pref. units -----103,500 90,000 1,550 United Fruit Co. -----185,562 167,400 800 Vacuum Oil Co. -----99,550 77,600 1,000 Boston & Maine 7% prior preferred -----106,882 107,000 2,000 Missouri Pacific 5% cum. pref -----250,172 256,000 1,000 New York Central -----166,625 181,000 700 Union Pacific 10% common -----147,000 157,500 2,999 American Water Works -----125,535 251,916 1,000 Central Maine Power 7% pref -----96,362 103,000 1,000 Central Vermont Public Service \$6 pref -----96,250 93,000 1,000 Florida Power & Light \$7 pref -----100,000 85,000 1,000 International Power Securities 6% pref -----106,000 97,000 1,000 Long Island Lighting 6% pref -----102,000 99,000 1,000 New England Public Service \$6 conv. pref -----96,000 89,000 1,500 North American Edison 6% pref -----152,625 151,500 3,000 Pennsylvania Water & Power Co. -----249,000 234,000 1,200 Shawinigan Water & Power -----97,764 92,400

—V. 128, p. 4017.

Onomea Sugar Co., Hawaii.—Extra Dividend.—

In addition to the regular monthly dividend of 20c. per share paid on Dec. 20 last to holders of record Dec. 10, it is announced that an extra distribution of 60c. per share was also made on that date.—V. 128, p. 3846.

Owens-Illinois Glass Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on or after Jan. 1 1930 of 41,361 additional shares of common stock (par \$25) on official notice of issuance as a stock dividend, making the total amount applied for 867,587 shares.

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Sept. 30 '29. Dec. 31 '28. Assets— \$ \$ Liabilities— Sept. 30 '29. Dec. 31 '28. Cash & U. S. Govt. securities -----3,865,440 4,218,070 Accts. payable -----566,156 657,863 Cust. credit bal. & advances -----72,740 123,735 Fed. Land bk. bds. 1,625,099 1,640,149 Acrued taxes, &c. -----478,345 126,346 Notes accept. & accts. rec. -----4,282,703 2,485,033 Est. Fed. inc. tax -----634,061 503,000 Inventory -----9,931,095 5,870,011 Dividends declared -----947,226 ----- Invest. in contr. &c. -----737,224 749,622 5% debentures -----5,000,000 ----- Other assets -----2,024,856 1,758,049 Res. for repairs & contingencies -----3,656,523 3,079,840 Land, bldgs, mach. &c. -----2,210,966 10,748,409 6% cum. pref. stk. -----8,000,000 Gas prop., plant, leases, etc. -----21,957,347 1,697,389 Common stock -----20,680,650 19,221,150 Pat. rights, contr., goodwill, &c. -----3,514,521 3,558,950 Earned surplus -----9,090,273 9,186,541 Capital surplus -----1,100,000 ----- Uncontr. com. scrip -----956 ----- Prepaid expenses, supplies, &c. -----186,678 172,792 Total -----50,226,930 32,898,475 Total -----50,226,930 32,898,475

x After allowance for doubtful accounts, &c. of \$447,597. y After allowance for depreciation of \$11,914,697. z After allowance for depreciation and depletion of \$2,714,746.—V. 129, p. 3646.

Pacific Mutual Life Insur. Co. of Calif.—Listing, &c.—

The Los Angeles Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 440,000 shares of common stock of \$10 par value, total authorized and outstanding. Company.—Chartered under the laws of California on Jan. 2 1868, for a period of 75 years.

The company was organized as a stock company by Leland Stanford, D. O. Mills, Mark Hopkins, Charles Crocker and others, and began business in 1868 with a capital of \$100,000. In 1906 the company re-insured the Conservative Life Insurance Co. of Los Angeles. At that time the present management, headed by George I. Cochran and Lee A. Phillips, came into control.

Capital Stock.—The par value of the shares from 1868 to 1928 was \$100. In the latter year the par value was reduced to \$10, and the shares split 10 for 1. Additional shares have been sold on several occasions when the company needed capital to finance expansion. These sales of new stock have generally been made to stockholders under rights.

Rights.—It is the plan of the directors to offer stockholders the privilege of buying one new share for each ten held, at prices substantially under the market, each year for the next ten years. This policy was inaugurated in 1929, at a subscription price of \$50 for the new shares. The ten-year program will increase the company's outstanding shares from the 400,000 on Dec. 31 1928 to about 1,037,500 on Dec. 31, 1938.

Business.—The company writes a comprehensive line of life, accident, and sickness insurance, including both participating and non-participating policies. No property insurance is written, as the company prefers to insure against death and personal disability only.

The company is the oldest and largest life insurance company located in Western United States. Its operations are conducted in 43 States of the Union, through an agency force of 3,000 people. While the company has always maintained a steady growth, it is evident from the following table that the last few years have seen an unusually substantial development.

Year— Insurance in Force. Total Assets. Cash Income. 1869 -----\$4,954,350 \$673,261 \$4,228,269 1906 -----92,634,087 12,721,564 9,978,000 1918 -----208,647,520 45,432,696 12,149,531 1924 -----537,314,727 91,998,853 29,471,530 1925 -----586,249,747 104,452,663 32,482,397 1926 -----628,535,911 117,113,076 34,831,844 1927 -----667,079,906 132,273,479 38,298,731 1928 -----701,043,410 145,983,165 41,113,415

The board of directors consists of Danford M. Baker (Vice-Pres.), Geo. I. Cochran (Pres.), W. H. Crocker, W. H. Davis (V.-Pres.) & Gen. Counsel, Howard S. Dudley (V.-Pres. & Treas.), Herbert Dean, S. B. Alfred G. Hann (Actuary), Milbank Johnson, Atholl McBean, S. B. McClung (Sec.), Rich J. Mier (Vice-Pres.), Lee B. Milbank, John B. Miller, C. I. D. Moore (Vice-Pres.), D. E. O. Moore, Wayland A. Morrison, Arthur C. Parsons (Vice-Pres.), Lee A. Phillips (Exec. Vice-Pres.), Chas. H. Quinn, Samuel K. Rindge, Henry M. Robinson, and O. Roy Rule. W. W. Beckett is Vice-President and medical director.—V. 129, p. 2698.

Palace Theatre Building Corp.—Foreclosure.—

According to a dispatch from South Bend, Ind., the company has been made defendant in a \$990,000 mortgage foreclosure suit filed in the District Court there by counsel for the liquidating Midland Bank of Cleveland.

Paramount Cab Mfg. Corp.—Taxicab Concession.—

Paramount taxicabs at midnight Jan. 10 replaced at the Pennsylvania R.R. Station the Yellow cabs, which have long held the terminal concession there. The concession, which is let on a competitive basis, was awarded to the Terminal Cab Corp., a subsidiary of the City Transport Co., the operating unit of the Paramount Cab Mfg. Co.

The concession requires that a company submitting a bid must have a minimum of 750 taxicabs available for use at the terminal. The terminal provides the largest business for taxicabs of all points in the United States, between 6,000 and 8,000 trips originating there every 24 hours.—V. 129, p. 3811.

Paramount Famous Lasky Corp.—Film Rentals.—

The corporation reports that receipts from domestic film rentals for the week ended Jan. 4, which is the first week of the fiscal year 1930, were 45% ahead of the corresponding week in 1929.—V. 129, p. 4150.

Paramount Investment Corp.—Stock Offered.—

Lawrence & Co., Los Angeles, recently offered 109,980 units at \$40 per unit, each unit being made up of 3 shares cum. and partic. pref. stock (par \$10) and 1 share of class "A" (no par), common stock.

Preferred stockholders are to receive cumulative dividends at the rate of 7 1/2% per annum; and after all cumulative preferred dividends are paid, any extra dividends declared in any one year are to be distributed as follows: (1) 25c. per share to all preferred stockholders and all class A common stockholders. (2) 50c. per share to all class A common stockholders. (3) 75c. per share to all class B common stockholders. (4) All further distributions are to be made to the class A and class B common stockholders, share and share alike.

Preferred shares are redeemable at any time upon 30 days' notice as a whole or in part at \$11 per share, plus dividends.

Class A and class B common stock have equal voting powers at all stockholders' meetings. Citizens National Trust & Savings Bank of Los Angeles, transfer agent, and Bank of America of California, Los Angeles, registrar.

Capitalization Authorized.
Preferred stock (par \$10).....330,000 shs.
Class A common stock (no par).....110,000 shs.
Class B common stock (no par).....385,000 shs.

Corporation.—The principal purpose of this corporation will be to buy, hold and sell real property and interests therein, including subdivisions, hotels, apartments, business offices, residences and stores, which may be improved and (or) operated either directly by this corporation or by the organization of subsidiary companies; and to hold, sell and trade in stocks and securities.

It will be the policy of the corporation to invest approximately one-half of the corporation's funds in the full development, improvement and sale of the realty holdings of the corporation's real estate subsidiary, and in order to properly balance the corporation's investments so that the corporation will at all times have in its portfolio, tangible and liquid securities available for the full protection of the corporation's investments in real estate, the corporation will, at the outset, consistent with times and conditions, and at the discretion of the board of directors, invest approximately one-half of its funds in the investment securities referred to herein.

Real Estate Investments.—Corporation has acquired, by the issuance of a part of its class B common stock, all of the outstanding preferred and no par common stock of General Realty Corp., a real estate corporation owning valuable pieces of real estate and whose net assets amount to over \$368,000.

Standard Oil Investments.—Approximately one-half of all capital funds of the corporation are to be invested exclusively in common stocks of the following-named Standard Oil companies:

Angle-American Oil Co. (Ltd.)	Prairie Oil & Gas Co.
Atlantic Refining Co.	Prairie Pipe Line Co.
Borne-Scrymser Co.	Solar Refining Co.
Buckeye Pipe Line Co.	Southern Pipe Line Co.
Chesebrough Manufacturing Co.	South Penn Oil Co.
Continental Oil Co.	Southwest Penn Pipe Lines
Cumberland Pipe Line Co.	Standard Oil Co. (Calif.)
Eureka Pipe Line Co.	Standard Oil Co. of Indiana
Humble Oil & Refining Co.	Standard Oil Co. (Kentucky)
Illinois Pipe Line Co.	Standard Oil Co. (Nebraska)
Imperial Oil, Ltd.	Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey
Indiana Pipe Line Co.	Standard Oil Co. of New York
International Petroleum Co. (Ltd.)	Standard Oil Co. of Ohio
National Transit Co.	Union Tank Car Co.
Northern Pipe Line Co.	Vacuum Oil Co.
Ohio Oil Co.	

Parker Mills, Fall River, Mass.—Receives Security Exchange Offer from Berkshire Fine Spinning Associates, Inc.—

Albert A. Harrison, John C. Batchelder and R. G. Emerson, a committee of directors, in a letter to the security holders Dec. 30 stated:

The directors have received and recommend the acceptance of an offer from Berkshire Fine Spinning Associates, Inc., to take over the Parker Mills and assume its liabilities other than bonded indebtedness upon a basis permitting an exchange as follows: (a) 7 1/4 shares of Berkshire 7% cum. conv. pref. stock of \$100 par value for each \$1,000 bond of Parker or Hargraves now outstanding; (b) 1 1/4 shares of Berkshire no par common stock and 1-10 share Berkshire pref. stock for each share Parker preferred; (c) 1/4 share of Berkshire common for each share Parker common. Bondholders will also receive a check in adjustment of interest accrued to Feb. 1 1930. On the above basis bondholders after the exchange will receive in annual income dividends of \$54.25 instead of interest of \$50 now received on each \$1,000 bond now held.

Berkshire preferred is a 7% cumulative stock of \$100 par value, callable at \$107.50, preferred in voluntary liquidation at the call price and in involuntary liquidation at par, and convertible at the option of the holder into common stock on the basis of two shares for each preferred share, with provision for adjustment safeguarding the proportionate interest in common shares. Since issue of its pref. stock in April 1929, the Berkshire company has paid its preferred dividends regularly, which were earned with sufficient margin to warrant the dividends paid on common stock as well. No obligation of over one year's duration other than purchase money obligations may be created by the company if more than 25% of the pref. stockholders object upon 15 days' notice.

The Berkshire company is a Massachusetts corporation manufacturing fine cotton textiles, with plants aggregating 515,000 spindles and 11,350 looms. Parker manufactures goods of similar character with a plant of 227,650 spindles and 5,456 looms. The combined plants will have approximately 742,650 spindles and 16,800 looms and will be of a size to effect economies and provide the modern management and policies not available to smaller units. It will continue to command the same strong financial and banking support now available to Berkshire, while in itself the consolidation of these two properties will effect a step in the solution of the difficulties of the textile industry in a direction and manner strongly urged by practical manufacturers and economists.

The directors urge that bondholders and stockholders take advantage of the opportunity afforded to place the Parker Mills on a sound financial and operating basis. Unless this offer is accepted arrangements must be made in the near future to refinance the company's liabilities, all of which will come due within two years, and your directors believe this would be of great difficulty.

By acceptance, however, holders of Parker bonds and stock in effect obtain adequate working capital for their enterprise upon excellent terms, gaining also the advantages of participation in a business of proven success, with its own selling agencies handling the combined product of the plants. With L. S. Chace, at present Treasurer of the Parker, joining the Berkshire organization, there will be a continuity of Parker interest added to the benefits of modern merchandising and manufacturing management.

The offer is conditioned upon its acceptance on or before Jan. 15 1930, before which time you are urged to deposit your bonds and stocks with B. M. C. Durfee Trust Co., Fall River, Mass., which is acting as depository for a committee representative of bondholders, stockholders and creditors selected to facilitate the acceptance of the offer. This committee consists of: Nathan Durfee (Vice-Pres. of American Printing Co.), David H. Atwater

(Gen. Mgr. of Wm. C. Atwater Co.), Frederick Webb (Treas. of Cherry & Webb Co.), George R. Lawton, Fall River, and Wm. S. Cook (Pres. of Safe Deposit National Bank), New Bedford.

Combined Parker Mills and Consolidated Berkshire Fine Spinning Associates, Inc., Balance Sheet Sept. 30 1929.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Land, bldgs., mach'y, &c.	\$10,279,945	7% convertible pref. stock (par \$100)	\$7,586,400
Cash, notes & accts. receiv.	2,422,948	Common stock and surplus	10,276,857
Marketable securities	366,655	Vouchers and accounts pay.	429,271
Inventories	5,842,057	Accrued items	168,044
Inv. in & adv. to other co's	86,312	Notes & acceptances payable	767,420
Consignments, receivables & advances (miscellaneous)	40,440	Reserve for Federal income tax	177,826
Prepaid and accrued items	166,480	Minority interest in subsidiary capital and surplus	6,444
Organization charges	124,551		
Good-will, trade-marks, &c.	82,875		
Total	\$19,412,264	Total	\$19,412,264

x Represented by 241,702 shares of no par value.

Note.—Contingent liabilities of Parker Mills: Acceptances discounted, \$207,138; Federal taxes prior years, \$66,358. Berkshire Fine Spinning Associates, Inc., stock purchase warrants are outstanding for 55,000 additional shares of common stock.—V. 130, p. 147.

Park & Tilford, Inc.—Comparative Balance Sheet.—

	Sept. 30 '29.	Dec. 31 '28.		Sept. 30 '29.	Dec. 31 '28.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Cash	334,109	199,343	Accounts payable	304,566	405,179
Notes receivable	6,348	8,966	Notes payable	1,075,000	-----
Accts. receivable	1,245,049	1,845,019	Accrued interest payable	42,201	13,295
Inventories	2,552,115	1,978,869	Accrued for taxes and rent	42,749	94,869
Investments	2,112,066	946,591	Real estate mortgages payable	475,000	475,000
Accr. int. receiv.	11,934	3,577	30-year 6% debenture bonds	1,720,000	1,820,000
Real estate, land and buildings	1,250,000	1,250,000	Capital stock	3,150,455	3,057,785
Mach'y & equip't	1	1	Earned surplus	1,833,421	1,459,736
Good-will & trade-marks	1,000,000	1,000,000			
Deferred charges	131,770	93,493	Total	8,643,392	7,325,865
Total	8,643,392	7,325,865			

x Represented by 210,197 no par shares.—V. 130, p. 147.

(D.) Pender Grocery Co.—December Sales.—

1929—Dec.—1928. Increase. 1929—12 Mos.—1928. Increase.
\$1,534,549 \$1,439,864 \$94,685 \$15,922,688 \$14,521,147 \$1,401,541
At the close of 1929 the company had in operation 410 stores, compared with 396 stores at the end of 1928.—V. 129, p. 3811.

(J. C.) Penney Co., Inc.—\$2.50 Common Dividend.—

The directors have declared an annual dividend of \$2.50 a share on the common stock and announced their intention of placing the stock hereafter on an annual basis of \$3 a share, payable in quarterly installments, the first of which will be distributed at the end of March. The dividend declared will be paid Jan. 30 to holders of record Jan. 20.

President E. C. Sams stated that the annual dividend was an increase over the 1928 dividend, which, figuring the recent split-up, was equal to \$2.33 a share on the present outstanding stock.

President Sams further said: "In determining the common dividend it has been the consistent policy of the company to pay a cash dividend on a basis of approximately 50% of the earnings for the year. While final figures of our yearly 1,400 stores are not yet completed this year's dividend is definitely in keeping with our established policy, taking into consideration the stock split-up during the last five years. The common stock has paid increasing dividends at the rate of \$1.67 in 1926, \$1.98 in 1927, \$2 in 1928, \$2.33 in 1929, \$2.50 on Jan. 30 1930. Announcements on contemplated dividends totaling \$3 a share for this year indicate our confidence in a continued upward trend."

Period End. Dec. 31— 1929—Month—1928. 1929—12 Mos.—1928.
Sales. \$29,585,291 \$25,105,292 \$209,686,460 \$176,698,989
—V. 129, p. 4150.

Peoples National Fire Insurance Co.—Extra Dividend.

The directors have declared the regular semi-annual dividend of 25 cents a share and an extra dividend of 50 cents a share, both payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Jan. 8. Like amounts were paid on July 15 last. M. L. Jacobs has been elected a director to succeed H. B. Nickerson, resigned. V. 129, p. 812.

Phillips Petroleum Co.—Stockholders Increase 10%.—

A 10% increase in the number of stockholders between the dividend period of Sept. 14 to Dec. 14 1929, is announced by an official of the company, who gives this fact as "evidence of the steadily growing public confidence in the oil industry."

"Buying of this kind does not represent transfers from one stockholder to another, but instead absorbs the floating supply of stock through transfer from speculative accounts and from brokers to individuals for investment, tending to prevent sharp and unwarranted price fluctuations and insuring a more stable price for the security," according to the statement.—V. 129, p. 3811.

Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co.—Record Sales, &c.—

See Studebaker Corp. of America below.
A. R. Erskine, President of the Studebaker Corp., has been elected President of the Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co. to succeed M. E. Forbes, resigned. Walter P. Cooke of Buffalo, N. Y., has been elected a director to fill the vacancy in the board caused by the resignation of Mr. Forbes. Mr. Erskine is also Chairman of the board of the Pierce-Arrow company, and will continue to hold this position.

The Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co. reports sales of 256 passenger cars during December against 62 in December 1928, a gain of 313%. Sales for 1929 were 9,840 passenger cars against 5,492 in 1928, a gain of 79%. The 1929 sales broke the previous record of 6,037 cars made in 1927 by 63%.—V. 129, p. 3646.

Pign Whistle Corp.—Sales Higher.—

1929—Dec.—1928. Increase. 1929—12 Mos.—1928. Increase.
\$395,567 \$376,176 \$19,391 \$3,816,293 \$3,354,141 \$432,152
—V. 129, p. 2551, 2401.

Pilot Radio & Tube Corp.—To Acquire Everett Mills Property at Lawrence, Mass.—To Consolidate Plants.—

The Everett Mills property in Lawrence, Mass., said to be one of the largest factories in the world, has been acquired by I. Goldberg, President of the Pilot Radio & Tube Corp., according to an announcement this week. Although the properties originally cost several millions, it is understood that the deal involved about \$300,000.

Purchased in the name of the Lawrence Factories, Inc., of which Mr. Goldberg is President, the properties will eventually be turned over to the Pilot corporation at the original acquisition cost, says the announcement.

"Preparations are now being made to consolidate all of the Pilot plants and its subsidiaries at Lawrence," states Mr. Goldberg. "The Detroit plant has already been installed and our Poughkeepsie plant is now in the process of being moved. The consolidation of all plants under one roof will effect a considerable saving in overhead and should result in greatly increased profits."

"The Pilot corporation has made application to the Federal Radio Commission for the removal of its experimental television station known as W2XCL from its Brooklyn plant to Lawrence where we expect to immediately proceed with the production of television apparatus. A great deal of Pilot's airplane radio experimental work will also be carried on at Lawrence where a suitable aviation field has already been acquired."

"The property of the Everett Mills contains 1,500,000 square feet of floor space, nearly all of which will be utilized by the Pilot corporation and its subsidiaries. The corporation embraces 20 odd industries which will eventually give employment to approximately 5,000 persons. Lawrence will now have the largest radio tube plant and the largest electric decorative lighting plant in the United States."—V. 129, p. 4150.

Pollock Paper & Box Co., Dallas, Texas.—Bonds Offered.

—Republic National Co., Dallas, Tex., recently offered \$250,000 guaranteed 1st mtge. serial 7% gold bonds at 100.

Dated Sept. 15 1929; due serially Sept. 15 1931, to Sept. 15 1939. Callable on any interest date at 101 and int. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at Republic National Bank & Trust Co., Dallas, Tex., trustee.

Capitalization—	
7% 1st mortgage serial gold bonds (this issue)	\$250,000
7% preferred stock	150,000
Common stock	200,000

Company.—Organized in 1918 in Texas. Property consists of the parent plant at 2236 South Lamar St., Dallas, Tex.; the Texas Paper Box Manufacturing Co. at 1200 Patterson Ave., Dallas, Tex.; the Dallas Paper Co. at 2311 Laws St., Dallas, Tex.; and the Southern Waxed Paper Co. at 840 Woodrow Ave., Atlanta, Ga., which occupies a building owned by the company. Company also has a distributing plant in Fort Worth, Tex., located at the corner of Kentucky and Rio Grande Sts.

Security.—Bonds are a direct obligation of company and are secured by a direct first closed mortgage on all the fixed physical assets of the company in the 4 plants, and all the real estate owned by the company, with a total depreciated value of \$479,451. The net assets as of June 30 1929, are \$577,841, or \$2,311 for each \$1,000 bond. In addition, these bonds are unconditionally guaranteed, both principal and interest, by Lawrence S. Pollock and Henry S. Jacobs.

Earnings.—The net earnings of the 4 plants for the past two years, available for interest charges on these bonds, had they been then outstanding, would have been 2.70 times the \$17,500 annual interest charges on the bonds. These net earnings would have been sufficient in amount to pay interest charges and also to provide sinking funds necessary to retire the bonds as they mature. The net earnings for 10 months of 1929 have been \$143,000, or 8 times the interest charges.

Purpose.—Proceeds have been used to purchase new plants, to retire outstanding indebtedness, and for other corporate purposes.

Power & Light Securities Trust.—1 1/2% Stock Div.—The trustees have declared a dividend of 1 1/2% in stock for the current quarter, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 15. On Nov. 1 last a like amount was paid, while on Aug. 1 last, the trust paid a dividend of 50c. per share in cash and 1 1/2% in stock.—V. 129, p. 2682.

Prairie Pipe Line Co.—Crude Oil Shipments.

(In Barrels.)	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
January	5,914,554	5,394,759	4,850,792	4,187,390
February	5,203,883	5,006,573	4,736,228	4,071,405
March	5,890,545	5,253,066	5,494,688	4,588,038
April	5,952,637	4,901,433	5,484,826	4,332,971
May	6,098,692	5,480,557	5,641,514	4,342,259
June	6,482,036	5,294,564	5,505,551	4,215,416
July	7,048,297	5,701,370	5,788,134	4,234,294
August	6,929,411	6,021,445	5,786,822	4,005,484
September	6,552,482	5,794,602	5,321,179	3,906,978
October	6,429,164	6,254,380	5,156,296	4,190,377
November	6,191,204	5,461,566	5,460,060	4,082,007
December	6,410,734	5,985,265	5,344,811	4,331,958
Total	75,093,639	66,549,610	64,525,901	50,688,577

Note.—These figures do not include shipments through the lines of the Pure Oil Pipe Line Co. of Texas, a subsidiary.—V. 129, p. 3812.

Process Corp., Chicago.—Decreases Dividend.—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 12 1/2c. a share, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 21. In previous quarters 50c. a share was paid.—V. 128, p. 3847.

Provincial Paper, Ltd.—New Control.—See Abitibi Power & Paper Co., Ltd., above.—V. 128, p. 3699.

Punta Alegre Sugar Co.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of certificates of deposit, to be issued by The Commercial National Bank & Trust Co. of New York for not to exceed \$4,132,800 of the 15-year 7% sinking fund convertible debentures, due July 1 1937, now outstanding and listed. The indenture provides for an annual sinking fund of an amount equal to at least 5% of the total principal amount of the debentures theretofore issued under the indenture. It also provides that without the consent of the holders of three-fourths of the outstanding debentures the company shall not issue any common stock other than that having a par value of \$50 a share. Company has been unable to meet the sinking fund requirements for June 30 1929, and wishes to procure the waiver of such default and the consequences thereof and to be freed from the restrictions above referred to upon the issuance of its common stock.

The indenture provides that the holders of a majority of the debentures at the time outstanding may waive defaults thereunder and that the indenture and any of the provisions therein or in the debentures contained may be altered or amended and that new provisions may be added with the consent in writing of the holders of three-fourths of the debentures at the time outstanding and that the trustee, if requested in writing by the company and by the holders of three-fourths of the debentures at the time outstanding, shall join in such alteration, amendment or addition and shall not be liable for the consequences thereof.

The company has requested the holders of its debentures: (a) to waive the default in respect of the June 30 1929 sinking fund requirements; (b) to free the company until June 30 1934, from the necessity of making further provision for the sinking fund; (c) to approve the issuance of common stock other than that having a par value of \$50 a share; (d) to consent to the amendment of the indenture so as to effectuate the above.—V. 130, p. 147.

Pure Oil Co.—To Extend Employees Investment Plan.—President Henry M. Dawes, through the medium of the "Pure Oil News", at the inception of the New Year, announces that he will recommend to the board of directors that it extend the Pure Oil Employees Savings Investment Fund for a second period of four years commencing April 1 1930, when the first four years of the plan will have drawn to a conclusion. With a few minor changes the plan will be the same as the present one, as the latter has successfully stood the test of a four-year period, and very few changes, and those for its betterment, were found necessary. The full details of the new Pure Oil Employees Savings Investment Fund, Second Series 1930-1934, will appear in the February issue of "The News", and the opportunity to subscribe by those who are eligible will come only during the month of February.

Some 2,700 Pure Oil employees will have, under the plan, saved up a total of approximately \$2,800,000 of their own money on April 1 next, an average of slightly in excess of \$1,000 each. For this they will have delivered to them promptly on April 1 approximately 28,000 shares of Pure Oil cumulative 6% preferred stock. In addition to this, the company will on the same date pay to each participant in cash a sum equal to 25% of the full amount he has paid into the fund—the total amount of cash bonus thus distributed totalling approximately \$700,000. In addition to this, during the four year period, each participant in the fund has received a quarterly dividend in cash, representing the surplus accruing to him through being allowed 8% interest on his total subscription and being charged 6% interest on the unpaid balance thereof—which in actual dollars and cents amounted to \$19.23 on each \$100 subscription as finally paid out, providing of course the subscriber started in the fund at its inception and stayed with it until the end—a total cash benefit on each \$100 of \$44.23 in such case.

The time in which eligible employees will have an opportunity to subscribe to the fund will be limited to the month of February 1930. All eligible employees to the fund will on Feb. 1 receive from President Dawes an invitation to participate, together with booklet explaining the plan and a subscription blank.—V. 129, p. 1458.

Rand (Gold) Mines, Ltd.—Output.

(In Ounces)	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
January	876,452	843,857	839,000	796,270
February	815,284	816,133	779,339	753,924
March	866,529	879,380	860,511	834,340
April	872,123	825,097	824,014	803,303
May	897,598	866,186	859,479	849,214
June	856,029	826,363	855,154	852,145
July	889,480	867,211	851,861	860,134
August	889,661	891,363	363,345	843,854
September	849,553	857,731	842,118	839,939
October	888,690	897,720	856,843	753,296
November	861,593	872,484	848,059	840,276
December	851,134	859,761	851,225	836,157
Total	8,524,564	8,610,002	10,141,849	9,962,855

—V. 129, p. 4150, 2402.

Railway & Light Securities Co.—Earnings.

Earnings for 12 Months Ended Nov. 30 1929.	
Interest received and accrued and cash dividends	\$734,629
Profit on securities sold, &c., less tax on profit	1,577,348
Total income	\$2,311,977
Expenses, taxes and interest and amortization charges	388,273
Preferred dividend requirements	91,872
Balance for 149,916 common shares	\$1,831,832
—V. 129, p. 4150.	

R. C. A. Victor Co., Inc.—New Officers Announced.—President E. E. Schumaker announces the appointment of E. K. MacEwan as Secretary of this company. Francis S. Kane and Walter H. Hunt were made Assistant Secretaries. Paul G. McCollum has been named Assistant Comptroller and Robert P. Alexander, Eugene F. Haines and Cornelius G. Terwilliger, Assistant Treasurers.—V. 129, p. 3337.

(Daniel) Reeves, Inc.—December Sales.

1929—December—1928.	Increase.	1929—12 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$2,893,110	\$2,853,908	\$39,202	\$33,766,924
			\$31,569,318
			\$2,197,606
			—V. 129, p. 3647.

Republic Iron & Steel Co.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 40,000 additional shares (no par) common stock on official notice of issuance in exchange for all the issued and outstanding shares (no par) common stock of Union Drawn Steel Co., making the total applied for to date 939,164 shares.

The Republic company has entered into an agreement dated Aug. 29 1929, supplemented by an agreement, dated Nov. 19 1929, with the Union company under the terms of which the Union company will amend its certificate of incorporation so as to authorize Union company to issue 40,000 shares (no par) common stock and 55,000 shares (par \$100) preferred stock in lieu of the 100,000 shares of common stock (par \$100) now authorized.

Under the agreement dated Aug. 29 all of the stockholders of the Union company have agreed to exchange their proportionate share of the 40,000 shares common stock of the Union company for 40,000 shares of common stock of the Republic company on a share for share basis. The Republic company has covenanted that it will guarantee the payment of the principal of and interest on the \$5,500,000 20-year 6% debentures of the Union company by a written guaranty endorsed upon the debentures and that it will also guarantee the payment of the dividend on the preferred stock of the Union company in case the debentures are converted into preferred stock and that the debentures shall be so drawn as to provide that they are to be convertible into preferred stock, the dividends upon which are to be so guaranteed. A stockholders' committee has been appointed to represent the stockholders of the Union company and Commonwealth Trust Co. of Pittsburgh has been appointed to act as depository for the common stock of the Union company to be exchanged for the common stock of the Republic company.

The 40,000 shares of common stock of the Republic company so to be exchanged for the common stock of the Union company are to be capitalized at \$60 per share.—V. 130, p. 148.

Reynolds Brothers, Inc.—Owners Donate 1,000,000 Shares of Personal Holdings for Retirement.

R. S. Reynolds, President, in a letter to stockholders, says: At the time of offering 250,000 shares of its capital stock for sale (V. 129, p. 1603) company held and still holds a diversified list of investments in various railroad, industrial and investment companies.

The recent drastic decline in the market quotations of all classes of stocks has particularly caused heavy depreciation in those of investment companies. The management has investigated the portfolios of all the companies in which the company has substantial investments and has found them sound, and is satisfied that the stocks are selling considerably below their potential values. It is confidently believed that within a reasonable time a material enhancement will be shown in practically every investment of the company.

Messrs. R. S. Reynolds and C. K. Reynolds, who owned and still owns all the stock in company, except the 250,000 shares of treasury stock sold by company, have offered to donate to the company for retirement 1,000,000 shares of their personal holdings without any obligations on the part of the company, present or future.

This offer has been accepted by the company and the donated stock cancelled, making the total shares now outstanding 1,533,334 instead of 2,583,334 formerly outstanding.—V. 129, p. 1603.

Reynolds Spring Co.—New Director.—A. N. Townsend, Chairman of the Board of Raybestos Co. has been elected a director.—V. 130, p. 148.

Richfield Oil Co. of Calif.—Subsid. Buys Stations.—The Richfield Oil Corp. of New York, the company's Eastern marketing subsidiary, has acquired the Super Service Stations, Inc., of Lockport, N. Y., for a consideration of approximately \$750,000. The Super Service Co. operates a chain of 25 stations and handles an aggregate of 6,000,000 gals. of gasoline annually. The management will continue in the hands of its former owners.—V. 129, p. 3812.

Rio Grande Oil Co.—50c. Cash Dividend.—The directors have declared a dividend of 50c. a share, payable Jan. 25 to holders of record Jan. 5. On July 25 last a semi-annual cash dividend of \$1 a share was paid, while the company paid semi-annual stock dividends of 1 1/2% in April and October.

The directors announced that it is the intention to keep the stock on a quarterly basis of 50 cents a share for the year 1930. Following the annual meeting of the company last March, when the \$1 cash disbursement and the stock payments were authorized, it was announced at that time that the policy of the board would be to declare in 1930 a second semi-annual dividend of \$1 cash at be paid the 25th inst. to holders of record the 5th inst. The 50-cent dividend voted last week thus makes the total cash payments \$1.50 instead of \$2 a share as previously indicated.—V. 129, p. 2872.

(Hal) Roach Studios, Inc.—Defers Preferred Dividend.—The directors recently voted to defer the dividend which ordinarily was due Dec. 1 1929 on the 8% cum. partic. pref. stock. A quarterly dividend of 2% (25c. a share) was paid on Sept. 1 last.—V. 127, p. 2103.

St. Croix Paper Co.—Extra Dividend.—An extra dividend of \$1 per share was paid on the common stock on Dec. 6 last. See also V. 128, p. 4336.

Sanford (Me.) Mills.—Extra Dividend.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$1 per share in addition to the regular semi-annual dividend of \$1 per share, both payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Jan. 7.—V. 128, p. 417.

Scott Paper Co.—Comparative Balance Sheet.

Sept. 30 '29. Dec. 31 '28.		Sept. 30 '29. Dec. 31 '28			
Assets		Liabilities			
Cash	183,913	680,295	Accounts payable	336,327	384,216
Accts. receivable	748,123	543,517	Current year production		
Inventories	751,685	703,161	Real estate tax	25,939	103,757
Investments	39,006	48,713	Equip., contr. mat. beyond 1 year	41,497	-----
Prepaid and deferred items	120,798	66,044	Reserves for contingencies, &c.	206,509	50,718
Cash with sinking fund agent	-----	20,967	Purch. mon. mtgce.	50,000	50,000
Land, buildings, mach'y, equip., timber res. and water power	x5,137,996	4,497,058	1st M. 68 gold bds.	367,000	384,000
Good-will, trade-marks, patents	1	1	7% pref. stock	1,861,900	1,890,500
			6% pref. stock	590,000	603,000
			Common stock	3,006,000	3,000,000
			Earned surplus	1,753,548	1,355,763
			Other surplus	1,437,801	1,437,801
Total	6,981,522	6,559,756	Total	6,981,521	6,559,756

x After depreciation of \$1,168,876. y Represented by 153,000 no par stock.—V. 130, p. 148.

Schiff Co.—December Sales.

1929—Dec.—1928.	Increase.	1929—12 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$1,297,458	\$721,784	\$575,674	\$9,197,586
		\$5,364,922	\$3,832,664

On Dec. 31 1929 the company had in operation 159 stores against 86 in 1928.—V. 129, p. 3812.

Schulte-United 5c. to \$1 Stores, Inc.—Sales.

Period—	—Month of—	Cal. Year.
	Dec. 1929.	Dec. 1928.
Sales—	\$3,911,050	\$1,500,483
		\$19,954,101

* No comparison is available for the corresponding period a year ago. The number of stores in operation at the end of the year amounted to 111 compared with about 56 actively operating at the close of 1928. This includes stores in Canada and stores of Miller's, Inc., operated independently of Schulte-United units.—V. 129, p. 3812.

Selected Industries Inc.—Report.
R. S. Reynolds, President, says:
"As of the close of business on Dec. 7 1929, company had made total investments at a cost of \$52,481,701 and had in cash and call loans a total of \$18,423,817.

"Of the total amount invested, \$19,810,758 was invested in railroad securities; \$17,207,239 in special situations in which company and its associates own large or virtually controlling interests and in which they are utilizing their time and development; and \$15,463,703 in a diversified list of securities of other companies. The last amount includes approximately \$6,000,000 of investments in American Tobacco Co., Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co., P. Lorillard Co. and R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., the four largest companies in the tobacco industry, and about \$1,200,000 in the stock of Texas corporation. Of the amount invested in special situations, a large portion is in the Kraft-Phenix Cheese Corp., a company dominating in the manufacture of cheese and mayonnaise and having an exceptionally bright future. J. L. Kraft, Chairman of the board of directors of that company, recently made an announcement that the profits for the year 1929 would double the profits of the preceding year.

The book value of the outstanding prior stock was over \$115 per share, as reflected by the closing prices of securities held by company on Dec. 7 1929. The net income from the beginning of operation has been substantially in excess of the dividend requirements on the prior and convertible stock.

If we had been forced to dispose of our securities at prices of Dec. 7 1929, there would have been a shrinkage, due to the decline in market quotations, of \$5,630,448, or about 7% of the capital. However, as company is in a strong cash position, has no bonded indebtedness or other debts, it has no necessity or intention of sacrificing its securities bought after careful study on the basis of values. Company feels confident that over a period of time these securities will again reflect a substantial profit. In the meanwhile, we are picking up on market reactions securities of real merit and sustained return.—V. 129, p. 2873.

Separate Units, Inc.—Liquidation.
The stockholders are in receipt of the following notice dated Jan. 3:
"The dissolution of this company has been duly authorized in accordance with the laws of the State of New York and its liquidation is now in process. The board of directors have voted a first liquidating dividend of \$100 a share, payable immediately."

Stockholders are requested to return to them their certificates of stock, upon receipt of which, a check representing the first liquidating dividend will be sent to them, and payment thereof endorsed on the certificates.—V. 129, p. 3488.

Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.—2s. Dividend.
The Equitable Trust Co. of New York, as depository of certain ordinary shares of the above company, under an agreement dated Aug. 28 1919, has received a dividend of 2s. per ordinary share, par £1 sterling each. The equivalent thereof, distributable to holders of "American shares" under the terms of the agreement, is 97 cents on each "American share." This dividend will be distributed by the trust company on Jan. 28 1930 to the registered holders of "American shares" of record Jan. 15 1930. A distribution of 3s. per ordinary share, equivalent to \$1.447 per "American share," was made on July 23 last.—V. 129, p. 3338.

Shenandoah Corp.—Pref. Div.—No Action on Common.
The directors have declared a regular quarterly dividend (No. 2) of 75c. per share in cash (or 1-32nd of a share of common stock) on the optional 6% conv. preference stock, series of 1929, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 14. An initial distribution of like amount was made Nov. 1. No action was taken on a dividend on the common stock. An initial 1 1/2% stock distribution was also made on Nov. 1 1929 (see V. 129, p. 2091).—V. 129, p. 3648.

Shoreland Hotel, Chicago.—Default.
The Greenebaum Sons Investment Co. has sent out notices to holders of 1st mtge. 6 1/2% bonds of the Shoreland Hotel in Chicago that "the borrower will probably not be able to pay interest and serial maturity due as of Jan. 1 1930." The bankers request that the bonds and coupons be not presented for payment as steps have been taken to protect the bondholders.—V. 121, p. 87.

Silent Automatic Co.—Acquisition.
The corporation announces the acquisition of the patents, processes and methods of the Uni-Lec-Tric Burner Corp. of New Jersey. In connection with the acquisition President Walter F. Tant, said: "We have every reason to be optimistic over our business in 1930. Our sales increased nearly 100% in 1929 over the previous year and in the five years since our inception the company has jumped to the top of the industry in unit sales."—V. 129, p. 2091.

(Isaac) Silver & Brothers Co., Inc.—Sales.

1929—Dec.—1928.	Increase.	1929—12 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$1,526,962	\$1,361,450	\$165,512	\$8,488,149
		\$6,657,219	\$1,830,930

Simmons Co.—December Sales Higher.

1929—Dec.—1928.	Increase.	1929—12 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$3,599,474	\$2,300,215	\$1,299,259	\$51,971,448
		\$36,479,281	\$15,492,167

Southern Grocery Stores, Inc.—Gross Sales.
1929—Dec.—1928. Increase. 1929—12 Mos.—1928. Increase.
\$1,623,183 \$1,199,169 \$424,014 \$16,092,468 \$13,995,262 \$2,097,206
The corporation operates 400 stores throughout Georgia, South Carolina and Alabama under the name of Rogers, Inc., about one-half of which contain meat markets.—V. 129, p. 3813.

Southern Sugar Co.—New Mill Opens.
The company this week began 1930 cane grinding operations at its enlarged Clewiston, Fla., mill, said to be the biggest cane sugar mill in the United States. Since last year's grinding season, the capacity of the plant has been increased from 1,500 tons of cane per day to 4,000 tons per day. Approximately 300,000 tons of cane will be harvested from 10,000 acres, according to President B. G. Dahlberg. Last year 4,500 acres were harvested and ground. Increase in capacity of the mill represents an expenditure of more than \$2,500,000.
Opening of the completed unit is the second step in the development of 175,000 acres of Florida Everglades land which, in six years, Mr. Dahlberg expects will produce 450,000 tons of raw sugar annually, more than the State of Louisiana has ever produced. Planting of new cane is now progressing at the rate of 400 acres per day.—V. 129, p. 3489.

Southwestern Consolidated Graphite Co., Boston.—Bankruptcy.
The company has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the Federal Court at Boston. Liabilities are listed at \$890,000 and assets at \$500,000. Action was in accordance with recent vote of stockholders, the petition revealed.

Standard Motor Construction Co.—Receivership Petition Dismissed.
Vice-Chancellor Lewis at Paterson, N. J. has dismissed receivership proceedings against the company. The American Machinery Supply Co. of Newark, the petitioner charged that Standard Motor was unable to meet its current obligations. Standard Motor manufactures Diesel engines.—V. 126, p. 2806.

(A. G.) Spalding & Bros.—Earnings.

Period—	Years Ended Oct. 31			10 Mos. End.
	1929.	1928.	1927.	Oct. 31 '26.
Net sales	\$27,886,334	\$26,024,700	\$23,961,319	\$19,713,230
Cost of sales	17,091,069	16,068,492	15,161,813	12,763,041
Admin. & selling exps	7,914,531	7,228,106	6,655,557	5,181,331
Depreciation	578,923	559,007	542,504	481,824
Royalties	108,889	90,566	74,488	61,640
Net operating profit	\$2,192,921	\$2,080,530	\$1,526,957	\$1,225,395
Other income	322,320	271,210	264,583	192,678
Total income	\$2,515,241	\$2,351,740	\$1,791,540	\$1,417,473
Interest paid	204,595	242,192	224,239	209,236
U. S. and foreign taxes	260,200	266,100	234,000	162,900
Net income	\$2,050,446	\$1,843,447	\$1,333,301	\$1,045,337
7% 1st pref. dividends	260,887	282,963	287,703	271,228
8% 2d pref. dividends	80,000	80,000	79,990	59,970
Common dividends	538,926	356,424	296,945	386,029
Prov. for red. 1st pref.	150,000	150,000	150,000	125,000
Surplus	\$1,020,633	\$974,060	\$518,662	\$253,211
Shs. com. stk. outstanding (no par)	349,110	\$59,822	\$59,822	\$59,822
Earns. per sh. on com.	\$5.12	\$24.75	\$16.14	\$12.77
x Par \$100.				

Comparative Balance Sheet Oct. 31.

Assets—	1929.	1928.	Liabilities—	1929.	1928.
Land, bldgs., &c.	\$4,502,247	4,290,584	7% 1st pref. stock	3,755,000	3,885,000
Leaseholds, bldgs., & impts	1,249,267	1,231,796	8% 2d pref. stock	1,000,000	1,000,000
Patent rights	13,542	5,230	Common stock	9,032,200	5,982,200
Cash	1,189,344	1,321,861	Notes payable	711,854	633,879
Accts. receivable	3,653,036	175,726	Accts. payable	406,292	759,820
Notes rec. cust's	4,160,357	37,425	Accr. sal., wages, int., taxes, &c.	501,175	421,511
Notes & accts. re. employees	37,425	194,650	Res. for inc. taxes	264,638	270,332
Inventories	10,377,223	9,349,555	Empl. sub. to stk.	26,296	25,748
Def'd charges, &c.	194,650	170,072	Miscell. reserve	99,978	—
Investments	753,424	588,931	Res. for cont'g.	—	378,605
Treasury stock	175,189	60,995	Surplus	5,804,983	4,488,822
Cash in sink. fund.	1,787	1,269	Surp. approx. for red. of 1st pref.	1,371,083	1,240,565
Employ. cont for purch. of stock	356,468	—			
Total	22,973,498	20,886,481	Total	22,973,498	20,886,481

x Represented by 349,110 no par shares. x After reserve for depreciation of \$3,915,314. y Leaseholds, building and improvements thereon, after depreciation and amortization, \$1,324,267, less mortgage (payable \$25,000 annually), \$75,000. z After provision for loss on uncollectibles of \$168,172.—V. 129, p. 983.

Standard Corporations, Inc.—Organized.
This company was organized in Delaware Dec. 19 1929 as an investment company to engage in investing and reinvesting its resources under the supervision of management experienced in the investment of large funds.

Investment Policy.—The policy of the corporation is to acquire securities of a limited number of railroad, public utility, banking and industrial corporations when prices and fundamental conditions offer opportunities for profitable investment. Holdings will be confined to securities appearing to offer the greatest potentialities for appreciation in principal, with due regard to income and diversification. It is a policy of the corporation, that not more than 5% of its total assets will be invested in any one security, or in the securities of any one company. The investments of the corporation currently consist of the common stocks of the following corporations:

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| American Can Co. | International Harvester Co. |
| American Gas & Electric Co. | Kroger Grocery & Baking Co. |
| American Smelting & Refining Co. | National Biscuit Co. |
| American Tel. & Tel. Co. | New York Central RR. |
| Achison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. | North American Co. |
| Borden Company. | Pacific Lighting Corp. |
| Chesapeake & Ohio Railway | Safeway Stores, Inc. |
| Consolidated Gas Co. of New York. | Standard Oil Co. of California |
| Eastman Kodak Co. | Standard Oil Co. (N. J.) |
| Electric Bond & Share Co. | Texas Corporation. |
| General Electric Co. | Union Pacific RR. |
| General Foods Corp. | United Light & Power Co. |
| General Motors Corp. | United States Steel Corp. |
| Gillette Safety Razor Co. | Walgreen Co. |
| Great Atl. & Pac. Tea Co. of America | F. W. Woolworth Co. |

Capitalization.—Authorized capitalization consists of 1,000,000 shares of no par common stock and 10,000 shares of no par value Founders' stock. The common stock and the founders' stock will be entitled to receive dividends when and as declared by the board of directors, and of the total dividend so declared, nine-tenths shall be distributed pro rata to the holders of the common stock and one-tenth pro rata to the holders of the Founders' stock. In case of liquidation, common stock will be entitled to all of the assets of the corporation, the founders' stock having no participation in such assets.

Each share of common stock shall have voting rights at the rate of one vote per share, and the founders' stock shall be entitled in the aggregate to one-half as many votes as there are shares of common stock outstanding, so that the common stock shall have at all times two-thirds of the aggregate vote and the founders' stock one-third. No stock of any class shall have any rights, pre-emptive or otherwise to subscribe for any additional stock of any class.

Transfer agent, United States Corporation Co., Jersey City, N. J. Registrar, Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, New York, N. Y.
Management.—There is no management contract, the affairs of the corporation being governed by the board of directors, which, as presently constituted, is closely identified with John Nickerson & Co., Inc. The officers and directors serve without salary. The personnel of John Nickerson & Co., Inc., and the facilities of their organization for research and analysis have been made available to the corporation without cost.

Issue of Shares.—Corporation has entered into an agreement with John Nickerson & Co., Inc., under the terms of which John Nickerson & Co., Inc., may purchase the common stock of the corporation as issued from time to time, at the net asset value (as defined in the certificate of incorporation). The common shares are being offered at the current net asset value, as determined daily, plus an amount equal to 6% of the selling price to cover the cost of distribution. Under the terms of the above agreement John Nickerson & Co., Inc. have also purchased the founders' stock, for an amount sufficient to cover the cost of organization including legal fees.

Marketability.—It is the intention of the distributors to maintain a regular market for the common stock at approximately its net asset value. In addition, the certificate of incorporation provides that subject to the conditions therein specified the corporation itself shall purchase any shares offered, at the net liquidating value, as defined in the certificate of incorporation, less 2%.

Standard Oil Co. of Calif.—New Unit.
The company has formed the *Standard Management Operating Corp.* for the purpose of handling its electric, gas, cold storage and similar companies. The total capitalization of the new company is 200 shares, all of which has been sold to the parent company for \$100 a share.—V. 129, p. 3025.

(L. S.) Starrett Co.—Extra Dividend.
The company on Dec. 30 last paid an extra dividend of 25c. per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 50c. per share on the common stock (no par value) and 1 1/2% on the 6% cum. pref. stock (par \$100), all to holders of record Dec. 21. Initial quarterly distributions of 50c. per share on the common and of 1 1/2% on the pref. were paid on Sept. 30 last.
There have been placed on the Boston Stock Exchange list 150,000 shares (no par value) common stock (voting).—V. 129, p. 2554.

State Title & Mortgage Co.—To Expand.
This company will be greatly expanded and stockholders of the National American Co. will be given State Title stock in exchange for their stock,

under a plan made public this week by the board of directors of the National American Co. The State Title Co. will become one of the strongest companies devoting its capital funds exclusively to the guarantee of first mortgages.

In addition to its own capital and surplus of \$10,000,000, it will also own the General Surety Co. which has a capital and surplus of \$10,000,000, and which is now owned by the National American Co.

Stock of the enlarged State Title Co. is to be distributed pro rata to the stockholders of the National American Co., on the basis of one share of the stock of the enlarged State Title Co. with a liquidating value of over \$200 in exchange for each 12½ shares of National American now held.

As part of this plan, the National American Co. will stop functioning as a separate entity, delegating its activities to the State Title & Mortgage Co. This plan approved by its directors was announced by David H. Knott, President of the National American Co. The 8,000 stockholders have been asked to ratify the arrangement at a special meeting on Jan. 28 next.

The State Title Co. thus becomes one of the strongest companies devoting its capital funds exclusively to the guarantee of first mortgages. Organized in April 1927 with a capital and surplus of \$2,000,000, early in 1929 it acquired the First Mortgage Guarantee Co. and Provident Mortgage Co. and has steadily grown until to-day it stands in fourth place as a guaranteed first mortgage company, with a capital and surplus of \$10,000,000, and outstanding guarantees of over \$50,000,000, covering more than 8,000 homes in the Greater City, held by 3,000 investors, banks and insurance companies. The proposed enlargement of its assets, it is stated, will not affect its consistent policy of confining its capital funds to the guarantee of first mortgages in and about New York and, with the discontinuance of high money rates, the directors look for an active and productive year.—V. 129, p. 983.

(John B.) Stetson Co., Phila.—New Directors.—

Maurice Bower Saul has been elected a director, succeeding George A. Elasser, resigned. C. Stevenson Newhall has been elected to the board to succeed the late Milton D. Gehris.—V. 128, p. 748.

Studebaker Corp. of America.—Preliminary Figures for 1929—Record Pierce-Arrow Sales.—

President A. R. Erskine in reviewing the corporations of this corporation and of its affiliated company, the Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co., predicted a favorable outlook for both companies based upon a survey made of the automobile market situation at the beginning of the year. Regarding the Studebaker Corp., Mr. Erskine said that present indications are that the corporation will report larger profits in 1930 compared with 1929, and also that a larger number of cars will be sold, due chiefly to the new models which have been added to the lines of both companies.

Mr. Erskine's statement in part follows:

Studebaker expects to show an increase in 1930, both in the number of cars sold and in net profits. Conditions which lie within the corporation itself, rather than general conditions, are the basis for this expectation on the part of the management. We enter 1930 with a complete line of passenger cars consisting of Erskine, Studebaker and Pierce-Arrow models which cover every price field from \$895 to \$10,000. Never before has the corporation been in a position approaching this opportunity.

Owing to the sizable character of our eight-cylinder program, begun in 1926, plus the burdens involved by the consolidation of the Detroit plants in South Bend in 1928 and the early part of 1929, the production of the Dictator Straight Eight cars was delayed until May and the Dictator Sixes until June 1929, and consequently we had no low-priced Studebaker models in the first five months of last year. Besides, there was a serious shortage of Pierce-Arrows as the new company was not in substantial production until May. Sales of Commanders and President models were our chief reliance in the first part of last year.

Pierce-Arrow Sales and Profits Break all Records.

December sales of Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co. were 256 passenger cars compared with 62 in December last year, a gain of 313%. Sales for the year 1929 were 9,840 passenger cars compared with 5,494 in 1928, a gain of 79%. The 1929 sales broke the previous record of 6,037 cars made in 1927 by 63%.

Because of the increased demand for Pierce-Arrow cars net profits of 1930 will show substantial improvement over the 1929 figures, which were over \$2,500,000 as against losses of \$1,293,025 in 1928. Having purchased the large majority of the class "A" common stock in addition to the class "B" stock already owned, Studebaker's equity in the Pierce-Arrow profits is very large.

On Dec. 31 the company had the largest dealer and distributor organization in its history. There were 525 such connections in the United States alone, against 217 in 1928. While these figures show the numerical growth which is the result of the introduction of the new Pierce-Arrow Straight Eight line of cars, they do not reveal the enlargement and development which have taken place in nearly every Pierce-Arrow city. Better locations have been established, new quarters have been built, and occupied, sales forces have been increased, and in Boston, Brooklyn, Chicago, St. Louis, Toronto and elsewhere, distributors have invested over \$3,000,000 in new buildings. These expenditures in 1929 alone are far beyond those of any several years in the company's history.

The new line of Pierce-Arrow Straight Eights introduced at the New York Show in Jan. 1929 has been broadened by the addition of a somewhat smaller and lower priced Pierce-Arrow car—the 132-inch wheelbase line at \$2,595 and up. The whole line has undergone comprehensive improvement and refinement, without changes in the exterior body and chassis lines, which have made the new Straight Eights more alluring to the eye and more enjoyable to drive.

The Buffalo plants have been remodeled and re-arranged during 1929— which, with the rounding out and rebuilding of the personnel of the manufacturing division, will result in increased efficiency and lower production costs.—V. 129, p. 3980.

Stutz Motor Car Co. of America, Inc.—Federal Judge Dismisses Creditors' Petition—Other Actions Also Dropped.—

United States District Judge Robert C. Baltzell Jan. 4 dismissed a petition in involuntary bankruptcy against the company. Three local creditors filed the petition several days ago. Their counsel joined the attorneys for the company in requesting that the action be dismissed.

A suit for the appointment of a receiver, filed in a State court, has also been dismissed.

"We are assured that all the other suits which have been filed in the State courts also will be dismissed immediately," Mr. Gorrell said, "and the company, with the co-operation of all its creditors, which co-operation has been assured, will proceed with its financial reorganization. It expects to enjoy the best year's business in its history."—V. 130, p. 149.

Submarine Boat Co.—Receivership.—

Henry R. Carse, President of the company, in a statement on the receivership appointment, said in part:

"The receivership has been extended by the appointment of ancillary receivers in San Francisco and Los Angeles, the receivers having already taken possession of the property and assets of the corporation. It is believed that if opportunity is afforded to realize free from pressure on the company's ships, canal barges and other assets, all creditors can be paid, a reorganization effected and considerable saved for the stockholders.

"The corporation was organized in 1915 as a holding company and it acquired all the stock of the Electric Boat Co. In 1925, however, the corporation divested itself of the ownership of the stock of the latter to the then stockholders of the Submarine Boat Corp. on a share-for-share basis, so that the two corporations are now distinct and owned by different interests. Submarine Boat is not now and never was a builder of submarine boats. Such activity now is and has always been exercised by the Electric Boat Co., which is the owner of numerous patents employed in the construction and operation of the submarines. The receivership does not at all affect except as a secured creditor the Electric Boat Co. nor its subsidiaries, New London Ship & Engine Co., Electric Dynamic Co., and Elco Works."—V. 130, p. 149.

Sunset-McKee Salesbook Co.—Earnings.—

Earnings for Year Ended Aug. 31 1929.	
Profit from operations	\$162,743
Depreciation and amortization	55,521
Interest, discount and other income, net	573
Total income	\$107,795
Provision for Federal income tax	13,926
Net income	\$93,869

This is equivalent to \$3.12 a share on the outstanding "A" stock. Divs. at the rate of \$1.50 per annum have been paid on the outstanding "A" stock, and at the rate of \$1 per annum on the outstanding "B" stock throughout the entire year covered by this report.

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet Aug. 31 1929.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$49,995	Accounts payable	\$47,982
Notes & accounts receivable	175,580	Accrued expenses	16,743
Inventories	171,872	Divs. payable	22,750
Securities & real estate	6,216	Prov. for Federal taxes	21,222
Plant & equipment	632,810	Warranty deposit, due 1934	25,000
Deferred charges, incl. org. exps.	39,761	Capital stock and surplus	x942,537
Total	\$1,076,234	Total	\$1,076,234

x After depreciation and amortization of \$123,819.—V. 127, p. 3720.

Super Maid Corp., Chicago.—Regular Dividend.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly div. of 75c. a share on the common stock, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 20. This time last year an extra div. of 25c. was paid. (See V. 127, p. 3558).—V. 129, p. 3025.

Swift & Co.—Split-Up Approved.—The stockholders on Jan. 9 ratified a 4-for-1 split-up of the capital stock, changing the par value of the shares from \$100 to \$25. See also V. 129, p. 3814.

Tacony-Palmyra Bridge Co.—Larger Pref. Dividend.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.87½ per share on the 7½% pref. stock, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 10. Previously, the company paid semi-annual dividends of 3% on this issue, the last payment at this rate having been made on Nov. 1 1929. (For offering, see V. 126, p. 1523).—V. 127, p. 1265.

Teleregister Corp.—To Extend Operations.—

The Western Union Telegraph Co. to-day (Jan. 11) announces that its affiliated company, the Teleregister Corp., is about to extend to Chicago its centrally operated automatic quotation board service which has been in operation in New York City for almost a year. Service to stock brokers in Chicago will begin May 1, following extensive technical preparations now under way.

Wires will be leased from New York to Chicago, and the best available transmission systems and methods will be used so that Chicago boards can be operated direct from New York City. This will make it possible to post Chicago boards so promptly that the service will in all respects be as rapid as that given brokers' offices in New York City.

This announcement follows the beginning recently made by the Western Union Telegraph Co. of a \$4,500,000 program of nation-wide installation of new high speed tickers. Extension of Teleregister service to Chicago is being made at almost the same time for the purpose of providing this city with modern quotation board service as well as with modern tickers.

Teleregister service is complementary to ticker service. While the ticker gives a chronological record of the day's transactions, the Teleregister gives the previous close, and the current day's opening, high, low and last positions on a stock at any given time. Installations of Teleregisters are being rushed to meet the demand for a quotation board which has demonstrated its ability to keep pace with all types of markets.—V. 128, p. 1416.

Temple Corporation.—Receivership.—

Chester Willoughby has been appointed receiver for this company, radio manufacturers, in the United States District Court at Chicago.—V. 129, p. 3980.

(John R.) Thompson Co.—December Sales.—

1929—Dec.—1928.	Increase.	1929—12 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$1,319,607	\$1,254,619	\$64,988	\$15,742,600
—V. 129, p. 3815, 3183.			\$14,585,050
			\$1,157,550

Thompson Products, Inc.—To Reclassify Stock.—

A special meeting of all class A and class B stockholders has been called Jan. 13 to act on amendments to the articles of incorporation whereby each share of class A and B stock outstanding will be changed into one share of a newly created common stock, no par value, and each share holding equal voting power.

If the recapitalization is approved application will be made immediately to list the new common stock on the New York Stock Exchange. Holders of virtually all class B stock and more than 45% of class A stockholders have agreed to vote in favor of the proposed recapitalization, according to the directors.

At present the company has, in addition to the preferred stock outstanding 214,068 shares of class A stock and 48,592 shares of class B stock. The class A stock is non-voting except in the default in payment of certain stipulated dividends, the class B stock having all the voting power of the corporation.

The class A stock is entitled to a preference over the class B stock, to cumulative dividends of \$1.20 per share per annum, after which the class B stock is entitled to a cumulative preferential dividend of \$1.20 a share each year. Any further dividends declared are divided equally per share among holders of class A and class B stock. At all times since the class A and class B stock have been outstanding the dividends paid on both classes of stock have been equal.

The corporation has received an order from the Olds Motor Works for 140,000 valves and 43,000 spring bolts and an order for 156,000 valves and 26,000 spring bolts from the Oakland company. This is in addition to a recent order from Oakland for 200,000 valves and is new business for Thompson from these companies.—V. 129, p. 3648.

Thompson-Starrett Co., Inc.—Contract.—

Work on the new 14-story addition to the New York Curb Exchange will begin Feb. 1, according to this company. The new structure will be completed within a year and in the meantime building operations will be carried on in such a way that the Curb Exchange can conduct its business unhampered in its present quarters, which were erected in 1921 also by Thompson-Starrett.

With the addition the Exchange will occupy all of the present site with a frontage on Trinity Place of 124 ft. and a frontage on Greenwich St. of 178 ft. Plans for the building, which were prepared by Starrett & Van Vleck, architects, call for a trading room 5 stories in height with a floor area of 14,132 sq. ft. as compared with the present area of 9,598 sq. ft. The sixth floor will house ventilating equipment and the 7 to 14 floors will be devoted to rooms for the Board of Governors, the president and secretary and other officers and committees of the Exchange.

Consol. Balance Sheet Oct. 24 1929.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$3,088,732	Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$3,616,080
Notes receiv. (due within 1 yr.)	144,500	Reserves for claims for personal injuries	209,769
Accts. receiv., customers	3,343,052	General reserve	152,282
Accts. receiv., miscellaneous	118,355	Preference stock	x3,500,000
Contract work unbilled	545,469	Common stock	7600,000
Securities at cost	596,719	Surplus paid in	3,277,916
Notes receiv. & accrued int.	1,093,824	Earned surplus	1,109,191
Securities on deposit at cost	152,511		
Investment in securities	2,603,346		
Surr. value of life insur. policies	146,547		
Prepaid expenses	15,559		
L. I. City property	301,303		
Constr. equipment & materials	x315,311	Total (each side)	\$12,465,238

x After depreciation of \$290,686. y Represented by 160,000 no par shares. z Represented by 600,000 no par shares.

The income account for the year ended Oct. 24 1929 was published in V. 130, p. 149.

Tobacco Products Corp.—Div. on "A" Certificates.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 76 8-10c. a share on the dividend certificates A, payable Jan. 31 to holders of record Jan. 16.—V. 129, p. 2874.

Transamerica Corp.—1% Stock Dividend.—

The directors have declared regular quarterly dividends of 40c. per share in cash and 1% in stock, payable Jan. 25 to holders of record Jan. 5. Like amounts were paid on Oct. 25 last (see V. 129, p. 2093).—V. 129, p. 3815.

Transcontinental Oil Co.—Warrants Exercised.—

To the end of November last 25,810 shares of common stock had been purchased on warrants attached to the 1st mtge. 6½% bonds of 1938. Common stock in the amount of 214,190 shares is still subject to outstanding warrants, which permit the purchase of the stock at \$9 per share to July 1 next and at increasing prices thereafter.

As of Nov. 30 there were \$11,622,000 of the bonds outstanding in the hands of the public and \$123,000 in the company's treasury. Bonds aggregating \$255,000 have been retired by the sinking fund from 1928 earnings. The sinking fund provision provides for 20% of consolidated net earnings in each year to be used for bond retirement.

All of the pref. stock has been presented for retirement and the stock capitalization as of Nov. 30 consisted of 6,544,219 no par common shares outstanding.—V. 129, p. 3648.

Tri-Continental Corp.—Listing.—

There have been placed on the Boston Stock Exchange list temporary certificates for 433,650 shares (total authorized issue), par \$100 per share, \$6 cum. pref. stock, and 2,020,150 shares (out of an authorized issue of 6,000,000 shares), without par value, common stock, with authority to add thereto 1,008,650 additional common shares, as the same may be issued through the exercise of certain outstanding stock purchase warrants. Tri-Continental Corp. (new company) was organized in Maryland Dec. 31 1929. Company was organized for the purpose of merging the interests of Tri-Continental Corp. and Tri-Continental Allied Co., Inc., and the shares of these two companies are being exchanged for the shares of the new or consolidated company in accordance with a consolidation plan promulgated under date of Dec. 10 1929. Assuming that all of the securities of the two merging companies are exchanged for the shares of the consolidated company, the number of shares of the consolidated company outstanding will consist of 433,650 shares of pref. stock and 2,020,150 shares of common stock, and stock purchase warrants representing 1,008,650 shares of common stock.

Transfer Agents.—(1) Pref. stock: National Shawmut Bank of Boston and Chase National Bank, New York. (2) Common stock: National Shawmut Bank of Boston and Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., New York.

Registrars.—(2) Pref. stock: First National Bank of Boston and Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., New York, N. Y. (3) Common stock: First National Bank of Boston and Chase National Bank, New York.—V. 130, p. 149.

Tube Artificial Silk Co. of America.—Contract.—

The above company, according to an announcement made by Rufus W. Scott, Chairman of the Board of the American Chatillon Corp., has been appointed selling agents for the products of the Rome, Ga., plant of the American Chatillon Corp., consisting of both their acetate process yarn which will be marketed under the trade name, Chacelon, as well as the viscose process yarn which will be marketed under the trade names, Sunbeam and Sunmist. This arrangement becomes effective at once.—V. 129, p. 650.

Union Drawn Steel Co.—Terms of Sale.—

See Republic Iron & Steel Co. above.—V. 129, p. 3980.

Union Oil Associates.—1% Stock Dividend.—

The directors have declared a regular extra stock dividend of 1% in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share both payable Feb. 10 to holders of record Jan. 17. Like amounts were paid in November last.

A deduction of 2c. per share from the regular rate of 50c. per share is made each year in one of the quarterly disbursements in order to pay office and operating expenses of the year.—V. 129, p. 3183.

Union Oil Co. of California.—1% Stock Dividend.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 50c. a share and 1% in stock, both payable Feb. 10 to holders of record Jan. 17. Like amounts were paid in November last.—V. 130, p. 150.

Union Tank Car Co.—New Stock Certificates Ready.—

Secretary C. W. Hohette, Jan. 2, stated in substance: At the meeting of the stockholders held on Dec. 23 1929, the resolution was duly adopted in favor of changing the par value of the shares of capital stock of the company from the par value of \$100 per share to no par value, four shares of such no par value stock to be issued in exchange for each share of the present outstanding stock, and in favor of increasing the total authorized capital stock to 3,000,000 shares without par value.

Beginning with Jan. 3 1930, certificates of the new no par value stock will be issued in exchange for the certificates of the present outstanding stock, on the basis of four shares of the new stock for one share of the old stock. Certificates should be surrendered for exchange to the Equitable Trust Co., 11 Broad Street, N. Y. City. The new no par value stock has been listed on the New York Stock Exchange in place of the old stock, and under the rules of the Exchange the old stock will soon be removed from the list and then will no longer be a good delivery on the Exchange. Future dividends will not be continued on the old shares. The payment of dividends when due will be ensured by the prompt surrender of old certificates for exchange for new certificates.—V. 130, p. 150.

United Cigar Stores Co. of America.—Special Report.—

A special report dated Jan. 9 1930 has been mailed to stockholders. First is given the report for 1928 as published by the company (V. 128, p. 2482), and then a revised report as prepared by Price, Waterhouse & Co., auditors, for the Morrow interest which succeeded the Whelan interest in the management of the company last August.

A reconciliation of the two reports gives the profits for 1928 as published by the company as \$8,352,762, and the profits as revised as \$4,525,609.

A further revision in the book accounts of the two managements is shown in an account called "surplus adjustments," which wipes out an amount of \$21,915,523 given as surplus on Dec. 31 1928 to become a deficit of \$776,286 on June 30 1929. Among the deductions from the surplus in the 6 months are noted a loss from operations of \$252,051, preferred dividends \$586,350 and common dividends \$701,612, a total of \$3,540,013.

The consolidated statement of profit and loss for the four months from June to October, also given in the special report, shows that the loss from store operations continued through those months, but real estate and financial operations showed a profit to the extent that the company as of Oct. 31 1929 showed a surplus of \$283,103.

Frederick K. Morrow, President, commenting on the report, says in part:

Inasmuch as company's business was known to be suffering from severe competitive and other conditions at the time of the change of administration in August, and inasmuch as the new management had been chosen by the old with a view of bringing about a reorganization of company's business, with the introduction of any necessary reforms and if possible new methods of merchandising, it was considered advisable to have a thorough examination and analysis of the company's business and operations made by Price, Waterhouse & Co. The investigation has not been completed, but it has progressed sufficiently to enable the directors to give to the stockholders a partial report of company's condition.

Profit and Loss Statement for Year 1928.—The most important difference between the profit and loss statement for the year 1928 as published and as revised is an item of \$3,325,886 for appreciation of certain securities, the book value of which had been increased to reflect part of an appreciation in market value, the amount of such increase having been taken into current earnings. However justifiable this writup may have appeared at the time, the directors are not inclined to adhere to the policy of taking up on the books any part of the appreciation in value of securities owned by the company. Another important difference is an item of \$579,043, "expenses and losses applicable to the year 1928." Of this amount \$469,632 represents deferred expenses and losses of Whelan Drug Co., Inc., which the auditors have recommended be charged off in the year in which they were incurred, rather than deferred.

It will appear from the revised report for 1928 that the net profit from store operations for 1928 was only \$379,980. Particular attention is called to this fact as it is indicative of the decline which had already set in in company's merchandising operations, which this year have shown a substantial loss. The net profit from store operations on \$82,644,432 of gross sales was only 46-100ths of 1% before income taxes.

Profit and Loss Statement for 6 Months Ended June 30 1929.—While gross sales compared favorably with gross sales for the first 6 months of last year, the first 6 months of merchandising operations showed a net loss of \$1,148,793, or 2.8% on \$40,416,287 of gross sales; a net change for the worse in company's merchandising operations of 3.26%. If there is added to the company's loss its proportion of the net loss of Happiness Candy Stores,

Inc. (and subsidiary companies, including The Mirror), the loss for the 6 months was \$1,271,988.

The more speculative part of company's operations, which is described in the statement as "real estate and financial operations," resulted for the first 6 months of 1929 in a net profit of only \$1,019,936, or less than one-fourth of the profit of \$4,519,838 from the same sources for the preceding 12 months. Company's net loss on all operations for the first 6 months of 1929 was \$252,051.

Statements for Four Months Ended Oct. 31 1929.—This period contains profits in the amount of \$2,931,390 from the sale of securities at prices over cost. These securities were in large part the securities written up in prior periods and written down to cost in the audited balance sheet of June 30 1929.

Sale of Marketable Securities.—Company on June 30 had \$30,719,774 of current assets as against \$20,986,800 of current liabilities. This ratio of 1½ to 1 was a somewhat radical change for the worse from company's position on Dec. 31, as shown by its published balance sheet, when the ratio was 4 to 1. Moreover a third of the company's current assets were in marketable securities subject to a possible large shrinkage in case of a general market decline. Company's bank debt and other cash loans which stood at \$7,327,000 on June 30, by July 15 had been increased to \$9,120,000. The bank debt had been largely created to purchase blocks of securities at prices below market, of companies the sale of whose products the company was promoting; the right to purchase the securities below market having been obtained through agreement with the companies to promote such sales. Nevertheless both the old and new managements (which latter had not yet assumed office) were agreed that in view of general market conditions the company's position was not sound, and, accordingly, shortly prior to the election of the new management the old management commenced the orderly sale of the company's marketable securities. This liquidation was continued as rapidly as practicable by the new management, and for the most part was completed before the general market decline took place. The result to the company was the realization during the four months ended Oct. 31 1929, of a net profit of \$2,931,390 over the cost of the securities sold. The proceeds of the sales were used by the new management to liquidate the company's indebtedness to the banks and to strengthen the company's cash position. The net results of these operations are reflected in the balance sheet as at Oct. 31 1929.

Considerations Which Determined the Passing of the Preferred Dividend due Nov. 1 1929.—The fact that company's merchandising business was operating at a loss for the year 1929 would not alone have determined the directors to suspend the preferred dividend. The profits which had just been realized from the sale of securities might be non-recurring profits and dividends had already been paid for 1929 in suffering in the merchandising end of the business which the company was undergoing a reorganization of business methods and policies be undertaken over a period of time. Furthermore the directors could only declare dividends out of earnings or surplus, and in view of the adjustments which the directors felt that it might be advisable to make to surplus they did not feel justified in declaring a div. at that time.

Future Dividend Policy.—While the company will need to conserve cash to carry out its plans for expansion and for the development of its reorganized business, the directors are hopeful that important economies already made and further ones to be made will shortly turn losses into profits; and furthermore that the closing out of some unprofitable lines of business will return adequate capital to the company to carry out its plans. Directors certainly do not contemplate the withholding of dividends when earned any longer than will be absolutely necessary in the interest of the company and of all its stockholders.

Conclusion.—Directors considered whether some of the items in the company's balance sheet, particularly the \$34,440,532 representing "goodwill and leaseholds" did not require some readjustment of the company's capital structure. Directors felt, however, that any action on this might well be postponed until a later date, when a further survey of the company's condition could be made in the light of the results of new operating policies.

Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss.

	a 4 Mos. End. Oct. 31 '29.	6 Mos. End. June 30 '29.	b Cal. Year 1928.
Store Operations—			
Sales	\$28,680,605	\$40,416,287	\$82,644,432
Cost of merchandise sold	20,757,428	28,641,931	58,757,902
Gross profit	\$7,923,176	\$11,774,357	\$23,886,530
Other store operating income	1,222,210	2,032,713	4,084,742
Gross prof. & oth. store oper. inc.	\$9,145,386	\$13,807,069	\$27,971,271
Store operating and depot expenses	8,585,812	13,067,475	24,409,052
Administrative and general expenses	1,150,011	1,888,386	3,182,239
Result of store operations	loss \$590,437	loss \$1148,793	prof \$379,981
Prop of loss of Happiness Candy Stores, Inc. (& sub. cos., incl. "The Mirror") applic. to United's stock holdings in that company	\$107,554	\$123,194	-----
Real Estate & Financial Operations—			
Prof. on oper. of fee & leasehold prop. before charging int. on mtgs. & deb.	\$871,035	\$1,116,118	\$2,262,468
Int. on mtgs., call loan, bk. bals., &c.	164,549	297,641	602,468
Prof. on sale of securities	2,931,390	170,829	868,341
Prof. on mortgages sold or matured	7,005	27,419	Dr. 37,375
Dividends received on securities	126,374	365,537	1,160,021
Prof. on sale of real estate	-----	7,999	259,173
Bonus on sale of leases	-----	-----	265,512
Sundry credits	15,852	-----	19,052
Total	\$4,116,206	\$1,985,542	\$5,399,660
Less—Int. on real estate mortgages	291,498	509,693	708,789
Interest on debentures	221,859	312,883	43,260
Amortiz. of disc. on 20-year deb.	-----	-----	-----
Less profit on debts. ret. through sink-fund	Cr 458	Dr. 9,555	-----
Int. on bk. loans, tenants depts., &c.	201,510	115,146	122,030
Sundry charges	-----	18,328	5,744
Result of real est. & finan. oper.	\$3,401,797	\$1,019,936	\$4,519,838
Combined result bef. prov. for Fed. income tax	prof \$2,703,806	loss \$252,051	\$4,899,819
Provision for Federal tax	-----	-----	374,210
Balance	\$2,703,806	loss \$252,051	\$4,525,609
Surplus Account Oct. 31 1929.			
Deficit at June 30 1929	-----	-----	\$776,286
Profit for four months ended Oct. 31 1929 as above	-----	-----	2,703,806
Balance	-----	-----	\$1,927,520
Dividends paid on preferred stock, Aug. 1 1929	-----	-----	288,900
On common stock, Oct. 1 1929	-----	-----	1,355,517
Surplus at Oct. 31 1929	-----	-----	\$283,103
a Per books not verified by Price, Waterhouse & Co. b As revised by Price, Waterhouse & Co.			
Surplus Adjustments. —The following is a consolidated statement of the surplus of company and subsidiaries as prepared by Price, Waterhouse & Co., after giving effect to the adjustments which it is proposed to make: Consolidated surplus at Dec. 31 1928 per annual report to stockholders			\$21,915,523
Add—Capital surplus from issuance of common stock in exchange for securities of other companies			2,129,270
Total			\$24,044,793
Deduct—Loss on operations for 6 months ended June 30 1929			252,051
Dividends paid on preferred stock			586,350
Dividends paid on common stock			2,701,612
Balance of surplus June 30 1929 before adjustments			\$20,504,780
Deduct—Reserve for contingent loss on real estate holdings as a result of an appraisal of all of the fee holdings by the company's real estate staff			4,426,000
Elimination of writ up of unrealized appreciation of marketable securities			79,932
In respect of securities sold in first six months of 1929			5,947,914
In respect of securities held at June 30 1929			1,977,942
Reduction of book value of investments in affiliated companies (not consolidated)			-----

Reserves for contingencies	2,136,350
Reserve for bank loans of officers and employees guaranteed by the company under its Plan C for officers' and employees subscriptions to stock (less approx. market value of collateral)	200,000
Estimated loss on liquidation of Gilmer's, Inc., a former subsidiary company engaged in a dept. store business in the South	1,187,508
Increase in reserve for depreciation of furniture and fixtures	1,115,384
Reserve for reduction from cost to par value of company's common stock purchased against employees' subscriptions, now cancelled for reasons given below	2,000,000
Reduction of pipe inventories to basis of cost	709,186
Profit payable to pipe manufacturers for 1928	100,433
Reserve of 2 1/4% for contingent loss on unsalable merchandise in inventories	293,328
Provision for loss on guarantee to repurchase company's common stock at price in excess of par value	487,050
Deferred losses and expenses of prior years written off	521,390
Leasehold improvements on drug stores to be closed, written off	132,000
Provision for doubtful accts. receivable & worthless securities	20,658
Sundry charges	18,925
Surplus at Dec. 31 1928 of sub. cos. not now consolidated	11,052
Balance, deficit	\$860,272
Excess provision for insurance premiums, &c.	52,433
Over provision for real estate and local taxes of prior years	12,695
Interest income applicable to 1928	4,496
Profit of subsidiary drug companies in 1928 subsequent to acquisition heretofore omitted from consolidated surplus	12,715
Discount on preferred stock retired	1,648
Consolidated deficit at June 30 1929	\$776,286

Oct. 31 '29.		June 30 '29.		Oct. 31 '29.		June 30 '29.	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
Assets—				Liabilities—			
Cash	3,499,861	3,712,510	Notes payable	267,420	267,420	7,518,396	7,927,743
Call loans	1,600,000		Accts. pay. & sundry acer			487,641	457,527
Mark'le secur	1,665,889	10,702,550	Acer. int. on mtgs. & debts			104,944	208,830
Notes receivable	188,416	865,200	Bal. of Fed. tax for 1928				1,332,238
Accts. receiv	2,822,985	2,439,403	Com. div. pay. July 1				375,000
Invent. at cost less conting. res. for unsalable merch'se	11,383,507	13,000,111	Prov. for loss on gtd. oblig.			375,000	375,000
Sec. of oth. cos.	6,995,232	7,119,881	Refds. pay. to empl. on stk. subscriptions			326,047	915,331
Adv. to oth. cos.	3,145,934	2,501,644	Res. for outstdg. prem. etcs			1,614,916	2,189,288
Mtgs. receiv	4,061,040	4,510,808	Adv. rentals & tenants' sec. deposits			1,017,525	931,869
Co.'s com stock	21,219,025	1,591,665	Res. for oblig. to repure. co.'s com. stock			314,600	314,600
Deb. sink. fd. & dep. for ret' of mtgs. pay.	34,544	39,873	Res. for empl's pension fund			207,454	201,660
Land & bldgs	30,957,382	30,625,923	Def. discounts & partic. of oth. in respect of mtgs. receiv			350,162	375,737
Impr. to lshlds. less amortiz.	7,270,842	7,089,193	Res. or bldg. constr. on lshlds			151,807	143,507
Store impr. & bldg. constr.	539,133	785,437	Res. for contng.			1,437,939	1,557,705
Furn. fixt. & eqpt	4,473,399	4,037,444	Min. int. in com. stk. of Whelan Drug Co., Inc.			5,000	5,000
Prepaid insurance taxes etc.	557,416	578,865	5 1/2% deb. 1949			9,880,000	9,938,000
Rents pd. in adv	328,452	295,120	10-37% 6% conv. gold notes			1,900,000	1,900,000
Unamort. lease bonuses and commissions	1,040,898	1,134,875	Whelan Drug Co., Inc.			1,900,000	1,900,000
Unan. disc. on funded deb.	566,662	571,340	Real est. mtgs.			17,121,451	16,937,072
Gd-will & lshlds	34,440,532	34,440,532	6% pref. stock			19,200,000	19,300,000
Deficit		776,286	Common stock			54,228,044	54,226,709
			Surplus			283,103	
Total each side	116,791,451	126,818,659					

Contingent Liability.—Agreement to repurchase 35,000 shares of company's common stock at \$20 per share in 1934.

a After deducting \$13,844 reserve for bad debts. b Market value \$1,983,930 (\$12,361,065 was realized from sale of securities subsequent to June 30 1929). c Owned in fee at cost, less reserve for deprec. of bldgs. and reserve of \$4,426,000 for reduction to present value as appraised by the company's real estate staff. d Originally purchased against employees' subscriptions now cancelled, less reserve for excess of cost over par value. e Includes notes payable to banks partly secured by company's common stock purchased for employees.—V. 129, p. 2701.

United Hotels Co. of America.—Defers Dividend.—The directors recently voted to defer the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% usually paid Jan. 1 on the 7% cumulative preferred stock. The last distribution at this rate was made on Oct. 1 1929.—V. 127, p. 2105.

United National Corp., Seattle.—Extra Dividend.—The company in December 1929 paid an extra dividend of 25c. per share on the partic. preference stock, no par value, it is stated.—V. 129, p. 4151.

	Nov. 30 '29.	Nov. 24 '28.	Nov. 26 '27.	Nov. 27 '26.
Total sales	\$4,422,645	\$4,519,965	\$4,684,880	Not avail.
Gross earnings (including other income)				\$308,752
Taxes and insurance	304,155	279,243	507,604	69,399
Administrat'n expenses	50,982	45,965	40,000	71,084
x Net earnings	\$253,172	\$233,278	\$407,946	\$168,269
Earns. per sh. on 120,000 shs. com. (par \$100)	\$1.78	\$1.61	\$3.07	\$1.07
x No deduction has been made for Federal income taxes and depreciation, which will be deducted at end of fiscal year.				

Nov. 30 '29.		Nov. 24 '28.		Nov. 30 '29.		Nov. 24 '28.	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
Assets—				Liabilities—			
Plant & equip'mt.	12,912,557	12,851,448	Preferred stock	1,317,200	1,317,200	1,317,200	1,317,200
Personal property	19,630	16,834	Common stock	12,000,000	12,000,000	12,000,000	12,000,000
Stocks and bonds	118,051	118,051	Accounts payable	292,792	296,250	296,250	296,250
Cash	482,204	365,383	Notes payable	400,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Accts. receivable	746,459	698,440	Prof. dividends		39,484	39,484	39,484
Notes receivable	10,693	12,999	Reserve for accrued taxes, &c.	129,611	162,177	162,177	162,177
Mdse. & supplies	1,054,662	1,247,687	Surplus	1,229,737	1,314,544	1,314,544	1,314,544
Deferred charges	9,701	8,678					
Suspended assets	15,382	10,134					
Total	15,369,340	15,329,655	Total	15,369,340	15,329,655	15,369,340	15,329,655

United Porto Rican Sugar Co.—Co-transfer Agent.—The Chase National Bank has been appointed co-transfer agent for an authorized issue of 67,439 shares of conv. partic. com. pref. stock, no par value, and 255,463 shares common stock, no par value.—V. 125, p. 2827.

	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Gross income	\$13,163,089	\$8,611,595	\$3,490,007	\$3,340,318
Expenses	205,287	144,010	261,324	158,872
Provision for taxes	1,247,713	814,697	241,377	284,952
Net income	\$11,710,089	\$7,652,888	\$2,987,304	\$2,896,494
Div. on 1st & 2d pf. stks.	1,799,753	1,797,450	1,602,177	1,334,592
Balance	\$9,910,336	\$5,855,438	\$1,385,127	\$1,561,901
Earns. per sh. on 1,000,000 shs. com. (no par)	\$9.91	\$5.85	\$1.39	\$1.56

—V. 129, p. 1143.

Total income	\$1,860,305
Expenses	169,999
Federal taxes	97,859
Net income	\$1,592,447
First preferred dividends	1,061,497
Second preferred dividends	500,000
Balance, surplus	\$30,950

United States Lines, Inc.—Special Preference Dividend. A special dividend of 50c. per share was recently declared on the no par preference stock, payable Jan. 1 1930. This issue becomes cumulative at the rate of \$1 per share per annum (50c. semi-annually) from latter date, the first payment becoming due July 1 next (see V. 128, p. 2483).—V. 129, p. 495.

	8 Mos. End.		Years Ended April 30	
	Dec. 31 '29.	1929.	1928.	1927.
Real est., net oper. inc.	\$1,653,306	\$2,511,606	\$2,499,060	\$2,389,185
Less int. on mortgages	342,687	527,264	537,784	548,864
Net income	\$1,310,619	\$1,984,342	\$1,961,276	\$1,840,321
a All other income	\$3,193,115	\$4,897,426	\$4,197,908	\$4,220,672
Total income	\$4,503,735	\$6,881,768	\$6,159,184	\$6,060,996
Deductions—				
Gen. & corp. exp., Fed'l tax res'v'e, deprec., &c.	467,963	567,124	564,131	537,898
Net	\$4,035,772	\$6,314,644	\$5,595,053	\$5,523,095
G. A. Fuller Co. pr. pf. div.	202,500	270,000	67,500	
Geo. A. Fuller Co. 2d preferred dividend	164,250	109,500		
Geo. A. Fuller Co. of Can. 6% pref. dividends	33,750	45,000	11,250	
Common divs.	(\$3.75)3,731,168	(\$4)2932,408	(\$4)2932,408	(\$4)2665,828
Res. for partic. divs. of G. A. Fuller Co. and G. A. Fuller Co. of Can., Ltd.	174,630	223,960		
Balance, surplus	def \$270,525	\$2,733,775	\$2,583,895	\$2,857,267
Shs. com. out. (no par)	994,978	733,102	733,102	733,102
Earns. per share on com.	\$3.52	\$7.72	\$7.52	\$7.53

a Including net income of George A. Fuller Co. and proportion of net income of Plaza Operating Co. and Savoy-Plaza Corp.

Commenting on the results for the eight months President H. S. Black says in part: The net income of \$4,035,771 compares with \$3,133,610 for the corresponding period of last year—an increase of \$902,161. After deducting 8 months' proportion of the cumulative dividends and the participating dividends earned on the underlying pref. stocks of the George A. Fuller Co. and of the George A. Fuller Co. of Canada, Ltd., amounting in the aggregate to \$530,630, there remained \$3,505,141 for the 8 months' period, which is equal to \$3.52 per share on the 994,978 shares of capital stock outstanding at Dec. 31 1929, as compared with \$3.70 per share on 733,102 shares outstanding during the 8 months ended Dec. 31 1928.

In connection with these figures it should be borne in mind that the last four months of the old fiscal year (Jan. 1 to April 30) have generally resulted in larger earnings than any other four months' period of the year. This is due mainly to the fact that certain of the company's investments produce proportionately larger revenues during the four months ending April 30, and it is reasonable to expect that a similar result will be shown for the four months ending April 30 1930. The earnings for this particular four months' period of 1929 were \$3,181,034.—V. 129, p. 3183.

United States Rubber Co.—Election Confirmed.—At a meeting of the board of directors held on Jan. 7, the election of William de Krafft as a member and chairman of the finance committee was confirmed, and in addition Mr. de Krafft was elected a member of the executive committee and vice-president of the company.—V. 130, p. 150.

United States Shoe Co.—Earnings.—The company and subsidiaries reports for the period from April 27 to Nov. 2 1929, net income of \$108,987 after taxes, against \$163,025 for the corresponding period of 1928.—V. 125, p. 1337.

United States Steel Corp.—Unfilled Orders.—See under "Indications of Business Activity" on a preceding page.—Vol. 129, p. 4151.

Universal Pictures Co., Inc.—Pays Off Notes.—The corporation announces that the outstanding 6% notes issued 2 1/2 years ago in the original amount of \$2,500,000, and which matured Jan. 1 1930, have been paid at maturity by the company by depositing with the National City Bank as trustee under the indenture covering the notes the necessary funds. The funds for payment were supplied by the Universal company without any further public financing, it was stated.—V. 129, p. 2701, 1606.

Upson Co., Lockport, N. Y.—Extra Dividend.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 10c. a share and the regular quarterly dividend of 40c. on the class A stock, payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Jan. 2. Like amounts were paid on April 15, July 15 and Oct. 15 1929.—V. 129, p. 2094.

Vacuum Oil Co.—To Create New Offices.—A special meeting of the stockholders will be held on Feb. 3 for the purpose of considering and acting on the following proposals, to wit:

- To provide that the number of directors of the company shall be not less than 7 nor more than 15.
- To amend the by-laws to provide for the appointment and duties of a chairman and vice-chairman of the board of directors and to change the provisions relating to the title of officers and the duties of president and vice-president.

President George P. Whaley, Jan. 9, says: "Under the present by-laws, the president is the chief executive officer of the company. He is also chairman of the board of directors. The directors believe that it is desirable and in the best interest of the business to create two new executive offices, and it is therefore proposed to change the company, and a vice-chairman of the board who shall perform the duties of the chairman in his absence. If the shareholders approve of the change, it is proposed to appoint George P. Whaley, now a director and president of the company, to the office of chairman, Herbert Baker, now a director, vice-president and treasurer, to the office of vice-chairman, and Charles E. Arnott, now a director and vice-president, to the office of president. The by-laws now provide that there shall be eight directors. An increase in the number is desirable, due to the growth of the business of the company, and it is proposed to change the by-laws to provide for a minimum of 7 and a maximum of 15 directors. If the shareholders approve of this change, it is proposed that the number of directors be fixed at 11, to hold office until the next meeting of the shareholders. The additional directors who will be chosen are men now in leading positions in the company's employ who by experience and ability are eminently fitted for this new relation."—V. 129, p. 3982.

Venezuela Syndicate, Inc.—New Name.—The name of the Venezuela Maxudian Oil Co. has been changed to Venezuela Syndicate, Inc., and the authorized capital stock was changed to 2,000,000 shares of \$2 par value each. The Guaranty Trust Co. has been authorized to register certificates under the new name in exchange for the old certificates on a share-for-share basis.

Vick Financial Corp.—Annual Report.—President H. S. Richardson, New York, Jan. 7, says in substance: This report, covers operations for period from June 10 1929 to Dec. 31 1929.

On the basis of closing prices for our investments as of Dec. 31 1929, the book value of our stock would be \$9.68 per share, or approximately 97% of the capital paid in by stockholders. When we consider that we had about \$4,000,000 invested in stocks before the crash in the stock market, we feel that a depreciation at this time of only 3% in the book value of our common stock is a splendid record. At the close of business on Dec. 31 our investment account stood at \$12,069,810, classified as follows:

	Principal Amount.	Cost.
Bonds—United States Government	\$2,000,000	\$2,018,828
Short term	874,000	875,816
Other bonds	955,000	901,654
	\$3,829,000	\$3,796,299
Preferred stocks	9,200 shs.	703,051
Common stocks	101,226 shs.	7,570,460
Total		\$12,069,810

Many of the stocks that we now own have been acquired on a relatively high yield basis. Average current returns on our investments, which include some non-dividend paying stocks, at cost and at closing prices of Dec. 31 1929, after deducting Federal Income Tax at the rate of 11%, are classified as follows:

Classification—	Current Return	
	At Cost.	At Market Dec. 31 1929.
Bonds	4.67%	4.73%
Preferred stocks	6.18	7.16
Common stocks—Railroad	5.13	5.54
Industrial	5.91	6.18
Total stocks	5.45%	5.79%
Total investments	5.21%	5.44%

We now have uninvested funds of \$1,134,172 and as our investments in U. S. Government, short term and other bonds are subject to only minor fluctuations, we thus have nearly \$5,000,000—about \$3.77 per share of outstanding common stock—which is practically equivalent to cash.

At the annual meeting to be held Jan. 28 stockholders will be asked to approve the purchase and retirement of a certain amount of stock, which has recently been selling at a substantial discount from book value. Retirement of this stock will give the corporation a profit equal to the difference between the book value and the price at which such stock is purchased.

At the annual meeting stockholders will also be asked to approve the action of the directors in extending for six months, to the extent of 100,000 shares, the option to Vick Chemical Co. to purchase shares of common stock at \$10 per share; and permission is also being asked to offer an additional 400,000 shares at a price of not less than \$10 per share to such parties as the directors in the interests of the corporation may determine. The reasons for these requests are evident.

Income Account—Period June 10 to Dec. 31 1929.	
Interest received and accrued	\$227,927
Dividends	100,825
Total	\$328,753
Net loss from sale of securities	147,796

Gross income	\$180,957
Operating expenses	46,185
Net profit	\$134,772
Organization expense charged off	10,100
Federal tax on original issue of capital stock	6,585
Fees of registrar and transfer agent on original issue of capital stock	8,762
Furniture and fixtures charged off	2,912
Surplus, Dec. 31 1929	\$106,412

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1929.	
Assets.	Liabilities.
Cash	Common stock (par \$10)
Call loans	Earned surplus
Investments	
Int. and divs. receivable	
Total	Total

A book value of common stock: With investments valued at cost, \$10.08 per share; with investments valued at closing prices Dec. 31 1929, \$9.68 per share.

Classification and Valuation of Securities Owned.			
Classification—	Amount.	Market Value	
		Dec. 31 1929.	Cost.
Bonds	\$3,829,000	\$3,752,533	\$3,796,299
Preferred stocks	9,200 shs.	606,825	703,051
Common stocks	101,226 shs.	7,180,487	7,570,460
Totals		\$11,539,845	\$12,069,810
Deduct—Market value Dec. 31 1929		11,539,845	

Depreciation in market price of securities	\$529,965
Deduct—Earned surplus Dec. 31 1929	106,412
Net deprec. applicable to 1,316,995 shs. of common stock	\$423,553
Per share	\$0.32
Paid-in capital per share	10.00

Book value per share, with securities valued at closing prices Dec. 31 1929	\$9.68
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Comparative Analysis of Stock Values.
Comparison of book value and maximum price of \$8.50 per share at which stockholders are being asked to approve the purchase for retirement of not exceeding 100,000 shares of common stock.

	Market Value Dec. 31 '29.	Per Share on 1,316,995 Shs.	Per Share at Price of \$8.50.
Cash, call loans, int. & divs. rec.	\$1,206,552	\$0.92	\$0.92
Bonds	3,752,533	2.85	2.85
	\$4,959,085	\$3.77	\$3.77
Preferred and common stocks	7,787,312	5.91	4.73
	\$12,746,397	\$9.68	\$8.50

In this analysis, bonds are considered equivalent to cash as they are subject only to minor fluctuations. On that basis, a price of \$8.50 per share for Vick Financial Corp. stock puts a value of only \$4.73 on a participation in preferred and common stocks worth \$5.91 at closing prices on Dec. 31 1929—a discount of 20% under the market value of such stocks.—V. 129, p. 3339.

Waldorf System, Inc.—Sales Increase.—				
1929—Dec.—1928.	Increase.	1929—12 Mos.—1928.	Increase.	
\$1,444,065	\$1,363,236	\$80,829	\$16,069,338	\$14,621,237
				\$1,448,101

Walgreen Co.—December Sales.—				
1929—December—1928.	Increase.	1929—12 Mos.—1928.	Increase.	
\$4,901,459	\$3,664,493	\$1,236,966	\$46,545,462	\$31,389,313
				\$15,156,149

Warner Sugar Corp.—Interest.
The New York Stock Exchange having received notice that interest due Jan. 1 1930 on the 1st & 7th 15-year 7% sinking fund series A bonds, due 1939, plain and stamped is now being paid, the committee on securities rules that bonds be quoted ex-interest 3½% Jan. 4, that bonds will continue to be dealt in "flat" and until further notice to be a delivery must carry the July 1 1930 and subsequent coupons.—V. 129, p. 1462.

Washburn Crosby Co.—New Officers.
C. C. Bovey has been elected Chairman of the board, H. R. McLaughlin, President, and A. H. Crosby Vice-President and director.—V. 127, p. 2248.

Weedon & Co., San Francisco.—Extra Dividend.
The company on Jan. 1 last paid to common stockholders of record Dec. 20 an extra dividend of 50c. per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 60c. per share.—V. 127, p. 277.

Western Auto Supply Co.—Sales Increase.—				
1929—December—1928.	Increase.	1929—12 Mos.—1928.	Increase.	
\$1,175,000	\$1,016,000	\$159,000	\$15,957,000	\$12,521,000
				\$3,436,000

Winn & Lovett Grocery Co.—Sales.—				
1929—Dec.—1928.	Increase.	1929—12 Mos.—1928.	Increase.	
\$527,536	\$519,739	\$7,797	\$6,124,397	\$5,284,160
				\$840,237

(F. W.) Woolworth Co.—December Sales.—				
Period—	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Month of December	\$44,153,396	\$45,440,944	\$43,898,427	\$41,348,747
12 mos. end. Dec. 31	\$303,033,894	\$287,315,364	\$272,754,046	\$253,645,124

At the close of the year the parent company was operating 1,828 stores compared with 1,725 stores at the end of 1928.—V. 129, p. 3650.

Zenith Radio Corp.—Omits Dividend—Earnings.
The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend of 50c. per share due to be paid Feb. 1, according to Treasurer Robertson. The directors felt that it was conservative policy to hold cash for working capital. Four regular quarterly payments of 50c. a share were made during 1929.

For 12 months ended Oct. 31 1929, net profit of the company was \$337,593 after all charges, including depreciation and Federal taxes, equivalent to 84 cents a share on 400,000 no par shares of stock.—V. 129, p. 1145.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Every important date on which American business may expect official government reports or other information that has an effect upon prices of stocks or commodities or upon general business conditions is listed in a new and unique booklet called "Factors of Market Influence," just compiled by Sutro & Co., of New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Oakland. It lists, for instance, the regular dates on which the Bank of England rate is announced, as well as the regular dates on which the Federal Reserve banks announce their rates. The dates of the issuance of government reports on crops also are listed, as well as the dates of regular reports on conditions in the steel, motor, oil and other basic industries. Department store sales reports, employment statistics, imports and exports, sugar reports and Supreme Court decisions are all listed so that investors and business men may act in accordance with information available upon those set dates.

—Elmer G. Diefenbach, who together with George E. Barrett and associates organized G. E. Barrett & Co., Inc., in July 1923, has been elected President of G. E. Barrett & Co., Inc., 120 Broadway, N. Y., Mr. Diefenbach has been the active head of G. E. Barrett & Co., Inc. as Executive Vice-President since February, 1929, and prior to that, was Vice-President and Director since the inception of the business. He is a director of American Commonwealths Power Corporation and United Gas Co. as well as many other corporations, including American Community Power Co., Consolidated Gas Utilities Co., Dixie Gas & Utilities Co., Houston Gas & Fuel Co., Rio Grande Valley Gas Co., Southern Gas Co. and South Texas Gas Co. Mr. Diefenbach was formerly associated with the Guaranty Co. of New York and Bonbright & Co., Inc., previous to the organization of G. E. Barrett & Co., Inc.

—The investment banking firm of Battles & Co. is celebrating its fortieth year in business and the fortieth year of active direction of its founder, Frank Battles, who is still head of the house. Established in 1890, the firm was one of the pioneers in public utility financing and has specialized in that field ever since. The original business of the firm, which has offices in New York and Philadelphia, was conducted under Frank Battles's name. In 1900 Mr. Battles formed the firm of Battles, Heye & Harrison. In 1907 additional members were taken into the firm and the name was changed to Battles & Co. Beside Frank Battles, present members of the firm are William W. Battles and Winthrop H. Battles, both sons of the founder, and Joseph B. Keen, admitted to the firm in 1926. The New York office of the firm is in charge of Winthrop H. Battles.

—Kreuger & Toll's unique position in international markets, combining the functions of a holding corporation for vast industrial and financial enterprises and those of banker to various governments, is set forth in a survey of the corporation's activities just completed by M. J. Meehan & Co. which shows the inter-relation of its diversified interests. While its largest interest is in the safety match industry and through its holdings in the Swedish Match Co., controlling in turn the International Match Co., Kreuger & Toll extends its activities over the iron ore and pulp and lumber industries and banking and real estate. Its earnings are derived mainly from dividends paid by companies in these industries, the company reporting only dividends actually received and not its share in undistributed earnings.

—Announcement is made of the formation of Jay T. McCoy & Co., Inc., with offices at 52 William Street, New York. The new firm will act as underwriters and distributors of general investment securities with an active trading department in bank, insurance and unlisted securities. Jay T. McCoy, President of the new concern, was formerly Resident Manager of the New York office of F. A. Brewer & Co., and prior to that was connected with Geo. H. Burr & Co. Andy Fischer, formerly Manager of the trading department of F. A. Brewer & Co., is Vice-President, and Thos. E. Kenney, formerly in charge of the trading department of the New York office of Sawyer Bros., will be in charge of the trading department.

—Stein Bros. & Boyce have opened an office in Charlottesville, Va., under the supervision of Richmond T. Minor, Jr.. A complete investment and brokerage service will be offered to the public and the new office will be directly connected with the extensive private wire system of the firm The firm of Stein Bros. & Boyce, which was established in 1853 at Baltimore, Md., are members of the New York, Baltimore, Washington and Louisville Stock Exchanges and an associate member of the New York Curb Exchange In addition to the Charlottesville office, other branches of the firm are located in Louisville, Ky., Washington, D. C., Clarksburg and Charleston, W. Va., Atlanta Ga. and Hagerstown, Md.

—The aggregate gross earnings of the entire public utility industry for the year 1929 are estimated to be about \$5,590,000,000 for the year ended Dec. 31 1929, a new high record, in a comprehensive survey, accompanied by charts and tables, prepared by Pyncheon & Co. This figure compares with \$5,277,100,000 in 1928, with \$4,982,000,000 in 1927, with \$4,650,550,000 in 1926 and with \$4,368,500,000 in 1925. The fields included are electric light and power, gas, telephone, telegraph, water service, electric railway and affiliated bus operations. The survey is believed to be the first to assemble vital statistics at one time on every phase of the public utility industry.

—Bodell & Co., Providence, R. I., announce that on and after Jan. 2 1930 Jas. B. Colgate & Co., established in 1852, members of the New York Stock Exchange, will be their New York correspondents. Bodell & Co.'s present New York office at 120 Broadway will be discontinued. Their new New York City address will be at 17 East 42d St., and direct private telephone wire from their Providence, Boston and New Haven offices will be maintained to the main office of Jas. D. Colgate & Co., 44 Wall St., in order to increase facilities for the prompt execution of orders on the New York Stock Exchange and the New York Curb Market.

- "Coppers, Facts and Figures," one of the most complete analyses of leading copper companies which has ever been distributed, is now being sent out by Munds & Winslow, members of the New York Stock Exchange, 25 Broad St., New York. It covers with detail figures of every phase of copper industry and gives production figures, operating costs, earnings, dividends and other statistics covering the period of years for 19 of the leading mine and smelting companies in the field. A feature of the book is a number of graphs covering mine property statistics.
- Clark, Dodge & Co., New York, in the current issue of "Financial and Economic Review" discuss the current situation and probable future trend of industry. In a special supplement they point out that in the past intermediate fluctuations of the premier investment common stocks have proved of minor importance and over a period of the near term future market reactions may be considered as favorable opportunities for scale-down accumulation for the purpose of long range investment.
- G. L. Ohrstrom & Co., Inc., announce that David Van Alstyne Jr., has become associated with them as a Vice-President and that Henry Dunn has been elected as Asst. Vice-President. Harold K. Young, J. Arthur McKalg, Marshall Cox, Alfred D. Boote, Herbert Dayton, John W. Boyd and Harry O. Robinson have become associated with them in their sales department, and Victor D. Strivings and Horace A. Ferris have become associated with their sales department at Rochester.
- As the unexploited field for electrical consumption narrows, increased output must be secured by a rise in per capita use, point out J. R. Schmeltzer & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, in an exhaustive analysis of the annual reports of 35 electrical companies, made by Robert C. Gillies, who states that the extraordinary growth of the past has been largely due to the development of virgin territory, which cannot be expected to continue indefinitely.
- Engel & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, 120 Broadway New York, announce that A. J. Canter, formerly with George M. Mayor & Co., has become associated with them as Manager of their newly established unlisted bond department. Emanuel Kirschenbaum, also formerly with George M. Mayor & Co., has become associated with the general unlisted trading department of the firm.
- The National City Co. has issued a circular on San Francisco and the great water project, known as the Hetch Hetchy development, which includes the acquisition of watersheds in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, the constructions of reservoirs adequate to San Francisco's future needs and the transmission of the water 156 miles to the city. The project also includes the generation of hydro-electric power.
- Jerome D. Greene, a member of Lee, Higginson & Co., was elected Chairman of the Institute of Pacific Relations at the conference recently held at Kyoto, Japan. At this conference he was also made Chairman of the Pacific Council of the Institute, consisting of one member from each of seven nations and exercising all authority of the Institute until the next conference is held in China in 1931.
- Abbott, Hoppin & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, 120 Broadway, N. Y., have issued their January letter containing comments on Gillette Safety Razor Co., Reynolds Tobacco Co. and Drug Inc.
- Holt, Rose & Troster, 74 Trinity Place, New York, have issued a special circular on 1929 figures of earnings, deposits and resources of New York City banks and trust companies.
- The annual number of the "Weekly Statistical Sugar Trade Journal," published by Willett & Gray, New York City, has just been issued. It is replete with the usual elaborate statistics showing the consumption of sugar in the United States and Europe in 1929, production of sugar by months in Cuba, sugar crops of the world, progress of U. S. beet crop in 42 years, &c.
- Hubbard, Warren & Chandler, Chicago, announce with sincere regret the withdrawal of R. G. Chandler from their firm, effective at the close of business Jan. 4. They also announce that DeForest Hulburd, President of the Elgin National Watch Co., became a general partner on Jan. 6 and S. J. Smith and G. M. Benson also became general partners on that date.
- Canton O'Donnell, recently Vice-President of the United States National Co., and W. R. Owen, formerly Vice-President and Treasurer of the Denver Dry Goods Co., announce the organization of O'Donnell-Owen and Company, to engage in the general investment banking business, with offices in the U. S. National Bank Building, Denver, Colo.
- Baylis & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, on the occasion of their 89th anniversary, have admitted S. Herbert McVitty to the firm as a limited partner. The present partners are William Baylis, John L. Handy, J. Edgar Morris, Chauncey H. Murphey, Welles Murphey, S. Willingale Jr. and Norborne P. Gatling.
- Organization of the firm of Mathews & Co. of Chicago to do a general investment business is announced. Henry T. Mathews, formerly sales manager of Leight & Co., is President; Frank L. Wilcox, also formerly with Leight & Co., is Vice-President, and Murray C. Mathews, formerly with Blyth & Co., is Secretary and Treasurer.
- Because of the enormous surplus accounts laid up by corporations during several years of prosperity, dividend and interest payments in 1930 can be maintained safely even though profits declined substantially, something which is not looked for, a review for the first quarter of this year issued by A. G. Becker & Co. states.
- Charles D. Robbins & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce the admission to general partnership of D. A. Badenoch, who is a member of the Chicago Stock Exchange and Chicago Board of Trade. He will be resident partner in Chicago, where the firm has just opened an office at 231 South La Salle Street.
- Crowell Hadden 3d has been admitted to general partnership in the international banking firm of Aldred & Co., 60 Wall St., New York. Mr. Hadden has been associated with Aldred & Co. since 1924 and is one of the officers of Aldred & Co., Ltd., of Montreal, and an officer of the International Power Securities Corp.
- Edward M. Harrigan has resigned as Asst. Vice-President of Clarence Hodson & Co., Inc., with whom he was connected for a number of years, and has formed E. M. Harrigan & Co., Inc., of which he will be the President, with offices at 165 Broadway, New York, to engage in the investment securities business.
- Throckmorton & Co. recently held a conference of wholesalers of their Diversified Trustee Shares in the Chamber of Commerce Building, New York. Representatives were present from Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Massachusetts, Maryland, Tennessee, Indiana, California, Washington and other States.
- W. Thornton Poole, recently with A. D. Watts & Co., is now associated with Ross Beason & Co., Inc., eastern syndicate managers for Basic Industry Shares and Corporate Trust Shares.
- The financial achievements and outlook for the Home Insurance Co. are discussed in a descriptive circular issued by R. W. Pressprich & Co., members New York Stock Exchange.
- Wm. T. Yetman, for the past two years manager of the advisory department of Gurnett & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, has opened offices in the Atlantic National Bank Building, Boston, where he will conduct a business of general investment counsel and management.
- James C. Davis has joined the staff of the Boston office of Doremus & Co. as an account executive. Mr. Davis has served on some New England papers and the Farm Journal, and more recently has been connected with the New York office of Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn, Inc.
- C. J. Devine, formerly of Bancamerica-Blair Corp. and of C. F. Childs & Co., and E. G. Olwell and A. B. Doyle, both recently with Bancamerica-Blair Corp., have become associated with the new firm of Belden & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, 44 Wall St., New York.
- Perine & Co., public accountants, announce that the Hon. Joseph F. Loehr, retiring Comptroller of the City of Yonkers, N. Y., will from Jan. 2 1930 serve as resident Manager of their newly opened Westchester office in the Park Building, No. 28 South Broadway, Yonkers.
- Two branch offices in Florida, one in the Murray Building at Palm Beach under the management of M. R. Meyer, and one in "The Breakers" at Miami Beach, under the management of Charles H. Goudiss Jr., have recently been opened by M. J. Meehan & Co.
- Mathews & Co., 105 West Adams St., Chicago, announce the formation of their new company to transact a general investment business. The officers are Henry T. Mathews, President; Frank L. Wilcox, Vice-President; Murray C. Mathews, Secretary and Treasurer.
- In accordance with their annual custom, Newburger, Henderson & Loeb have again compiled a Summary of Forecasts of the Stock & Bond markets for 1930 and those economic factors which influence the course of security prices.
- Van Holt Garrett and Donald C. Bromfield announce the formation of Garrett-Bromfield & Co., California Building, Denver, Colo., to do a general business in real estate and insurance and stocks and bonds.
- Sayers Coe, for the past five years with Doremus & Co. as account executive, is now associated with M. J. Donahue & J. G. Mayor Advertising Agency, Inc., of New York, as a member of the firm.
- John C. Button, for many years manager of the bond department of Tobey & Kirk, is now associated with W. K. Johnson & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, 141 Broadway, New York.
- M. M. Freeman & Co., Inc., 2 Wall St., New York, are offering a list of 45 Municipal Bonds comprising General Market, Pennsylvania and New Jersey issues yielding from 4.10 to 5.75%.
- Montgomery, Scott & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce the removal of their New York office from 45 Wall Street to 120 Broadway. Eugene F. Klausman will be manager of the cashier's department and Edward E. Smith will be associated with the trading department.
- Morrison & Townsend, 37 Wall St., New York, have issued a weekly market letter on American Tel. & Tel., Corn Prod. Refining, Union Carbide & Carbon and National Biscuit.
- Edward M. Chase, formerly branch manager of the New York and London Management Co., Ltd., has become associated with Roura & Reed, 128 Broadway, New York.
- Harold L. Lemlein, formerly Vice-President of National Public Service Corp. has become associated with Bertles, Rawls & Donaldson, Inc., as General Sales Manager.
- Hopkins Bros., 82 Beaver St., New York, announce the opening of an Unlisted Securities Department in charge of Charles A. Bezer, formerly of Peabody, Smith & Co.
- Bacon, Whipple & Co., Chicago, have formed a new partnership to succeed the business formerly conducted under the name of Bacon, Whipple & Co., Inc..
- John Munroe & Co., 100 Broadway, New York, are distributing their January "American Letter," which features a review of Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Co.
- Dillon, Read & Co. announce the retirement from membership in the firm on Jan. 1 1930 of William Augustus Read, Jr. and Clifton McPherson Miller.
- Hemphill, Noyes & Co. will open an office in Ithaca, N. Y., under the management of Arthur B. Treman, formerly sales manager of Treman King & Co.
- Wilbur D. Bijou, formerly with Tucker, Anthony & Co., has become associated with the trading department of Wolfarth & Illsley, 30 Broad St., New York.
- Harvey Fisk & Sons, 120 Broadway, N. Y., have published a review of the Inter-State Commerce Commission's plan for railroad consolidation.
- The investment business of The Frank C. Evans Co., Denver, Colo., is being continued under the same name by Mr. Evans's former associates.
- James Talcott, Inc., has been appointed Factor for the Max J. Friedman Corp. of 350 Broadway, N. Y. City, selling agents for knit goods mills.
- Love, Bryan & Co., 50 Broadway, N. Y., have issued a circular containing analytical data showing earnings of principal copper companies.
- E. A. Pierce & Co. have opened an office in the R. J. Reynolds Building, Winston-Salem, N. C., under the management of W. H. Chance.
- Charles Christian Hohmann, formerly of Dominick & Dominick, has joined the sales organization of Lord, Westerfield & Co. Inc.
- Harris, Upham & Co., 112 West Adams Street, Chicago, take pleasure in announcing that Ainslie J. Bell is now associated with them.
- Peter P. McDermott & Co., 42 Broadway, New York, have issued a circular folder entitled "Industrial Activity and Stock Prices."
- John McGuire, Inc., 120 Broadway, New York, has prepared an analysis of Consolidated Indemnity & Insurance Co.
- J. R. Timmins & Co., 61 Broadway, New York, have issued an analysis of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey.
- Rhoades & Co., N. Y., have prepared an analysis of Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co.
- Hugh J. Devlin has become associated with the Wholesale Department of G. E. Barrett & Co., Inc.
- J. R. Timmins & Co., New York, have prepared an analysis of the Pennsylvania Railroad.
- Ainslie J. Bell is now associated with Harris, Upham & Co., 112 West Adams St., Chicago.
- Gutttag Bros., New York, have issued an analysis of New York banks and trust companies.
- Curtis & Sanger, 49 Wall St., New York, have issued an analysis of Seeman Bros., Inc.
- Stein Bros. & Boyce, Baltimore, Md., have prepared an analysis of U. S. Rubber 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.

Friday Night, Jan. 10 1930.

COFFEE on the spot was firm with mild coffee and Santos in excellent demand and none too plentiful. They were the dominant features. Santos 4s were 14¼ to 14¾c.; Rio 7s, 9¼ to 9½c.; Victoria 7-8s, 8 to 8¼c. Fair to good Cucuta, 15 to 15½c.; Colombian, Ocana, 15¼ to 16¼c.; Bucaramanga, natural, 16 to 17c.; washed, 18¼ to 19c.; Honda, Tolima and Giradot, 19 to 19½c.; Medellin, 20 to 20½c.; Manizales, 19 to 19½c.; Mexican washed, 19 to 20c.; Surinam, 12 to 13c.; Ankola, 24 to 32c.; Mandelling, 29 to 35c.; Genuine Java, 29 to 31c.; Robusta washed, 13 to 13¼c.; natural, 9¾ to 10¾c.; Mocha, 25½ to 26½c.; Harrar, 23½ to 24c.; Abyssinian, 17¾ to 18¼c.; Guatemala prime, 17½ to 18¼c.; good, 17¼ to 17¾c.; Bourbon, 15¾ to 16½c. On the 6th inst. the supply of cost and freight offers was small. On the 7th inst. there were few cost and freight offers at generally somewhat higher prices. For prompt shipment they included Santos Bourbon 2-3s at 14¾c.; 3s at 14 to 14½c.; 3-4s at 14¼c.; 3-5s at 13½ to 14c.; 4-5s at 12.65 to 13.20c.; 5s at 12¾ to 12.80c.; 5-6s at 10½ to 11¾c.; 6s at 11c.; 6-7s at 10¾c.; 7s at 9¼ to 9¾c.; 7-8s at 8 to 8¾c.; part Bourbon 4-5s at 12.90c.; Peaberry 4s at 13.20c.; rain-damaged 7-8s at 8c.; Rio 7s were here at 8.65c. and 7-8s at 8.45c.

On the 8th inst. cost and freight offers from Brazil were not numerous and the prices were unchanged to a little higher. There were no Victoria offers and but a few from Rio, one of 7s at 8.90c. and 8s at 8.70c., or 25 points higher than the price named by the same shipper on Tuesday. The prompt shipment offers from Santos were of Bourbon 2s at 15.35c.; 2-3s at 14.70 to 15c.; 3s at 14½c.; 3-4s at 13.95 to 14¼c.; 3-5s at 12¾ to 14c.; 4-5s at 12¾ to 13.20c.; 5s at 12.10 to 12.90c.; 5-6s at 11.35c.; 6s at 10 to 11.90c.; 6-7s at 10c.; 7-8s at 7¾ to 8¾c.; part Bourbon 3-5s at 12¾ to 13.35c.; Peaberry 4s at 13.20c.; rain-damaged 5-6s at 10½c.; 7s at 9½c.; 7-8s at 8.40c. and 8s at 7.40c. On the 9th inst. few cost and freight offers from Brazil were received. For prompt shipment they were generally 15 to 25 points higher. They included Santos Bourbon 2-3s at 14.80c.; 3-5s at 13c to 13.20c.; 4-5s at 13c.; 5-6s at 11.60c.; 6s at 10 to 11.40c.; 7-8s at 8c to 9.65c.; Rio 7s at 9.20c.; 7-8s at 9c.; Victoria 7-8s at 7.95c. Rain-damaged 3s were here at 12¾c. An official cable said: "Rio Centro Cafe estimates the quantity of the 1930-31 crop exportable via Rio de Janeiro at 2,500,000 bags. The Institute De Cafe De Sao Paulo estimates the quantity of the 1930-31 crop exportable via Sao Paulo at 7,850,000 bags. The latter is a preliminary estimate." A Comtelburo cable to the Exchange said that Rio receipts have been suspended temporarily owing to the fact that the stock limit has been reached. The world's visible supply of coffee increased 100,554 bags during the month of December, according to the New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange. The total on Jan. 1 was 5,079,355 bags against 4,978,801 on Dec. 1 and 5,267,008 on Jan. 1 last year.

Some think consumption at present prices should show a decided increase but that actual and prospective supplies are so large that a considerable time may elapse before a healthy situation develops. A special Santos cable to the Exchange quoted spot price of No. 4 at 21\$200, an advance of 200 milreis, but the official closing cable again quoted 21\$000. Futures on the 4th inst. were 1 to 5 points net higher on Rio and 2 points lower to 9 higher on Santos. There was some selling by Europe and some covering. Offerings were not large. The cables were a bit irregular and exchange 1-32d. lower. Rio was partly higher. Here the trade and shorts bought and Europe sold. Futures on the 6th inst. advanced 13 to 38 points on Rio with sales of 22,750 bags and 23 to 50 on Santos with sales of 41,250 bags with mild scarce and so firm that it affected futures. The Madaglena river is low. Santos coffee was also firm. Some reaction came later owing to realizing. The trade bought and Europe sold. Deliveries of Brazilian coffees in the United States last week amounted to 158,093 bags against 152,930 bags in the previous week and 178,273 for the same period last year. Futures on the 7th inst. advanced early with Rio terme prices stronger and some firm offers 50 points higher. But later came renewed selling here as covering fell off and Europe sold steadily. Closing prices were 18 to 33 points lower for Santos with sales of 53,000 bags and 16 to 28 lower on Rio with sales of 24,750 bags. On the 8th inst. Rio advanced 8 to 28 points net with sales of 18,000 bags and 5 to 24 on Santos with sales of 40,000 bags under the stimulus of high Brazilian Exchange and scarcity of tenderable coffee here. On the 8th inst. the trade, shorts and Brazil bought.

On the 9th inst. reports of higher markets in Brazil and reports of a new loan secured by that Government tended to make shorts nervous and prices on big covering advanced 43 to 56 points. Reports about the loan were rather confused. Some say it was for £25,000,000; others for \$25,000,000. Another thing that dominated the situation was the strong technical position. Everybody had been bearish. The short account was big. It was a stampede of the shorts both on Thursday and Friday of this week. Spot coffee was firm without being any more active. Santos 4s, 14¼ to 14¾c.; Rio 7s, 9½c.; Victoria 7-8s, 8¼c. The trade and foreign interests bought. Brazilian Exchange was up 3-32d. Santos cabled on the 9th inst.: "In our opinion will very soon see 14½c. c. & f. for 4s." To-day prices closed 15 to 27 points higher on Santos after being 40 to 62 points up early. Sales 422 lots. Rio ended unchanged to 5 points higher with sales of 266 lots. The market was plainly short. Rio cables especially were higher and also Exchange. The talk here is that a conference was held in London yesterday between a representative of Brazil and London bankers and that announcement of a loan is expected to-day. According to another report a loan has been confirmed, but no mention of the amount is made. Private cables from Santos stated that the Bolsa is open with a trading on a fair to good roast Santos 4 contract. From Rio, it is reported that a large exporter is buying heavily in that market. The presumption here is that he is acting for the Brazilian Government. Final prices show an advance for the week of 77 to 93 points on Rio and 103 to 144 points on Santos.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:
 Spot (unofficial) --- 9¼ May --- 8.07 @ --- September --- 7.98 @ 7.99
 March --- 8.50 July --- 8.03 @ nom. December --- 7.88 @ nom.

Santos coffee prices closed as follows:
 Spot (unofficial) --- May --- 12.21 @ 12.22 September --- 11.50 @ nom.
 March --- 13.25 @ 13.28 July --- 11.73 @ 11.75 December --- 11.20 @ ---

COCOA to-day ended 1 to 5 points lower with sales of 11 lots. Jan. closed at 9.08c.; May at 9.76c. to 9.78c. and July at 10c. Final prices show an advance for the week of 1 to 5 points.

SUGAR.—Prompt Cuban raws were quiet at 2 1-16 to 3.83c. c. & f. and delivered; 2,000 tons sold at 2 1-32 or 3.80c. delivered on the 4th inst. Futures on that day were 1 to 3 points higher with little hedge selling and less liquidation. Also the trade bought. Outsiders bought a little more freely. The technical position was better. Offerings were smaller. Refined withdrawals were satisfactory though new business was not. Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 13,064 tons against 16,262 tons in the same week last year; exports 28,159 tons against 37,778 last year; stock (consumption deducted) 166,144 tons against 102,822 last year. Of the exports 13,861 went to Atlantic ports; 53 to Interior of United States; 237 to New Orleans and 14,008 to Europe. Futures on the 6th inst. advanced 1 to 4 points with sales of 23,500 tons with reports from Washington that the Senate will take action on the tariff soon. Trade houses bought. Shorts covered. There was some hedge selling. About 12,000 tons of Philippines and Porto Ricos sold on the basis of 3.80c. delivered or 2 1-32c. c. & f. due Jan. 20 and in Feb. The Single Selling agency made no announcement. On the 6th inst. it is reported that a local refiner bought 1,000 tons of Cuban raw sugar ex-store at 3.80c. delivered or 2 1-32c. c. & f. and it was rumored the next morning that 3.83c. delivered or 2 1-16c. c. & f. had been paid for Cuban. There was also an unconfirmed report that New Orleans bought 10,000 bags of Cuba on the 6th inst. at 2 1-16c. c. & f.

Refined withdrawals were satisfactory but new business was not. It is said the Cuban Selling Agency has decided to withhold all information as to sales and prices. There are sharp complaints here about this though it would seem that if this report is true the Selling Agency is acting strictly within its rights. Refined later was 5.20c. but with some business still at 5.10c. Futures on the 7th inst. were firmer for a time but reacted later closing 1 point lower to 4 higher the latter on January with sales of 42,400 tons. Futures on the 8th inst. ended unchanged to 1 point lower with sales of only 8,000 tons. There is a general disposition to await the definite fixing of tariff rates before trading at all freely. It is learned that the 24,000 tons of Philippine raws sold for forward shipment were made to New Orleans. They are to be shipped at the rate of 5,000 tons month during July to April inclusive and 4,000 tons in May. The price is to be a 10 days average of the market here at time of arrival.

Washington wired: "A total world beet sugar crop of 9,865,000 short tons for the 1929-30 season, compared with 10,178,000 short tons produced in 1928-29, was estimated by the United States Department of Agriculture based on official reports and information received to date from the International Institute of Agriculture. The European crop, including Russia, according to the Institute's figures, is placed at 8,708,513 short tons raw sugar, as compared with

an early estimate of 8,470,684. The revised estimate indicates a decrease of 3.2% from last season when 8,997,641 short tons were produced. Excluding Russia, the European crop is only 0.9% below that of 1928-29. Increases over the early estimates occur in several of the exporting countries, including Germany, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Hungary. Production in Germany and Czechoslovakia is slightly below last year, while in Poland and Hungary the crops show slight increases over last year. France and Italy, which normally rank as sugar importing countries, show increases over last year. Italy this year is expected to have a small surplus above domestic requirements. The Porto Rican sugar crop for the current season is officially estimated at 743,147 short tons against 585,761 in 1928-29."

Havana cabled: "Bankers met on Tuesday to discuss financing of the next crop, and will continue such meetings. On Thursday they expect to see President Machado. They are understood to be willing to lend up to \$4.50 a bag to the sugar planters, who are asking for \$5, the Cuban Government to give a guarantee for the difference of 50 cents a bag." The consumption of sugar in the United States during 1929 was estimated in one case at 6,086,000 long tons, raw sugar value against 5,945,000 long tons in 1928. This is an increase of 141,000 tons or 2.37%. On the 9th inst. Jan. dropped 7 points and other months in some cases 1 point net. There was a good deal of switching from Jan. to later months and at one time Jan. was 12 points lower. Further notices for Jan. were issued, and they had a depressing effect. The switches steadied the later months. The sales for the day were only 20,000 tons. Everybody was still awaiting the outcome of the tariff legislation. Prompt Cuban was quiet at 3.80c. delivered. On the 9th inst. it was reported that an operator bought 1,000 tons of Philippines for June, July shipment at 3.90c. delivered equivalent to 1 point better than 2 1/2c. c. & f. basis for Cubas. To-day prices closed unchanged to 3 points lower with sales of 29,650 tons. The technical position is evidently weaker. Commission houses were selling near months, with raw sugar apparently weaker. Final prices are 8 points lower on July while March and May show an advance of 1 point for the week. Prices were as follows:

Spot (unofficial).....	2.1-32	May.....	2.01	September.....	2.13
January.....	1.88@nom.	July.....	2.05	December.....	2.17
March.....	1.96@				

LARD on the spot was steady; prime western, 10.65 to 10.75c.; Refined Continent, 10 3/4c.; South America, 11c.; Brazil in kegs, 12c. On the 4th inst. futures declined 5 points with grain lower. Futures on the 6th inst. closed unchanged after being 2 to 3 points lower. Western hogs were 10 to 15c. lower owing to large receipts at all Western points. Chicago received 68,000; total, 182,000. There were deliveries of 50,000 lbs. of lard and 220,000 of bellies on January contracts. Liverpool lard was 3d. to 6d. lower. Total clearances from New York were 9,136,000 lbs. against 8,855,000 on the same day last week.

Later prime Western on the spot advanced to 10.90 to 11c. Early and refined to Continent, 10 7/8; South America, 11 1/8c.; Brazil, 12 1/8c. Later there was a further rise. Futures on the 8th inst. advanced 30 points on a stronger technical position a better demand from shippers and a rise in hogs of 10 to 15c. Ribs were up sharply to 11.50c. and cash lard was very firm at an advance. Very cold weather and storms throughout the West seemed to foreshadow smaller receipts for a time. Liverpool lard was unchanged to 3d. lower. Futures on the 9th inst. advanced 5 to 7 points with hogs up 10 to 15c. and corn 2c. Total Western receipts of hogs were 122,000 against 150,180 last year. Liverpool was quite steady. Clearances from New York were 2,362,000 lbs., mostly to English ports. The government will issue a report on the number of livestock on farms on Jan. 1. It will appear on Jan. 23 at 3 p. m. Prime Western on spot was up to 11 to 11.10c. with refined Continent, 11c.; South America, 11 1/4c.; Brazil 12 1/4c. To-day futures declined 12 to 20 points partly owing to the weakness in the grain markets. Final prices, however, show a rise for the week of 12 to 25 points.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
January delivery.....	9.95	9.95	10.00	10.30	10.37	10.25
March delivery.....	10.17	10.17	10.20	10.50	10.55	10.35
May delivery.....	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.70	10.75	10.57

PORK steady; mess, \$26.50; family, \$33.50; fat back, \$20 to \$24. Ribs, Chicago, 11.50c. Beef firm; mess, \$25; packet, \$26 to \$27; family, \$27 to \$29; extra India mess, \$42 to \$44; No. 1 canned corned beef, \$3.10; No. 2, \$5.50; six pounds South America, \$16.75; pickled tongues, \$70 to \$75. Cut meats steady; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 17 3/4 to 18 1/2c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 lbs., 17 to 18 1/4c.; 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, 26 to 35 1/2c. Cheese, flats, 20 to 26 1/2c.; daisies, 21 1/2 to 25c. Eggs, medium to extras, 42 to 48 1/2c.; closely selected heavy, 49c.; fancy 1 to 2 1/2c. higher.

OILS.—Linseed was rather quiet with raw oil in carlots coopeage basis 14.2c. and in tanks 13.4c. Oil can be obtained, it is reported, at about 2 points under these prices, but any real buying movement would, it is stated, cause higher prices. Cocoanut, Manila coast tanks, 6 3/4c.; spot New York tanks, 7 1/8c.; corn, tanks, f.o.b. mills, 7 3/4c.; olive, Den., 95c. to \$1; China wood, New York drums, carlots, spot, 13 1/4 to 13 1/2c.; Pacific Coast futures, 12c.; soya bean, tanks coast, 9 1/4c.; edible, olive, \$2.25 to \$2.40.

Lard, prime, 13 1/2c.; extra strained winter, New York, 13c. Cod, Newfoundland, 62c. Turpentine, 55 3/4 to 61 3/4c. Rosin, \$8.45 to \$9.80. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switches, 9,400 bbls. P. crude S.E., 7c. bid. Prices closed as follows:

Spot.....	8.50@	March.....	8.64@8.66	June.....	8.95@9.05
January.....	8.35@	April.....	8.70@8.85	July.....	9.06@
February.....	8.50@8.60	May.....	8.85@8.88	August.....	9.15@9.25

PETROLEUM.—The export demand for gasoline has been very quiet of late. Yet stocks on the Continent are said to be greatly reduced. The Gulf market was also rather quiet, but firm. There was a fair movement of cased gasoline. Locally there were little or no changes. U. S. Motor in tank cars at refineries was quoted at 8 3/4c., and no changes are looked for during the immediate future. Consumption is holding up well. Domestic heating oils were steady. Marine fuel oils were in better demand at \$1.05 for bunker oil, grade C, at refineries and \$2 for Diesel oil, same basis. Lubricating oils were a little firmer. Kerosene was in good demand at 7 3/4c. for 41-43 water white at refineries in tank cars. The average price of crude petroleum in 10 producing fields in the last week showed no change. It was \$1.612 a barrel as compared with \$1.75 for the same week a year ago. There was a decline of 7 1/2c. from the 7.66c. level of the preceding week in the average price of gasoline at refineries. Service station prices remained unchanged at 19.22c. a gallon.

[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 4th inst. declined 10 to 20 points with sales of 462 tons owing to bearish statistics. Large shipment figures from the Far East had told. In addition to the Malayan exports of 577,202 tons for the year was a report of shipments from Ceylon during 1929 as 86,974 tons gross, with the December outgo 9,112, tons against 7,538 in November. London declined on the 4th inst. 1-16d., though it rallied to the closing prices of the 3d inst. later on the same day. London closed on the 4th inst. with spot 7 11-16d.; Jan., 7 11-16d.; Feb., 7 3/4d.; March, 7 7/8d.; April-June, 8 1-16d.; July-Sept., 8 5-16d. Singapore closed 1-16 to 1/4d. lower with Jan., 7 3/8d.; April-June, 7 7/8d.; July-Sept., 8 1/4d. New York closed on the 4th inst. with Feb., 15.40c.; March, 15.60 to 15.70c.; May, 16.10 to 16.20c.; July, 16.60c.; Sept., 17c. Outside prices: Ribbed smoked spot and Jan., 15 1/4 to 15 3/4c.; Feb.-March, 15 1/2 to 16 1/4c.; spot first latex, 16 to 16 1/4c.; thin plate latex, 16 1/4 to 16 1/2c.; clean, thin brown crepe, 13 3/8 to 13 5/8c.; specky crepe, 13 to 13 3/8c.; rolled brown crepe, 9 3/4 to 9 7/8c.; No. 2 amber, 13 3/4 to 14c.; No. 3, 13 1/2 to 13 3/4c.; No. 4 amber, 13 to 13 1/4c. Paras, upriver fine, spot, 16 to 16 1/4c. On the 4th inst. members of the Rubber Exchange estimated consumption for December at 24,000 to 25,000 tons, against 27,659 tons in November and 31,232 tons during December last year. Consumption for the year 1929 was estimated at a little over 470,000 tons, against 441,337 tons in 1928 and 371,027 tons in 1927. The heaviest months of consumption were April, May, and June, when the totals were respectively 47,521 tons, 49,233 tons, and 43,228 tons.

New York on the 6th inst. was unchanged to 20 points higher with London up 1/8d., and a report that there was a meeting of a special committee of the Rubber Growers' Association to consider a reduction in tapping hours on British-owned plantations. One looks to a cessation of tapping on Sundays. The increase in the London and Liverpool stocks was smaller than expected. They gained 2,735 tons against estimates of 2,950 tons. The outside tone was firmer, but January No. 1 ribs were again offered, however, at 15 3/4c. with bids of 15 1/2c. Para grades were 1/4c. higher on Acre and Upriver fine. The London stock is 56,616 tons; in Liverpool 19,438. London spot and January, 7 3/4c.; Singapore, 7 1/4d.

On the 7th inst. New York suddenly broke 40 to 50 points to a new low in a dull market with London off 3-16d. Outside prices dropped 1/4 to 5/8c. New York closed on the 7th inst. with Jan. 15 to 15.20c.; March 15.40c.; May 15.80 to 15.90c.; July 16.20c.; Sept. 16.60c.; Dec. 17.20c.; Outside prices: Ribbed smoked spot and Jan., 15 to 15 1/4c.; Feb.-March, 15 1/2 to 15 3/4c.; April-June, 15 5/8 to 15 3/4c.; July-Sept., 16 to 16 3/8c.; spot first latex, 15 3/4 to 16c.; thin pale latex 16 to 16 1/4c.; clean thin brown crepe, 13 3/8 to 13 5/8c.; specky crepe, 13 to 13 3/8c.; rolled brown crepe, 9 3/4 to 9 7/8c.; No. 2 amber, 13 3/4 to 14c.; No. 3, 13 1/2 to 13 3/4c.; No. 4, 13 to 13 1/4c.; Paras, upriver fine spot, 16 to 16 1/4c.; coarse, 8 1/4 to 8 1/2c.; Acre fine spot, 16 1/2 to 16 3/4c.; Caucho Ball-upper, 8 to 8 1/4c. London spot and Jan., 7 9-16d.; Feb., 7 5/8d. Singapore advanced 1/8 to 3-16d.; Jan., 7 3/8d.; April-June, 7 15-16d.

On the 8th inst. New York prices broke 20 to 30 points and down through 15c. to as low as 14.70c. It was the old story at home and abroad of too much rubber and too little demand. London dropped 1-16 to 1/4d. and Singapore, 5-16 to 7-16d. New York closed with January, 14.80 to 15c.; March, 15.20c.; May, 15.60c.; July, 16c.; Sept., 16.40c. Outside prices: Ribbed smoked spot and Jan., 14 3/4 to 15c.; Feb.-March, 15 to 15 1/4c.; spot, first latex, 15 5/8 to 15 7/8c.; thin plate latex, 15 3/4 to 16d.; clean thin brown crepe, 13 to 13 1/8c.; No. 2 amber, 13 1/4 to 13 1/2c.; No. 3, 13 to 13 1/4c.; No. 4, 12 1/2 to 12 3/4c.; Paras, up-river, fine spot, 15 3/4 to 16c.; coarse, 8 1/4 to 8 3/8c.; Acre, fine spot, 16 1/4 to 16 1/2c.; Caucho Ball-upper, 8 to 8 1/4c. London and January spot, 7 3/8d.; Feb., 7 1/2d.; March, 7 5/8d.; April-June, 7 13-16d.;

July-Sept., 8d. Singapore, Jan., 8d.; April-June, 7½d.; July-Sept., 7 15-16d.

On the 9th inst. prices dropped again to a new low with Jan. down to 14.60. There was a good deal of selling of near months and buying of the distant. The total sales were 907 tons. Twenty-four Jan. notices appeared. They had no particular effect. New York was depressed by London and the Far East as well as speculative selling. In London there was a good deal of that. Singapore also seemed disposed to sell more freely. Some here were selling March and buying May. Outside prices here were ½c. lower in a dull market. March on the 9th inst. ended at 15c.; July at 15.80 to 15.90c.; Sept. at 16.20c.; Dec. at 16.80c. Spot and Jan. ribbed smoked, 14½ to 14¾c.; Feb.-March, 14¾ to 15½c.; First latex, 15½ to 15¾c.; thin pale, 15½ to 15¾c.; No. 2 amber, 13½ to 13¾c.; Upriver Para finespot, 15¾ to 16c. In London spot and Jan. 7¾d. Singapore, Jan., 7d. To-day prices ended 40 to 50 points lower with sales of 432 lots. Foreign interests sold quite freely. Uptown dealers and factory interests were also selling. London closed ¼ to 5-16d. lower with spot-Jan., 7¾d.; Feb., 7 3-16d.; March, 7¼d.; April-June, 7 7-16d.; July-Sept., 7 11-16d.; Oct.-Dec., 7 15-16d. Singapore closed with Jan., 6 11-16d.; April-June, 7 3-16d.; July-Sept., 7 11-16d.; No. 3 ambers spot, 5 15-16d. Final prices here show a decline for the week of 120 points. Dealers' stock in the Far East showed a moderate increase for Dec., but the London-Liverpool stocks on Monday are expected to show a good gain.

HIDES.—On the 6th inst. prices ended 5 to 10 points higher with sales of 640,000 lbs. January closed at 14.25c. March at 14.90c.; May at 15.45 to 15.51c.; Sept. at 16.41 to 16.45c. United States tanners bought frigorifico hides at higher prices; 21,000 Argentine steers sold last week at 18¼c. to 18 5-16c. City packer hides were dull with no large stock available. Country hides were in fair demand. Common dry hides were in a little better demand. Maracaibo, 15c.; Central America, and Savanillas, 15½c.; Santa Marta, 16½c.; packer, spready native steers, 18c.; native steers, 16c.; butt brands, 15c.; Colorados, 14c. New York City calfskins, 5.7s, 1.75c.; 9-12c, 2.75c.; 7-9s, 2.15c. On the 7th inst. New York declined 6 to 20 points with sales of 920,000 lbs. May closed at 15.25 to 15.40c. after selling at 15.40 to 15.45c.; Sept. sold at 16¾ to 16.40c.; closing at 16.35c.; December sold at 17c., closing at 16.80c.

On the 8th inst. prices were active and 15 to 35 points higher; sales 1,640,000, with Chicago reporting sales of 8,000 light native cows at 14d. That was an advance of ½c. Covering and new buying here also figured in the rise. January closed on that day at 14.40c.; May at 15.56c. to 15.60c.; and Sept. at 16.50 to 16.55c. Outside demand was better. On the 9th inst. prices advanced 5 to 35 points with sales of 1,200,000 lbs. January closed at 14.75 to 14.95c. nominally; May, 15.65c.; Sept., 16.65 to 16.70c.; Common dry were quoted at 16 to 16½c. the latter for Santa Marta; 4,000 South dock Angle steers sold at 18c. To-day prices closed 5 to 15 points lower with sales of 22 lots; Jan., 14.60c.; March, 15.55 to 15.69c.; Sept., 16.50 to 16.55c. Of heavy Texas steers, 2,000 Dec.-Jan. sold at 15c.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.—Latter business was quiet. There was some grain demand. Later on there was some improvement reported in business. Later cables were lower.

CHARTERS.—Grain: 30,000 qrs., Gulf, Feb. 1-15, to Greece, 19¼c.; 22,000 qrs., Gulf, spot, United Kingdom, 2s. 6d.; Antwerp-Rotterdam, 2s. 6d.; Spain, 3s. Sugar: Cuba, 15s.; Santo Domingo 14s. 6d., Feb., United-Kingdom-Continent. Coal: Hampton Roads, prompt, Jan., Serwola, per Italian Hermandia, \$2.25; Hampton Roads, second half Jan., Civita Vecchio, \$2.25; Hampton Roads to Montevideo, Jan., \$3.15; Hampton Roads to Porto Ferrario, \$2.10, last part of Jan. Time, prompt West Indies round, 60c. Tankers: Clean, Jan., Gulf, 2,000 tons, to Havre, 30s. 6d. and 6,000 tons, Rouen, 30s.; clean, Gulf, Jan., to north of Hatteras, 34c.; Tampico, Jan., crude, to north of Hatteras, 30¼c.; clean, Gulf, New York, 32c.; clean, Batoum, Feb., to Alexandria, 15s.; clean, Feb., Gulf to Ghent, 30s. 9d.; Gulf to United Kingdom, March 31s. 6d.; crude and (or) fuel, Feb.-March, United Kingdom-Continent, from U. S. Gulf, 22s.; from Tampico, 23s.; clean, Jan., United Kingdom-Continent, from San Pedro, 44s. 6d. Lumber: Gulf, Feb., Plate basis, \$14.25; two Gulf trips, Jan., to north of Hatteras, 27½c.; Puget Sound, Jan., to north of Hatteras, \$10. Homeward: Steamer, 7,200 tons, Manila, Feb. 15 to March 10, sugar, Baltimore, New York, or Boston, \$7.

COAL.—Mild weather hurt business for a time, but then came more seasonable temperatures and some increase in business. Bituminous output, according to the National Coal Association, was 7,600,000 tons for Dec. 28 week, compared with 11,156,000 tons for the Dec. 21 week and 11,593,000 tons for the Dec. 14 week. Hampton Roads loadings Tuesday-Wednesday totaled 94,945 tons and for Dec. 1, 916,180 tons. Bunker quotations for Jan. are unchanged. The Berwind Co. quoted Liverpool 24s.; Tyne, 16s. 3d.; Dartmouth, 25d.; Portland, 25d.; Rotterdam, 20s. 6d.; Hook of Holland, 20s. 6d.; all f.o.b. Antwerp, Holland, 20s. 6d., all f.o.b. Antwerp, 21s. 6d.; Ghent, 22s. 6d., both t.i.b. Later larger export orders were reported.

TOBACCO was dull as usual at the holidays and just after. Even Connecticut shade grown and Wisconsin binders got very little attention. The 1929 crop was about 12% larger than in 1928 as shown by the official figures. Washington, D. C. wired: "Revised tobacco estimates of the Department of Agriculture put the total production in the United States during 1929 at 1,500,891,000 lbs. against 1,374,547,000 in 1928. An acreage increase of 19 lbs. in the average yield per acre account for the increase of 126,344,000 lbs. or 9% in production. Nearly all types of tobacco participate in the increase, some of the cigar types being the most important exceptions to the general rule. Filler and wrapper types show some increase over 1928 and binders a considerable reduction. The increase shown in

filler tobacco, however, is small, 1929 production amounting to 71,333,000 lbs. against 70,513,000 in 1928. There is a slight decrease in the Pennsylvania production with prices higher than were paid in 1928 in prospect and an increase in the Miami Valley of Ohio, with somewhat lower prices in prospect. The Georgia-Florida production of Sun Sumatra shows a slight increase. Of the cigar binder types only the Connecticut Valley Havana seed shows an increase—17,983,000 lbs. this year and 17,474,000 last year. Broadleaf 10,390,000 lbs. this year against 14,162,000 in 1928. Total production this year, 76,663,000 lbs. against 82,796,000 in 1928. Broadleaf prices are estimated to average 30.2c. this year against 21.0c. last year; Havana seed, 34.5c. against 24c. in 1928. In the Wisconsin binder districts, there was a slightly lower production. Southern district, 27,860,000 lbs. against 30,044,000 last year; average price, 14.8c. against 13.7c. Northern district 19,080,000 lbs. this year and 19,256,000 last year; average price, 17.7c. against 15.8c. Production of wrapper, 14,619,000 lbs. in 1929 against only 11,806,000 in 1928. Most of the increase is in Connecticut Valley Shadegrown with a slight increase in Georgia and Florida. Flue-cured tobacco, 763,131,000 lbs. in 1929 against 740,807,000 in 1928, an increase of 3%. Prices of all flue-cured tobacco will probably average a fraction of a cent per pound higher for the 1929 crop than in 1928, the increased returns for types 13 and 14 being partially offset by the decreases in types 11 and 12.

COPPER has remained quiet as to the home trade, but the export business turns out to have been better during Dec. Prices have been steady. Early in the week there was a better business. Later on it quieted down. Brass makers are not doing much buying. Wire and cablemakers make the bulk of the purchases. Electrolytic, 17¾ to 18c. Some think consumers are awaiting Dec. statistics in order to get more light on the situation. They will appear next week. On the 9th inst. at the Exchange, Jan. and Feb. closed at 16.50 to 17.25c.; March, 16.25 to 16.75c.; In London on the 9th inst. spot standard dropped 5s. to £71 7s. 6d.; futures were up 5s. to £69 15s.; sales 150 tons spot and 325 futures. Electrolytic £83 5s. spot, and £83 15s. futures. There were intimations that production has been somewhat curtailed. It is not very clear that it has been. At any rate, it is not believed that any great curtailment has taken place. To-day Jan.-Feb. closed at 16.50c.; March at 16.10c. and May at 16.20c. Final prices on futures show a decline for the week of 5 to 15 points.

TIN has been in moderate demand and latterly steadier. March Straits sold at 39.65c. and April at 39.85c. The closing here on the 9th inst. was with spot 39¼c.; Feb., 39½ to 39¾c. In London on the 9th inst. prices early were £1 17s. 6d. to £2 12s. 6d. lower at the London Metal Exchange; sales, 600 tons. Another London dispatch stated that spot tin was £2 2s. 6d. lower at £176 5s.; futures dropped £1 17s. 6d. to £179 15s.; sales, 30 tons spot and 270 futures. Spot Straits dropped £2 12s. 6d. to £177 15s.; Eastern c. i. f. London closed at £181 10s. with sales of 500 tons. At the second session spot standard advanced 7s. 6d. and futures 2s. 6d. with sales of 20 tons spot and 300 futures. To-day prices closed at 39c. for Jan., 39.10 to 39.30c. for Feb. and 39.50c. for March, with no sales reported. Final prices show an advance for the week of 40 to 55 points.

LEAD has been in pretty good demand and firm at 6.10 for East St. Louis and 6.25 for New York. To some the situation looks more stabilized. Rather liberal sales were reported for January and February delivery. London on the 9th inst. was unchanged at £21 11s. 3d. for spot and £21 12s. 6d. for futures; sales 100 tons spot and 150 futures.

ZINC has been quiet with buyers holding aloof fearing a further decline. What they want is stabilized prices. Then they may buy more freely. It would not be at all surprising. Prices were 5.30 to 5.35c. East St. Louis at one time but on the 9th inst. that was quoted at 5.25c. Even that did not stir up demand. Ore was still \$35 a ton. In London on the 9th inst. spot fell 5s. to £19 10s.; futures off 3s. 9d. to £20 3s. 9d.; sales 50 tons spot and 525 futures.

STEEL has been in fair demand for semi-finished material at \$34 a decline of \$1 from recent prices. There has been a good demand for locomotives which was reflected to some extent in the call for steel plates. In Ohio a better demand prevailed from automobile makers. It is stated that Chicago mills recently booked 45,000 tons of steel rails and 70,000 tons more are pending. Some 12,000 tons of track fastenings are wanted at Chicago. About 12,000 freight cars are needed, and there is some demand for steel for the construction of bridges. Tin plate makers are working at 70% on an average, as against 40 to 50% early in Dec. Youngstown, Ohio, wired that 1.90c. is a merely nominal quotation for plates, shapes and bars. It is frequently cut. On any good orders it appears it is generally shaded. As to sheets and stripped it is stated prices are almost as weak and uncertain. An illuminating and significant circumstance is that the American Sheet & Tin Plate Co. recently cut its first quarter price of tin plate to \$5.25 per base box, after stating that it would be \$5.35. This was the answer to independent cutting of prices, chiefly in the Pittsburgh district. Further reductions, it is rumored will be made if necessary.

Steel companies in the Youngstown district increases production schedules 10% from 55 to 65%. This increase is largely due to improved buying by the automobile industry.

Eclipsing all previous records for steel ingot production in the United States, the total in 1929 was 54,164,348 tons, according to the American Iron and Steel Institute. This compares with the previous peak of 49,865,185 tons in 1928. The ingot producing capacity of all mills in the United States is estimated at about 64,000,000, so that last year's total was within about 14,000,000 tons of the present plant limit. Later it was stated that big buyers were cautious. Railroads were the best buyers. Automobile concerns were cautious. The index price of sheets and tin plates was the lowest for three months past. Unfilled orders on the books of the U. S. Steel Corp. on Dec. 31 totaled 4,417,193 tons, an increase of 291,848 tons from the previous month.

PIG IRON.—A fair amount of business has recently been done and shipments did not slacken much if at all at the holidays which was something rather unusual. It is explainable no doubt by the fact that consumers had allowed their stocks to become perhaps unusually depleted. Prices were steady. It is stated that, though no great amount of business is expected in ferro-alloys yet the amount of buying still to be done is very far from negligible. Recent mild weather hurt the sale of coke but lower and more reasonable temperatures automatically increased the trade. December output of 2,836,916 or 91,513 daily tons was the smallest in two years. Automobile companies are buying a little more freely but buyers even in that industry are for the most part cautious.

WOOL.—Boston wired a government report stating that worsted domestic sixty-fours and finer wools continued moderately active with prices fairly steady. Secured wools for the woolen trade were moving more freely and prices showed a firmer tendency. Demand for wool tops is slow, but top makers are inclined to view the outlook with confidence. The demand for wools evident at the beginning of the year has fallen off considerably this week, transactions on the 6th inst. having been exceedingly light. Current interest in the local market centered to-day around the delivery of purchases of the past two weeks. More recent heavy movement also tends to slow up trading as mills quite generally covered most urgent needs before the close of 1929. Receipts for domestic wool here last week were 1,330,000 lbs. against 1,342,000 the week before. Fine territory combing clean was quoted at 82 to 85c. French combing 78 to 80c., half blood 82 to 84c., three-eights blood, 80 to 81c.; quarter blood, 71 to 72c.; Fine Ohio fleeces were quoted at 35 to 36c., grease basis; half blood, 40 to 41c.; three-eights blood, 41 to 42c., and quarter blood, 40 to 41c.

At Sydney on Jan. 6 the fifth series of wool sales opened with an average selection and demand good, chiefly from the Continent and Japan. Compared with the close of the last series, good wool and all good merino skinning were unchanged; faulty shabby fleece wool par to 5% lower. At Christchurch on the 7th inst. wool sales ended. A total of 24,000 bales was offered and 22,200 sold. Yorkshire, the Continent and America bought. Fine crossbreds were wanted and medium and coarse grades were neglected. Compared with Dunedin sales on Dec. 20 merinos were unchanged and crossbreds were par to 5% lower. Prices paid for merinos super were 12 to 14 1/4 d.; average, 11 to 11 1/4 d.; crossbred 56-58s, 11 to 17 1/4 d.; 50-56s, 10 1/4 to 15 1/2 d.; 48-50s, 9 3/4 to 12d.; 46-48s, 8 3/4 to 10 3/4 d.; 44-46s, 8 1/4 to 10 1/2 d.; 40-44s, 8 to 10d.

Still later advices from Boston said: "Inquiries from manufacturers center on the finer qualities of Western grown wools. Sales have been reported on Oregon fine staple wools in the original bags at prices in the range of 79-81c. scoured and graded strictly combing Montana wools of 64s. and finer qualities have been reported sold in the range of 82-84c. scoured basis. Choice 12 months Texas wools have been sold at prices in the range of 80-82c. scoured basis."

SILK. To-day ended unchanged to 4 points higher; sales 560 bales. January closed at 4.43 to 4.45c.; March, 4.47 to 4.50c.; May, 4.46 to 4.50c.; June, 4.45c.; July, 4.41c. Final prices show a decline for the week of 4 points.

COTTON

Friday Night, Jan. 10 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 137,699 bales, against 154,364 bales last week and 187,785 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1929 6,795,533 bales, against 7,227,074 bales for the same period of 1928, showing a decrease since Aug. 1 1929 of 431,541 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	4,355	4,447	12,973	4,225	4,506	2,390	32,896
Texas City	---	---	---	---	---	1,771	1,771
Houston	3,448	10,682	6,577	4,630	6,218	11,902	43,457
Corpus Christi	668	165	52	211	717	150	1,963
New Orleans	9,643	2,356	8,153	5,474	2,313	6,743	34,682
Mobile	768	2,522	1,105	2,798	1,735	874	9,802
Savannah	555	953	587	241	115	547	2,998
Charleston	615	---	406	261	352	68	1,702
Lake Charles	---	---	---	---	1,369	---	1,369
Wilmington	257	179	494	329	97	154	1,510
Norfolk	531	442	1,099	630	534	1,244	4,480
New York	---	273	---	---	---	---	273
Boston	---	17	---	50	---	---	67
Baltimore	---	---	---	---	---	729	729
Totals this wk.	20,840	22,036	31,446	18,849	17,956	26,572	137,699

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1929 and the stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Receipts to Jan. 10.	1929-30.		1928-29.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1929.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1928.	1929.	1928.
Galveston	32,896	1,513,194	48,505	2,299,447	482,940	593,569
Texas City	1,771	126,405	2,683	143,136	36,004	39,368
Houston	43,457	2,352,405	63,653	2,441,756	1,145,624	944,629
Corpus Christi	1,963	376,376	---	252,823	27,234	---
Beaumont	---	13,650	---	3,650	---	---
New Orleans	34,682	1,256,684	39,102	1,087,570	522,999	330,004
Gulffport	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mobile	9,802	318,125	6,608	198,304	44,158	43,566
Pensacola	---	26,104	---	7,837	---	---
Jacksonville	---	---	---	---	861	733
Savannah	2,998	406,221	2,598	200,256	76,102	49,967
Brunswick	---	---	---	---	---	---
Charleston	1,702	167,752	956	142,735	40,181	41,446
Lake Charles	1,369	8,567	---	5,505	---	---
Wilmington	1,510	79,124	1,140	106,438	35,074	39,904
Norfolk	4,480	121,513	1,887	191,803	74,583	107,560
N'port News, &c.	---	---	---	92	---	---
New York	273	1,532	2,978	25,534	93,334	57,904
Baltimore	67	1,086	10	1,698	1,608	2,981
Baltimore	729	18,378	2,220	28,370	1,347	1,078
Philadelphia	---	886	---	---	5,070	4,631
Totals	137,699	6,795,533	172,340	7,227,074	2,587,119	2,256,530

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1929-30.	1928-29.	1927-28.	1926-27.	1925-26.	1924-25.
Galveston	32,896	48,505	30,106	85,041	57,473	95,674
Houston	43,457	63,653	26,740	76,955	35,961	38,097
New Orleans	34,682	39,102	35,449	56,303	52,373	56,289
Mobile	9,802	6,608	2,279	4,286	2,357	2,258
Savannah	2,998	2,598	5,945	21,325	13,181	12,687
Brunswick	---	---	---	---	---	---
Charleston	1,702	956	3,581	5,766	4,497	5,859
Wilmington	1,510	1,140	1,455	2,492	954	7,228
Norfolk	4,480	1,887	2,192	1,796	5,167	7,313
N'port N., &c.	---	---	---	---	---	---
All others	6,172	7,891	9,584	5,815	6,771	8,199
Total this wk.	137,699	172,340	117,331	264,749	178,734	231,584
Since Aug. 1	6,795,533	7,227,074	6,291,501	9,060,858	6,912,470	6,636,834

*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 173,495 bales, of which 30,112 were to Great Britain, 23,765 to France, 27,946 to Germany, 10,631 to Italy, 54,079 to Japan and China, and 26,962 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 173,495 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 4,401,664 bales, against 5,062,132 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week.

Week Ended Jan. 10 1930. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	825	5,029	8,049	---	---	11,578	10,151	35,632
Houston	3,715	9,508	2,632	---	---	23,564	9,330	48,749
Texas City	1,330	322	1,690	---	---	---	434	3,776
Corpus Christi	---	---	478	---	---	2,372	---	2,850
Lake Charles	---	---	---	1,369	---	---	---	1,369
New Orleans	8,307	8,131	2,874	7,103	---	12,665	6,707	45,787
Mobile	5,795	---	9,838	---	---	---	99	15,732
Savannah	3,604	---	181	2,059	---	---	---	5,844
Charleston	2,400	---	54	---	---	---	231	2,685
Norfolk	2,848	---	1,500	---	---	---	---	4,348
New York	---	200	---	---	---	---	10	210
Los Angeles	1,288	575	650	---	---	2,500	---	5,013
San Francisco	---	---	---	100	---	1,100	---	1,200
Seattle	---	---	---	---	---	300	---	300
Total	30,112	23,765	27,946	10,631	---	54,079	26,962	173,495
Total 1929	62,275	24,709	52,077	17,235	---	51,176	16,314	223,786
Total 1928	26,653	12,734	28,008	17,796	---	37,233	12,425	134,849

From Aug. 1 1929 to Jan. 10 1930. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	139,762	183,325	250,290	115,142	8,123	218,844	178,374	1,093,860
Houston	155,624	247,163	284,194	113,234	12,521	210,806	130,186	1,153,728
Texas City	21,742	9,961	27,494	2,533	---	3,151	8,137	73,018
Corpus Christi	92,495	67,185	45,298	36,517	41,521	27,731	29,162	339,909
Beaumont	2,707	3,511	3,288	953	---	---	3,191	13,650
Lake Charles	363	318	3,842	3,154	---	---	---	8,627
New Orleans	171,256	61,881	143,404	104,314	15,850	114,401	58,417	659,323
Mobile	66,760	6,392	139,014	6,969	---	5,000	4,465	228,600
Jacksonville	500	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,500
Pensacola	3,507	---	22,797	200	---	---	---	26,504
Savannah	117,171	883	181,003	3,909	---	6,900	4,726	314,592
Brunswick	7,094	---	---	---	---	---	---	17,094
Charleston	33,817	115	43,870	220	---	40,405	9,834	128,261
Wilmington	5,987	---	7,781	29,969	---	---	2,000	45,737
Norfolk	31,686	---	15,895	---	---	600	138	48,319
New York	3,062	4,615	19,766	4,958	---	2,497	7,239	42,137
Boston	167	---	---	---	---	---	753	920
Baltimore	---	72	---	---	---	---	---	972
Philadelphia	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,772
Los Angeles	22,898	2,875	31,436	900	---	78,993	1,932	139,034
San Diego	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5,250
San Francisco	2,000	---	1,100	200	---	39,778	147	43,225
Seattle	---	---	---	---	---	24,095	---	24,095
Portland, Ore.	---	---	---	---	---	4,237	---	4,237
Total	883,920	578,996	1,220,472	423,672	78,015	777,438	439,151	4,401,664
Total 1928-'29	1,213,007	546,467	1,378,747	373,420	118,600	970,582	461,309	5,062,132
Total 1927-'28	601,334	587,199	1,390,466	332,699	101,126	663,822	445,296	4,121,942

NOTE.—Exports to Canada.—It has never been our practice to include in the above table reports of cotton shipments to Canada, the reason being that virtually all the cotton destined to the Dominion comes overland and it is impossible to get returns concerning the same from week to week, while reports from the customs districts on the Canadian border are always very slow in coming to hand. In view, however, of the numerous inquiries we are receiving regarding the matter, we will say that for the month of November the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 31,386 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 29,696 bales. For the four months ended Nov. 30 1929 there were 80,052 bales exported, as against 79,937 bales for the four months of 1928.

In addition to above exports, our telegrams to-night also give us the following amounts of cotton on shipboard, not cleared, at the ports named:

Jan. 10 at—	On Shipboard Not Cleared for—					Total.	Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Foreign.	Coastwise.		
Galveston----	11,800	8,000	7,200	30,000	3,000	60,000	422,940
New Orleans----	8,550	4,745	8,807	11,051	102	33,259	489,740
Savannah----	-----	-----	-----	-----	200	200	75,902
Charleston----	-----	-----	-----	-----	315	315	39,866
Mobile-----	5,000	405	-----	8,500	-----	13,905	30,253
Norfolk-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	100	100	74,483
Other ports*--	4,000	3,000	8,000	32,000	1,000	48,000	1,298,156
Total 1930--	29,354	16,150	24,007	81,551	4,717	155,779	2,431,340
Total 1929--	25,937	20,098	32,426	78,633	12,539	169,633	2,086,897
Total 1928--	21,076	14,444	31,133	56,130	7,830	130,613	1,329,209

*Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been very small and in the end prices are practically unchanged for the week. Bullish reports as to the attitude of the Farm Loan Board in regard to the next acreage, warning against overplanting, had some effect. Also there were reports that the National Selling Agency will begin functioning next Monday, with large capital and practically unlimited powers. On the other hand, however, spot markets have been quiet, exports, as a rule, rather small, and Liverpool cables anything but stimulating. On the 4th inst. prices declined 10 to 15 points owing to continued liquidation coincident with lower cables than due and some hedge selling. In Liverpool the Continent and Bombay sold. A small failure occurred in Liverpool. Though small, it had a certain moral effect. Silver in London was reported at its lowest price in history. In Manchester a better demand appeared for cloths and yarns, but recently the bids have often been too low to admit of actual business. Fall River was quiet, though the week's sales showed some increase. Worth Street was quiet and steady, with sales of 38½-inch print cloths 64x60's at 7c. There were intimations that the output of cotton goods was outrunning production to such an extent that stocks were accumulating at the mills. Talk was heard to the effect that some of the large mills will curtail their production sharply. Spot markets were lower and total sales smaller than on the same day last year. On the other hand, there was calling and other trade buying on a scale sufficient to act in some degree as a check on the decline. Liverpool bought.

On the 6th inst. prices advanced a few points, and then fell some 10 to 15 points from the early top under renewed liquidation by discouraged bulls. The Liverpool cables were a little higher than due, but New York paid little attention to this. For a time, however, the offerings were smaller. The trade bought. Shorts covered. The spot basis was reported firm. But later came another outpouring of long accounts, as it was seen that the market was inclined to sag. All the foreign markets were moderately lower. Liverpool reported selling there by the Continent and Bombay. Worth Street was quiet. Manchester's business was checked by disturbed politics in India and a steady decline in silver to the lowest price on record in London. The price of silver was said to be the lowest in 25 years, and it hurts British business with China. Mexican dollars it was stated are worth only 38c. in gold, or 11c. less than a year ago. The disordered finances and political dissensions in China are both a blow to its trade. On Thursday, after the official closing of the Exchange, was to appear the report for December by the Cotton Textile Merchants' Association. On the 7th inst. prices advanced 8 to 11 points, largely because the Federal Farm Board warned the Southern farmers that it would not continue to advance 16c. per pound of ¾-inch middling cotton if the South should overplant. It was pointed out that nothing but crop failure in Texas in 1929 prevented a total yield of 16,000,000 bales in the belt. That is more American cotton than the world will take at a fair price. A national acre yield equal to that of 1926 and the 1929 acreage would have produced 17,500,000 bales. A 10% reduction in that acreage, with the 1926 acre yield, would return a crop of 15,750,000; with average yields 13,500,000 bales, and with the lowest yield in the past seven years about 11,250,000. Large cotton crops sell for less than small ones. Ten million bales in 1923 sold for \$1,600,000,000. Eighteen million bales in 1926 sold for less than \$1,000,000,000. Liverpool was a little higher than due. Spot cotton was unchanged to 5 points higher. The sales for several days had been exceeding those of the same days last year. That was something new. It is true that much of the advance was lost on further liquidation. All the same, the action of the Farm Board checked any net decline.

On the 8th inst. prices advanced about 10 points with less offering and the trade and shorts taking them readily. The Farm Loan Board's warning was also still a feature. Some were predicting an increase in the sales of standard cloths to some above output in the report of the Cotton Textile Association for December to appear after the close on the 9th inst. None of the markets advanced much, however. The trading was small here and in Liverpool, where

Continental buying was largely neutralized by London and Bombay selling. Worth Street was quiet, and it seems that now and then print cloths were sold at a cut in prices. Manchester's trade was hurt, it was said, by political agitation in India against Great Britain and fears that India might increase the duties; also it is injured in China by low exchange and falling silver, which continued to make new low levels. But here Southern selling slackened and spot prices advanced 10 points.

On the 9th inst. prices advanced 30 to 35 points, with the position short, contracts scarce and an announcement that next Monday the \$30,000,000 National Co-operation Sales Agency will be ready for business; that the corporation will start with 1,000,000 bales of cotton and unlimited Government credit. New Orleans wired that some members of the Farm Board seemed to think that the low price of cotton for the season had been reached, or soon would be, and that the Farm Board will have unlimited resources at its command to buy or sell spot cotton or futures if it sees fit. How much foundation there is for this last report seems none too clear. But, plainly, all this talk about Government aid to the farmer had an effect in a short market. The speculation was larger, though it was not active. Most of the foreign markets were higher. Bombay advanced 4 rupees. Silver in London advanced ½d. The weather in the Central belt was bad for plowing or for the small amount of picking that remains to be done. Spot prices were up 30 points. The spot sales in Liverpool for the first time in many months were up to 10,000 bales. Finally, after the close came a bullish statement by the Cotton Textile Merchants' Association. The sales of standard cloths in December were 24.3% above production, against only 64.6 of production in November, 78.5 in October, 38.3 above output to September and 1.7% above in August. The shipments in December were 87.9% of the production against 80.1 in November, 93.8 in October, 7.1 above production in September, and 6.1 above in August. Stocks increased in December 6.9% against 19% in November and 5.1 in October, but a decrease of 5.2% in September and another decrease of 4.9 in August. Unfilled orders increased in December 29.5%, against a decrease of 13.5 in November, a decrease of 9.9 in October, an increase of 23.6 in September, and a decrease of 3.7 in August. These December figures are supposed to be based in part on a sharply curtailed output during the holidays. Nonetheless, it was a far more cheerful report than the last one.

To-day prices declined 13 to 20 points, with the cables not fully responsive to the advance of the previous day and the technical position evidently rather weaker after some heavy covering, on a quick advance of late of some 40 points. Spot cotton was 10 points lower. Spot sales in Liverpool were down to 5,000 bales, or just half what they were on the previous day. Liverpool and the South sold to some extent. There was a certain amount of hedge selling. Offerings were larger. Covering fell off. The ending was steady at a small recovery from the lowest price of the day. Manchester and Worth Street were quiet. Some reports from the Carolinas were to the effect that a better spot demand prevailed at a basis showing a small recent advance. Final prices show a rise for the week of 1 to 4 points. Spot cotton ended at 17.35c. for middling, a rise for the week of 5 points. The Cotton Exchange to-day estimated the domestic consumption in December at 447,000 bales against 544,150 in November and 533,301 in December last year.

Staple Premiums 60% of average of six markets quoting for deliveries on Jan. 16 1930.

Differences between grades established for delivery on contract Jan. 16 1930. Figured from the Jan. 9 1930 average quotations of the ten markets designated by the Secretary of Agriculture.

15-16 Inch.	1-Inch & longer.			
.27	.73	Middling Fair	White	1.02 on Mid.
.27	.73	Strict Good Middling	do	.85 do
.27	.73	Good Middling	do	.70 do
.27	.71	Strict Middling	do	.49 do
.26	.67	Middling	do	5c off Basis
.26	.67	Strict Low Middling	do	1.70 off Mid.
.25	.63	Low Middling	do	1.70 do
		*Strict Good Ordinary	do	2.80 do
		*Good Ordinary	do	3.78 do
		Good Middling	Extra White	.70 on do
		Strict Middling	do	.49 do
		Middling	do	Even do
		Strict Low Middling	do	.75 off do
		Low Middling	do	1.70 do
.25	.66	Good Middling	Spotted	.23 on do
.24	.68	Strict Middling	do	.05 off do
.23	.63	Middling	do	.73 off do
		*Strict Low Middling	do	1.65 do
		*Low Middling	do	2.73 do
.22	.57	Strict Good Middling	Yellow Tinged	.05 off do
.22	.57	Good Middling	do	.50 do
.22	.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 do	1.83 do
		*Middling	do 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
.21	.57	Good Middling	Gray	.80 off do
.21	.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

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Jan. 4 to Jan. 10—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling upland	17.15	17.05	17.05	17.15	17.45	17.35

Movement into sight in previous years:

Week—	Bales.	Since Aug. 1—	Bales.
1928—Jan. 13	214,910	1927-28	10,386,088
1927—Jan. 15	420,329	1926-27	13,545,828
1926—Jan. 16	264,759	1925-26	12,189,603

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Week Ended Jan. 10.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wed'day.	Thurs'dy.	Friday.
Galveston	17.15	17.10	17.10	17.20	17.50	17.50
New Orleans	16.79	16.69	16.69	Holiday	17.05	17.05
Mobile	16.79	16.10	16.10	16.20	16.50	16.40
Savannah	18.57	16.78	16.76	16.85	17.15	16.84
Norfolk	16.88	16.81	16.75	16.88	17.19	16.95
Baltimore	17.30	17.15	17.10	17.10	17.25	17.13
Augusta	16.63	16.50	16.50	16.63	17.06	16.94
Memphis	16.25	16.15	16.15	16.25	16.55	16.45
Houston	17.00	16.90	16.90	17.00	17.30	17.20
Little Rock	16.12	16.02	16.02	16.10	16.42	16.30
Dallas	16.10	16.10	16.15	16.20	16.50	16.40
Fort Worth	16.10	16.10	16.15	16.20	16.50	16.40

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Jan. 4.	Monday, Jan. 6.	Tuesday, Jan. 7.	Wednesday, Jan. 8.	Thursday, Jan. 9.	Friday, Jan. 10.
	January	16.77	16.69	16.70		17.04
February						
March	17.03-17.04	16.93-16.94	16.95-16.96		17.31	17.20-17.21
April						
May	17.29-17.31	17.18-17.19	17.20-17.21		17.57-17.58	17.47
June						
July	17.46-17.47	17.35	17.37-17.38	HOLIDAY.	17.72	17.61
August						
September						
October	17.45-17.46	17.38	17.37		17.70	17.60
November						
December	17.55 Bid	17.50 Bid	17.47 Bid		17.80 Bid	17.70 Bid
Tone—						
Spot—	Quiet	Steady	Steady		Steady	Steady
Options—	Steady	Steady	Steady		Steady	Steady

MANCHESTER COTTON ASSOCIATION COMPLAINS OF AMERICAN BALING AND MARKING METHODS.—A communication in which formal notice is taken of the "continued unsatisfactory manner in which American cotton is baled" and of the damage caused by the "ink used for marking the bales 'running' into the cotton" has been received by Nils A. Olsen, Chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture, from H. Robinson, Secretary of The Manchester Cotton Association, Ltd. Mr. Robinson said he had been instructed at a recent meeting of the directors of the Manchester Association to bring the subjects of baling and marking to the notice of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, with the following observations:

"After all the talk and agitation which has been carried on for years, no headway has been made in the matter of securing a neater package. The neatly packed bales received from every other cotton growing country are in striking contrast with the American bale and with the development of cotton growing outside America and the inevitable keener competition, the South in its own interest should make strenuous efforts to effect reform. The present untidy and partly covered American bale without question results in heavy losses not only to the consumer, but more especially to the producer as buyers have to take into consideration the loss resulting from this inefficient covering of the bales and the South suffers in the prices they obtain for their cotton in competition with other countries whose cotton is packed efficiently with no resultant loss.

"We know how anxious yourself and your department are to market all your products in such a form as may be most economical to the producer and consumer and therefore the directors will be pleased to hear of your activities to secure some reform in the baling of American cotton, and we can assure you that you will have our whole-hearted assistance in this matter.

"In relation to the damage caused by the ink used in marking the bales 'running' into the cotton: in some instances the mark is on the actual cotton on account of the torn canvas. Many complaints are made by the mills that this action is causing serious losses and results in claims being made by the spinner on the local merchants who in turn claim upon their shipper. We believe that this careless marking is due entirely to the haphazard way in which those responsible for the marking of the bales carry out their work. The Association therefore suggests that you will be kind enough to make representation to those responsible and urge that greater care should be taken in the marking of the bales and that preferably the marks should be made upon a patch of closely woven canvas thereby minimizing the possibility of the ink 'running' into the cotton."

C. W. Kichen, Acting Chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, has sent the following reply to Mr. Robinson's complaint:

"While Federal Legislation does not give the Department of Agriculture regulatory control over these matters, we are endeavoring to encourage in every way possible the improvement of baling and handling methods and will be glad to have any helpful data of a specific nature that you may supply.

"The problem of packaging cotton in this country is somewhat complicated by the fact that several interests handle the bale and contribute to its condition. Unfortunately, none of these can of itself deal adequately with the problem. We are sure, however, that it is the desire of American cotton growers to see their cotton delivered to its users in other countries in a suitable package and as free of waste as possible. The Department has been making some studies in this field and believes that an improvement in the American bale may be hoped for in the future."

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening denote that the weather has continued rather favorable for the completion of cotton picking, though only a little remains in the fields to be gathered.

	Rain.	Rainfall.	Thermometer		
	Days	In.	High	Low	Mean
Galveston, Tex.	4	0.61	high 66	low 36	mean 53
Ablene, Tex.	2	0.28	high 70	low 10	mean 40
Cornusville, Tex.		dry	high 78	low 38	mean 58
Brownsville, Tex.	1	0.06	high 73	low 30	mean 53
Dallas, Tex.	3	0.16	high 64	low 14	mean 39
Del Rio, Tex.	1	0.06	high 70	low 26	mean 48
Houston, Tex.	4	1.16	high 72	low 30	mean 51

	Rain.	Rainfall.	Thermometer		
	Days	In.	High	Low	Mean
Palestine, Tex.	5	0.67	high 70	low 20	mean 45
San Antonio, Tex.	3	0.24	high 72	low 26	mean 49
New Orleans, La.	1	0.15	high 72	low 33	mean 60
Shreveport, La.	4	4.41	high 69	low 53	mean 51
Mobile, Ala.		dry	high 72	low 35	mean 57
Savannah, Ga.	2	0.42	high 75	low 36	mean 56
Charleston, S. C.	7	0.02	high 72	low 36	mean 54
Charlotte, N. C.	7	0.07	high 71	low 28	mean 49
Memphis, Tenn.	4	9.06	high 63	low 30	mean 44

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:

	Jan. 10 1930.	Jan. 11 1929.
	Feet.	Feet.
New Orleans	Above zero of gauge. 7.1	6.1
Memphis	Above zero of gauge. 28.1	11.8
Nashville	Above zero of gauge. 21.5	19.4
Shreveport	Above zero of gauge. 11.6	21.5
Vicksburg	Above zero of gauge. 28.5	20.9

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Week Ended	Receipts at Ports.			Stocks at Interior Towns.			Receipts from Plantations.		
	1929.	1928.	1927.	1929.	1928.	1927.	1929.	1928.	1927.
Sept. 29	368,535	417,651	406,030	573,923	1,012,624	647,605	519,474	543,853	529,041
Oct. 4	437,422	532,796	421,802	726,959	602,945	742,848	590,458	661,488	517,045
11	512,933	521,837	391,639	831,858	706,536	869,297	667,882	625,028	518,088
18	509,510	558,699	389,720	1,041,622	847,112	974,900	729,274	696,281	495,323
25	518,799	550,877	424,130	1,185,728	963,520	1,101,815	662,815	657,285	551,145
Nov. 1	503,270	535,822	438,156	1,305,221	1,034,049	1,199,935	622,763	616,351	536,276
8	403,514	396,001	390,293	1,348,324	1,050,545	1,260,956	446,617	412,497	451,314
15	350,357	351,467	341,143	1,400,376	1,099,921	1,290,409	411,409	400,843	370,596
22	262,509	351,505	257,764	1,441,290	1,155,384	1,307,971	294,423	406,968	275,326
29	268,195	365,189	284,933	1,448,310	1,215,753	1,329,900	275,215	425,558	306,862
Dec. 6	282,747	388,988	233,588	1,451,947	1,223,573	1,342,508	285,384	396,808	246,196
13	281,398	311,736	199,962	1,461,857	1,232,683	1,331,182	291,305	320,846	188,636
20	260,772	265,760	180,499	1,476,699	1,232,436	1,308,770	275,614	265,555	188,087
27	187,785	255,661	159,069	1,493,015	1,255,901	1,328,743	204,101	279,193	179,642
Jan. 10	137,699	172,340	117,331	1,477,345	1,203,459	1,261,688	138,073	135,168	83,487

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1929 are 8,040,428 bales; in 1928 were 7,999,403 bales, and in 1927 were 7,084,916 bales. (2) That, although the receipts at the outports the past week were 137,699 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 138,073 bales, stocks at interior towns having increased 374 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 135,168 bales and for 1928 they were 83,487 bales.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.—The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons from all sources from which statistics are obtainable; also the takings or amounts gone out of sight for the like period:

Cotton Takings, Week and Season.	1929-30.		1928-29.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply Jan. 3	8,097,864		7,818,455	
Visible supply Aug. 1		3,735,957		4,175,480
American in sight to Jan. 10	259,686	11,661,189	270,636	11,523,281
Bombay receipts to Jan. 9	190,000	1,208,600	111,000	908,000
Other India ship'ts to Jan. 9	5,000	307,000	25,000	237,000
Alexandria receipts to Jan. 9	46,000	1,022,200	33,000	1,162,200
Other supply to Jan. 10 * b	14,000	458,000	10,000	409,000
Total supply	8,612,544	18,392,346	8,268,091	18,414,961
Deduct—				
Visible supply Jan. 10	8,135,464	8,135,464	7,844,289	7,844,289
Total takings to Jan. 10	477,080	10,256,882	423,802	10,570,672
Of which American	303,080	7,508,682	341,802	7,863,47
Of which other	174,000	2,748,200	82,000	2,707,20

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 2,555,000 bales in 1929-30 and 2,481,000 bales in 1928-29—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 7,701,882 bales in 1929-30 and 8,089,672 bales in 1928-29, of which 4,953,682 bales and 5,382,472 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:

Jan. 9. Receipts at—	1929-30.		1928-29.		1927-28.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Bombay	190,000	1,208,000	111,000	908,000	137,000	1,110,000

Exports from—	For the Week.				Since August 1.			
	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.
Bombay—								
1929-30	2,000	22,000	22,000	46,000	28,000	293,000	454,000	775,000
1928-29	3,000	32,000	24,000	59,000	17,000	319,000	564,000	900,000
1927-28	5,000	6,000	86,000	97,000	21,000	174,000	360,000	555,000
Other India—								
1929-30		5,000		5,000	49,000	258,000		307,000
1928-29		7,000	18,000	25,000	42,000	195,000		237,000
1927-28		9,000	3,000	12,000	33,500	205,000		238,500
Total all—								
1929-30	2,000	27,000	22,000	51,000	77,000	551,000	454,000	1,082,000
1928-29	10,000	50,000	24,000	84,000	59,000	514,000	564,000	1,137,000
1927-28	14,000	9,000	86,000	109,000	54,500	379,000	360,000	793,500

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show an increase compared with last year in the week's receipts of 79,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 33,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 55,000 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.—We now receive weekly a cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years:

Alexandria, Egypt, Jan. 9.		1929-30.		1928-29.		1927-28.	
Receipts (cantars)—							
This week		230,000		165,000		140,000	
Since Aug. 1		5,101,828		5,795,246		4,148,785	
Exports (bales)—							
	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.	
To Liverpool	8,009	82,164	6,250	93,770	5,000	70,773	
To Manchester, &c.	15,000	236,626	13,000	237,257	15,500	199,082	
To Continent and India	—	55,368	1,000	73,871	7,500	70,512	
To America	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Total exports	23,000	463,420	26,000	504,068	35,250	413,811	

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Jan. 9 were 230,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 23,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in yarns is quiet and in cloths steady. Demand for cloth is improving. We give prices to-day below and leave those of previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

	1929.				1928.				Cotton Middl'g Upl'd's
	32s Cop Twist.	8 1/2 Lbs. Shrt-ings, Common to Finest.	Cotton Middl'g Upl'd's		32s Cop Twist.	8 1/2 Lbs. Shrt-ings, Common to Finest.	Cotton Middl'g Upl'd's		
Sept. 27	14 1/2 @ 15 1/2	13 0 @ 13 2	10.20	14 1/2 @ 16	12 7 @ 13 1	10.72			
Oct. 4	14 1/2 @ 15 1/2	13 0 @ 13 0	10.28	15 @ 16 1/2	12 7 @ 13 1	10.64			
11	14 1/2 @ 15 1/2	13 0 @ 13 0	10.28	15 1/2 @ 16 1/2	13 1 @ 13 1	10.95			
18	14 1/2 @ 15 1/2	13 0 @ 13 2	9.94	15 1/2 @ 16 1/2	13 2 @ 13 4	11.00			
25	14 1/2 @ 15 1/2	13 0 @ 13 2	9.96	15 1/2 @ 16 1/2	13 1 @ 13 3	10.51			
Nov. 1	14 1/2 @ 15 1/2	12 6 @ 13 0	9.88	15 @ 16 1/2	13 1 @ 13 3	10.49			
8	13 1/2 @ 14 1/2	12 3 @ 12 5	9.56	15 @ 16 1/2	13 0 @ 13 2	10.46			
15	13 1/2 @ 14 1/2	12 2 @ 12 4	9.56	16 1/2 @ 17 1/2	13 0 @ 13 2	10.55			
22	13 1/2 @ 14 1/2	12 3 @ 12 5	9.76	15 1/2 @ 16 1/2	13 1 @ 13 3	10.84			
29	13 1/2 @ 14 1/2	12 3 @ 12 5	9.69	15 1/2 @ 16 1/2	13 3 @ 13 5	10.97			
Dec. 6	13 1/2 @ 14 1/2	12 3 @ 12 5	9.58	15 1/2 @ 16 1/2	13 3 @ 13 5	10.63			
13	13 1/2 @ 14 1/2	12 3 @ 12 5	9.47	15 1/2 @ 16 1/2	13 3 @ 13 5	10.69			
20	13 1/2 @ 14 1/2	12 3 @ 12 5	9.36	15 1/2 @ 16 1/2	13 3 @ 13 5	10.58			
27	13 1/2 @ 14 1/2	12 3 @ 12 5	9.51	15 1/2 @ 16 1/2	13 3 @ 13 5	10.63			
Jan. 3	13 1/2 @ 14 1/2	12 2 @ 12 4	9.53	15 1/2 @ 16 1/2	13 3 @ 13 5	10.50			
10	13 1/2 @ 14 1/2	12 2 @ 12 4	9.58	15 1/2 @ 16 1/2	13 3 @ 13 5	10.58			

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 173,495 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic reports, are as follows:

		Bales.	
GALVESTON—To Havre—Dec. 31—Cliffwood, 1,336; Tugela, 3,693		5,029	
To Ghent—Dec. 31—Tugela, 3,641; Dec. 31—Cliffwood, 173		3,814	
To Antwerp—Dec. 31—Tugela, 123		123	
To Gothenburg—Dec. 31—Tugela, 1,498		1,498	
To Copenhagen—Dec. 31—Tugela, 100		100	
To Rotterdam—Dec. 31—Cliffwood, 493		493	
To Bremen—Jan. 3—Tripp, 3,827—Jan. 7—York, 4,222		8,049	
To Barcelona—Jan. 4—Edgefield, 4,123		4,123	
To Japan—Jan. 6—Volunteer, 367; Fernlane, 466—Jan. 8—Talan Maru, 5,843; Jan. 8—La Plata Maru, 2,800		10,476	
To China—Jan. 6—Volunteer, 1,102		1,102	
To Liverpool—Jan. 7—West Celina, 825		825	
NEW ORLEANS—To Liverpool—Dec. 31—West Celeron, 3,790		3,790	
Jan. 3—Barbadian, 2,956		6,746	
To Manchester—Dec. 31—West Celeron, 835—Jan. 3—Barbadian, 726		1,561	
To Marselles—Dec. 31—Aussa, 895—Jan. 8—Labette, 300		1,195	
To Havre—Dec. 31—Missouri Havre, 848; Syros, 4,660		5,508	
To Ghent—Dec. 31—Skros, 3,700		3,700	
To Bremen—Dec. 31—Davenport, 2,634		2,634	
To Hamburg—Dec. 31—Davenport, 240		240	
To Rotterdam—Dec. 31—Davenport, 568—Jan. 7—Maasdam, 1,764		2,332	
To Japan—Jan. 3—Pajala, 8,000—Jan. 4—La Plata Maru, 4,665		12,665	
To Venice—Jan. 4—Liberty Bell, 750		750	
To Barcelona—Jan. 4—Sapinero, 300		300	
To Bordeaux—Jan. 7—Michigan, 310		310	
To Dunkirk—Jan. 6—Toledo, 918—Jan. 7—Michigan, 200		1,118	
To Oslo—Jan. 6—Toledo, 100		100	
To Genoa—Jan. 8—Labette, 6,353		6,353	
To Gothenburg—Jan. 6—Toledo, 125		125	
To Arico—Jan. 4—Tela, 100		100	
To Porto Colombia—Jan. 4—Tela, 50		50	
NORFOLK—To Manchester—Jan. 4—Winona, 417—Jan. 8—Dellian, 1,591		2,008	
To Bremen—Jan. 7—Altmark, 1,500		1,500	
To Liverpool—Jan. 8—Dellian, 840		840	
SEATTLE—To Japan—Dec. 23—Siberia Maru, 50		50	
To China—Dec. 23—Siberia Maru, 250		250	
HOUSTON—To Liverpool—Dec. 31—West Celina, 3,715		3,715	
To Havre—Jan. 3—Waban, 4,355—Jan. 7—De la Salle, 5,083		9,408	
To Dunkirk—Jan. 3—Waban, 100		100	
To Antwerp—Jan. 3—Waban, 100		100	
To Ghent—Jan. 3—Waban, 1,043		1,043	
To Rotterdam—Jan. 3—Waban, 1,020		1,020	
To Barcelona—Jan. 3—Edgefield, 3,397—Jan. 4—Aldecoa, 3,770		7,167	
To Bremen—Jan. 4—York, 2,632		2,632	
To Japan—Jan. 4—Talan Maru, 5,840; Fernlane, 512—Jan. 3—Volunteer, 1,175—Dec. 31—Weiwu Maru, 5,525—Jan. 6—Stensby, 4,539		17,591	
To China—Jan. 4—Fernlane, 175—Jan. 3—Fernlane, 1,123—Dec. 31—Weiwu Maru, 4,675		5,973	
TEXAS CITY—To Liverpool—Jan. 6—Westward Ho, 1,330		1,330	
To Havre—Jan. 4—Cliffwood, 322		322	
To Rotterdam—Jan. 4—Cliffwood, 257		257	
To Ghent—Jan. 4—Cliffwood, 177		177	
To Bremen—Dec. 30—Tripp, 1,690		1,690	
NEW YORK—To Lisbon—Jan. 3—Hinnoy, 10		10	
To Havre—Jan. 8—Waukegan, 200		200	

		Bales.	
SAVANNAH—To Genoa—Jan. 4—Lavada, 2,059		2,059	
To Liverpool—Jan. 7—Wildwood, 3,604		3,604	
To Hamburg—Jan. 7—Wildwood, 181		181	
SAN FRANCISCO—To Italy—Jan. 3—Hinnoy, 100		100	
To Japan—Jan. 3—Hinnoy, 1,100		1,100	
MOBILE—To Bremen—Dec. 31—Parkhaven, 5,865; Braddock, 3,805		9,670	
To Rotterdam—Dec. 31—Parkhaven, 31; West Hika, 68		99	
To Liverpool—Dec. 31—West Maximus, 4,926		4,926	
To Manchester—Dec. 31—West Maximus, 869		869	
To Hamburg—Dec. 31—Braddock, 168		168	
CHARLESTON—To Liverpool—Jan. 4—Wildwood, 2,400		2,400	
To Hamburg—Jan. 4—Wildwood, 54		54	
To Rotterdam—Jan. 4—Wildwood, 100		100	
To Antwerp—Jan. 4—Wildwood, 131		131	
LAKE CHARLES—To Genoa—Jan. 8—West Harshaw, 1,369		1,369	
LOS ANGELES—To Liverpool—Jan. 4—Pacific Exporter, 200; Prince Rupert City, 203		403	
To Manchester—Jan. 4—Pacific Exporter, 200; Prince Rupert City, 685		885	
To Havre—Jan. 4—Notre Dame de Fourviere, 575		575	
To Bremen—Jan. 4—Witram, 650		650	
To Japan—Jan. 4—Hawaii Maru, 2,500		2,500	
CORPUS CHRISTI—To Bremen—Jan. 2—Nord Friesland, 478		478	
To Japan—Dec. 26—Fernlane, 2,093		2,093	
To China—Dec. 26—Fernlane, 279		279	
		173,495	

COTTON FREIGHTS.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Burrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

	High Density.	Stand-ard.		High Density.	Stand-ard.		High Density.	Stand-ard.
Liverpool	.45c.	.60c.	Stockholm	.60c.	.75c.	Shanghai	.68 1/2 c.	.83 1/2 c.
Manchester	.45c.	.60c.	Trieste	.50c.	.65c.	Bombay	.60c.	.75c.
Antwerp	.45c.	.60c.	Flume	.50c.	.65c.	Bremen	.45c.	.60c.
Havre	.31c.	.46c.	Lisbon	.45c.	.60c.	Hamburg	.45c.	.60c.
Rotterdam	.45c.	.60c.	Oporto	.60c.	.75c.	Piraeus	.75c.	.90c.
Genoa	.50c.	.65c.	Barcelona	.30c.	.45c.	Salonica	.75c.	.90c.
Oslo	.50c.	.65c.	Japan	.63 1/2 c.	.78 1/2 c.	Venice	.50c.	.65c.

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	Dec. 20.	Dec. 27.	Jan. 3.	Jan. 10.
Sales of the week	21,000	9,000	16,000	35,000
Of which American	10,000	4,000	9,000	18,000
Sales for export	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Forward	67,000	27,000	63,000	68,000
Total stocks	752,000	795,000	822,000	828,000
Of which American	344,000	378,000	382,000	407,000
Total imports	94,000	81,000	93,000	83,000
Of which American	61,000	51,000	45,000	69,000
Amount afloat	298,000	265,000	239,000	220,000
Of which American	183,000	147,000	145,000	107,000

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Spot.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.
Market, 12:15 P. M.	Quiet	Quiet	Quiet	More demand.	More demand.	Quiet
Mid. Upl'ds	9.46d.	9.45d.	9.43d.	9.42d.	9.44d.	9.58d.
Sales	3,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	10,000	5,000
Futures, Market opened	Easy decline.	Quiet decline.	Quiet decline.	Quiet decline.	Q't but st'y advance.	Steady advance.
Market, 4 P. M.	Quiet decline.	Quiet decline.	Q't but st'y to 1 pt. decl.	Q't but st'y decline.	Steady advance.	Q't but st'y advance.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

am. 4 to 10.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	12.15 p. m.	12.15 p. m.	12.15 p. m.	12.15 p. m.	12.15 p. m.	12.15 p. m.
January	9.11	9.10	9.09	9.08	9.11	9.07
February	9.14	9.11	9.11	9.09	9.12	9.08
March	9.19	9.17	9.16	9.14	9.17	9.13
April	9.22	9.19	9.18	9.16	9.19	9.15
May	9.28	9.25	9.25	9.22	9.25	9.21
June	9.29	9.26	9.26	9.23	9.26	9.22
July	9.34	9.31	9.30	9.27	9.30	9.25
August	9.33	9.30	9.29	9.26	9.28	9.24
September	9.33	9.30	9.29	9.26	9.28	9.24
October	9.33	9.29	9.29	9.25	9.28	9.24
November	9.34	9.30	9.30	9.26	9.29	9.25
December	9.36	9.32	9.32	9.27	9.31	9.26
January (1931)	9.35	9.31	9.31	9.26	9.30	9.25

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Jan. 10 1930.

Flour was in moderate demand and steady. Exports of flour late last week were 37,377 sacks from New York. Other shipments of 19,993 sacks went to Dublin. Later prices fell 10 to 25c. Exports were 28,000 barrels, on the 7th inst., mostly to the Continent.

Wheat has felt the lack of a spirited export demand, and, therefore, is noticeably lower. Also professional operators have been aggressive sellers. Latterly the weather has been more favorable for the winter wheat crop. Snowfalls have occurred. Statistics for the time being are against the price, unless they are offset by an aggressive foreign demand. Of that there is no sign at the present time. On the 4th inst. prices declined 2 1/2 c., or 6c. in two days, owing to reports that Russia had sold 75,000 bushels of low grade to the United Kingdom. Winnipeg fell 1 1/2 to 1 7/8 c. Later came a rally. Private cables reported that the Russian wheat was being offered on account of political conditions, and it was estimated that at a maximum of only 20,000 tons, or 750,000 bushels, were available for export. Also a better demand appeared from shorts and holders of bids. Good buying earlier was said to be for foreign account. The seaboard was also a buyer. Export sales were 600,000 to 700,000 bushels in all positions, including a cargo of hard winters to Portugal. The trade looked for a decrease

in the amount of ocean passage and a moderate decrease in the United States visible supply. Chicago wired, Jan. 4: "While cables from London to-day said that Russia was offering wheat to the United Kingdom, it was reported, on the other hand, that Russia was trying to buy flour on credit on the Continent. This suggested to close observers that there was a small surplus of grain in the Black Sea area and a shortage in the northern section. This view seemed plausible, as it is easier to export grain from the southern area and replace it with flour closer to the distressed district than to ship the actual grain."

On the 6th inst. prices ended 1/4 to 1/2c. higher at Chicago and 1/4 to 3/8c. lower at Winnipeg on a dull day, with a holiday in Buenos Aires. Export sales were 1,000,000 bushels, including two cargoes of hard winter for Portugal. World's shipments were 9,516,000 bushels for the week, and from July 1 amounted to 331,000,000 bushels, or about 120,000,000 less than exported for the same time a year ago. Of the total for the week, North America exported 4,901,000 bushels. Despite the small world's shipments, there was a slight increase in the afloat stocks, with the total on passage now 28,206,000 bushels. Seaboard advices indicated that there were numerous bids in the market very close to a working basis, and premiums at the Gulf showed a firm tone, with 1/4c. under the May bid for No. 2 hard. Of Russian wheat a small parcel was said to have been sold to go to France, and press cables stated that Russian wheat was also going into Germany. Some contend that if the United States has much wheat to spare for export, the decrease in the United States visible supply of 2,589,000 bushels did not fully reflect the large export sales reported in the last few weeks. It was noticeable that winter wheat receipts are quite liberal in the Southwest for this time of the year. The United States visible supply is now 175,518,000 bushels against 138,091,000 last year.

On the 7th inst. prices ended 1 1/2 to 2c. lower, with Russia offering wheat to Liverpool, London and the Continent. The offers are supposed to have been at \$1.49 to \$1.61 a bushel c.i.f. England. Liverpool fell 1 1/4 to 2 1/4d., Buenos Aires 1 1/8c., and Winnipeg 2 1/8 to 2 3/8c. The Northwest was at one time 3c. lower. Some think the Argentine Government crop estimate was too low, and farmers are marketing freely. From now on the shipments from the Southern Hemisphere are expected to increase noticeably. Export business was dull. The Continental crops, it is believed, are turning out larger than they had been estimated. January wheat at Chicago on the 7th inst. closed at \$1.23 a bushel, or only 3/8c. a bushel over February at Buenos Aires.

On the 8th inst. prices ended 5/8 to 1 1/4c. higher, with a better export demand, and sales of 600,000 to 700,000 bushels Manitoba and hard winter, and higher cables. Liverpool closed 1 1/8d. to 1 3/8d. higher, due to reports of shippers in Russia asking slightly higher prices. A private estimate that the Russian exportable surplus would not exceed 10,000 tons, and reports that Russia was inquiring for flour on the Continent had some effect. Russia was said to be interested in a cargo of North American wheat for seed. Offerings at the Gulf were rather small, and with more active bidding the basis was advanced to the May price, with offerings at 1/2 to 1c. over. Omaha reported sales direct to the Gulf with bids on No. 1 hard on a shipping basis. No. 2 hard was slightly below. On the 9th inst. prices broke 2c. early, and that was the swing of prices throughout the day, in an uncertain market, closing 1/4c. net higher. Liverpool dropped 1 1/4 to 1 3/8c., with reports of larger Argentine exports for the week and also increased shipments from the Black Sea. The Black Sea shipments were 328,000 bushels. Buenos Aires at one time was 1/4c. higher. Argentine exports were put at close to 2,400,000 bushels against 1,503,000 for the same week last year. Snow fell all over most of the West and Southwest, offsetting the very low temperatures. The Kansas State report was favorable. Export sales were only 300,000 to 400,000 bushels, but there was more activity reported in No. 2 hard at the Gulf. Premiums there advanced 1/2 to 3/4c. over May for No. 2, and 4 to 4 1/2c. over May for No. 1 hard. There was really no pressure to sell. The market, if anything, acted rather short.

To-day prices closed 3 to 3 1/4c. lower under heavy liquidation, poor cables, and talk of the possibility of a crop of 900,000,000 bushels by next summer. Buenos Aires was 5/8c. lower at the Chicago close. Liverpool was 1/8 to 1/2d. higher. Cash markets were quiet. Flour was dull. Exports sales of wheat were very small, if there were any. A good snowfall over the winter wheat belt also had a weakening effect. Bradstreet's North American clearances were 5,678,000 bushels, indicating world's exports this week of about 10,000,000. Final prices show a decline for the week of 4 1/2 to 5c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 hard	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	135 3/4	136 1/4	134 3/4	135 1/4	135 1/2	132 3/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

March delivery	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	129 1/4	129 1/4	127 3/4	128 3/4	128 3/4	125 3/4
May delivery	132 3/4	133 3/4	131 3/4	132 3/4	132 3/4	129 3/4
July delivery	133	133 3/4	131 3/4	133 3/4	133 3/4	130 3/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

May delivery	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	143 1/4	143 1/4	141	141 1/4	141 1/4	138 1/4
July delivery	145 3/4	144 3/4	142 1/4	142 3/4	142 3/4	140
October delivery	140 1/4	140 1/4	137 3/4	137 3/4	137 3/4	135 3/4

Indian corn has been steadied by the smallness of the stocks at terminal markets, cash demand has been persistent, and receipts and country offerings moderate or actually small. On the 4th inst. prices declined 5/8c. and then recovered 1/4c. of the loss, with country offerings to arrive small and the shipping demand sharp. The immediate future of the price largely hinges on the weather, and with it the size of the receipts. The United States visible supply was expected to show an increase on the 6th inst. Primary receipts were 620,000 bushels against 465,000 on the same day in the previous week and 768,000 last year; shipments 628,000 against 520,000 a week previously and 656,000 last year. On the 6th inst. prices closed 1/8c. lower to 1/2c. higher in a small market. Receipts were fairly large, despite none too favorable weather, but shipping demand lagged. The weather was a little too warm and at times too rainy over a wide area. Colder weather would increase the movement. The United States visible supply increased last week 1,949,000 bushels against 1,713,000 last year; total now, 9,802,000 against 18,853,000 last year. On the 7th inst. prices ended 1/2c. lower after an early decline of 1c. The weather, as a rule, was good, despite some rain. People kept predicting larger receipts. Cash demand was small. Outside markets were underselling Chicago. Industries bought to a fair extent. Argentine May corn is over 25c. under Chicago, and this naturally excited remark. It seems that 50,000 bushels of May were sold at Chicago late on the 7th inst. against purchases of a like amount at Buenos Aires at a difference of 27c. a bushel.

On the 8th inst. prices ended 1/4 to 1/2c. higher. Rains interrupted husking in Illinois. Shipping demand was better. Offerings to arrive were small and generally held at 2 to 3c. above present prices. With bad weather, consignments have decreased. On the 9th inst. prices advanced 1 1/4 to 2c. The cash demand was better. Country offerings were smaller. The weather was bad. The Government report put the 1929 crop at 2,191,135,000 bushels, or 72.8% less than in 1928. And that was the smallest crop since 1924. A larger percentage of the acreage than usual was given up to silage, forage, or hogging down. To-day prices ended 1 1/8 to 1 3/8c. lower. In the end they were affected by the depression in wheat. Early in the day bad weather and small country offerings sustained prices. Later on come realizing. Also the cash demand fell off. Recent buyers became sellers. Cash corn was steady to 1/2c. higher. Eastern buyers balked at any advance in the early trading. Final prices are 1/8c. lower to 1/2c. higher for the week.

Production of corn for grain in the United States for 1929 was estimated by the Department of Agriculture at 2,191,135,000 bushels, which is 7.2% less than last year, and the smallest in any year since 1924. The area harvested for grain was estimated at 82,601,000 acres, the smallest in any year since the estimates were begun in 1924. Production of corn for silage for 1929 was estimated at 29,908,000 tons, or 5.3% less than the 31,579,000 tons placed as the total in 1928. The yield was placed at 6.95 tons per acre compared with 7.43 tons for 1928. Corn utilized for hogging, grazing and forage totaled 11,113,000 acres, compared with 10,974,000 acres in 1928. The Agricultural Department's final estimate for production of corn, including amount fed on the farms, was for a yield of 2,786,288,000 bushels compared with 2,839,959,000 bushels in 1928. The total production as then given was the smallest since 1924, when the outturn was 2,300,414,000 bushels, with that exception was the smallest since 1918.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 yellow	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	104 3/4	104 1/2	104 1/4	106 1/4	108 3/4	107 3/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

March delivery	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	91	91 1/4	90 3/4	91 1/4	93 1/4	91 3/4
May delivery	94 3/4	94 1/4	94	94 1/4	96	94 3/4
July delivery	96 3/4	96 1/4	95 3/4	96 3/4	98	96 3/4

Oats have changed only fractionally in spite of the decline in other grain, for the cash demand, as a rule, has been good and the movement of the crop not at all burdensome. On the 4th inst. prices ended 1/2 to 1/4c. lower. Selling of May by local operators was a leading feature so far as it went. Commission houses and shorts bought. That kept down the decline. On the 6th inst. prices ended 1/4c. lower to 1/8c. higher in a small and unsatisfactory market generally. Cash oats sold well, with offerings small. The United States visible supply decreased last week 392,000 bushels against 502,000 last year. Total, 26,956,000 against 13,468,000 a year ago. On the 7th inst. prices ended unchanged to 1/2c. lower. Cash demand was good and country receipts were small. Futures, however, could not ignore the decline in other grain.

On the 8th inst. prices ended 1/8c. lower to 1/2c. higher, with no life in the trading aside from the spot demand, which was good. Also the receipts were small. On the 9th inst. prices closed 1/2 to 3/8c. higher, with an excellent cash demand, a fair shipping business, and a smaller country movement. To-day prices ended 5/8c. lower. There was only moderate trading. The decline in other grain made itself felt. Liquidation played some part. The tendency is to follow corn. Cash oats were comparatively steady, but quiet. Final prices show a decline for the week of 3/8 to 5/8c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 white	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	58	58	58	58	58 1/2	57

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
March delivery	47 3/4	47 3/4	47 3/4	47 3/4	48 3/4	47 3/4
May delivery	49	49	48 3/4	48 3/4	49 3/4	48 3/4
July delivery	48	47 3/4	47 3/4	47 3/4	48 3/4	47 3/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery	64 1/4	64	63 1/4	63 3/4	63	61 3/4
July delivery	64 3/4	64 3/4	64	63 3/4	63 1/4	61 3/4
October delivery	59 3/4	59 3/4	59 3/4	59 3/4	59 3/4	57 3/4

Rye declined partly in sympathy with the drop in wheat, but also because of the lack of any foreign demand. Russia moreover is said to be selling to Scandinavia. A concentrated long interest is said to exist in the March delivery. Strong people, it is believed, hold the greater part of the visible supply which is now in Chicago. Finding a good market for rye, however, seems to be another matter. On the 4th inst. prices declined 1/2 to 1c. in sympathy with wheat. Export business was absent. Spreading between March and May was the only feature. On the 6th inst. prices were unchanged to 1/4c. lower in sympathy, so far as it went, with wheat. Futures and cash rye were dull. The United States visible supply increased last week 1,078,000 bushels against 122,000 last year; total now 13,715,000 bushels against 6,281,000 a year ago. On the 7th inst. prices fell 1/2 to 1 3/4c., with wheat down and trade and speculation dull. On the 8th inst. prices rallied on March with wheat, but there was a decline in other months and nothing to stimulate the market as regards either cash rye or futures. The ending on that day was 3/4c. lower to 1/4c. higher.

On the 9th inst. prices were unchanged to 1c. lower in sympathy with wheat. Besides, there was no snap to trading in rye, either for cash account or speculation. Nothing seems to wake it up. To-day prices ended 1 1/2 to 1 3/4c. lower, with steady liquidation. Also it is said Russia has just sold 1,600,000 bushels of rye to Scandinavia. Norway, it is reported, has supplied its requirements for January, February and March. Of course, the decline in wheat also affected rye. Final prices show a decline for the week of 2 1/2 to 5c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
March delivery	104	103 3/4	103 3/4	103 3/4	103 3/4	102
May delivery	102 1/2	102	100 3/4	101 3/4	101 3/4	99 3/4
July delivery	100 3/4	100 3/4	99 3/4	99	98	96 3/4

Closing quotations were as follows:

FLOUR.

Spring pat. high protein	\$7.00	\$7.50	Rye flour, patents	\$6.40	\$6.80
Spring patents	6.50	7.00	Seminola, No. 2, pound	4 3/4	
Clears, first spring	5.75	6.25	Oats goods	2.70	2.75
Soft winter straights	5.90	6.40	Corn flour	2.45	2.50
Hard winter straights	6.15	6.50	Barley goods—		
Hard winter patents	6.10	7.00	Coarse	3.25	
Hard winter clears	5.15	5.90	Fancy pearl Nos. 1, 2,		
Fancy Minn. patents	8.60	9.35	3 and 4	6.00	6.50
City mills	8.60	9.30			

GRAIN.

Wheat, New York—		Oats, New York—	
No. 2 red, f.o.b.	1.40 1/4	No. 2 white	57
No. 2 hard winter, f.o.b.	1.32 3/4	No. 3 white	55
Corn, New York—		Rye, New York	109 3/4
No. 2 yellow all rail	1.07 1/4	No. 2 f.o.b.	
No. 3 yellow all rail	1.03 3/4	Barley, New York—	69 3/4
		Malting	

All the statements below regarding the movement of grain—receipts, exports, visible supply, &c.—are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. First we give the receipts at Western Lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	bbls. 196 lbs.	bush. 60 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.	bush. 32 lbs.	bush. 48 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.
Chicago	194,000	55,000	3,306,000	512,000	73,000	791,000
Minneapolis	662,000	503,000	219,000	196,000	168,000	
Duluth	465,000	102,000	122,000	90,000	188,000	
Milwaukee	21,000	17,000	431,000	46,000	92,000	8,000
Toledo	115,000	40,000	41,000	1,000		
Detroit	28,000	12,000	2,000		7,000	
Indianapolis	24,000	555,000	104,000			
St. Louis	107,000	452,000	588,000	210,000	23,000	
Peoria	42,000	23,000	903,000	105,000	63,000	1,000
Kansas City	1,184,000	888,000	46,000			
Omaha	387,000	1,075,000	170,000			
St. Joseph	351,000	462,000	6,000			
Wichita	252,000	116,000	6,000			
Sioux City	11,000	189,000	18,000			
Total wk. '30	364,000	4,026,000	9,170,000	1,607,000	538,000	1,163,000
Same wk. '29	447,000	4,487,000	9,052,000	1,904,000	1,030,000	328,000
Same wk. '28	403,000	4,558,000	5,353,000	1,815,000	862,000	266,000
Since Aug. 1—						
1929	10,120,000	249,682,000	114,026,000	81,381,000	47,538,000	19,347,000
1928	11,351,000	330,628,000	133,584,000	81,539,000	70,426,000	19,453,000
1927	11,111,000	306,971,000	116,339,000	79,058,000	47,856,000	27,874,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Jan. 4 1930, follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	bbls. 196 lbs.	bush. 60 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.	bush. 32 lbs.	bush. 48 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.
New York	275,000	294,000	15,000	18,000	19,000	
Portland, Me.	12,000		16,000			
Philadelphia	44,000	2,000	10,000	22,000		
Baltimore	18,000	180,000	22,000	10,000		
Newport News	3,000					
New Orleans*	30,000	48,000	36,000	9,000		
Galveston		247,000				
St. John, N.B.	28,000	68,000				5,000
Boston	29,000		1,000	12,000		1,000
Total wk. '30	439,000	839,000	100,000	71,000	19,000	6,000
Since Jan. 1 '30	439,000	839,000	100,000	71,000	19,000	6,000
Week 1929	508,000	2,875,000	2,576,000	234,000	997,000	159,000
Since Jan. 1 '29	508,000	2,875,000	2,576,000	234,000	997,000	159,000

* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Jan. 4 1930, are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
	Bushels	Bushels	Barrels	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels
New York	412,000		44,872	21,000		16
Portland, Me.	16,000		12,000			
Boston	120,000		2,000			
Philadelphia	16,000					
Baltimore	114,000		7,000			
Newport News			3,000			
New Orleans	270,000	16,000	56,000	35,000		
Galveston	362,000					
St. John, N. B.	68,000		28,000			
Houston	266,000					
Total week 1930	1,584,000	16,000	152,872	56,000		21
Same week 1929	4,020,469	2,369,763	192,117	19,000	153,000	1,530

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1929 is as below:

Exports for Week and Since July 1 to—	Flour.		Wheat.		Corn.	
	Week Jan. 4. 1930.	Since July 1. 1929.	Week Jan. 4. 1930.	Since July 1. 1929.	Week Jan. 4. 1930.	Since July 1. 1929.
	Barrels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
United Kingdom	72,555	1,911,434	976,000	34,433,000		30
Continental	54,317	2,003,038	581,000	46,909,000		34
So. & Cent. Amer.	3,000	254,000	27,000	544,000		4
West Indies	23,000	303,000		383,000	16,000	172
Other countries		245,221		484,000		
Total 1930	152,872	4,716,693	1,584,000	82,403,000	16,000	247
Total 1929	198,117	6,166,849	4,020,469	189,694,504	2,369,703	8,430

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Jan. 4 1930, were as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS.

	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
United States—					
New York	1,670,000	2,000	181,000	34,000	100
Boston	250,000		7,000	2,000	
Philadelphia	801,000	25,000	226,000	15,000	
Baltimore	4,730,000	35,000	78,000	28,000	16
Newport News	726,000				
New Orleans	2,175,000	105,000	88,000	7,000	42
Galveston	2,485,000	3,000			330
Fort Worth	4,424,000	123,000	517,000	7,000	19
Buffalo	8,528,000	993,000	2,478,000	371,000	407
a float	10,457,000		383,000	233,000	564
Toledo	2,831,000	21,000	146,000	7,000	10
a float	210,000		919,000		11
Detroit	179,000	21,000	28,000		7
Chicago	23,248,000	2,675,000	4,642,000	5,131,000	353
a float	984,000			4,376,000	
Milwaukee	632,000	920,000	4,266,000	24,000	524
Duluth	24,036,000	251,000	1,953,000	2,686,000	1,017
a float	357,000		270,000		
Minneapolis	32,732,000	958,000	7,252,000	727,000	4,958
Sioux City	882,000	268,000	433,000		17
St. Louis	4,134,000	426,000	363,000	12,000	94
Kansas City	23,443,000	731,000	16,000	24,000	213
Wichita	6,006,000	92,000			
Hutchinson	2,428,000	17,000			
St. Joseph, Mo.	5,848,000	453,000	11,000		6
Peoria	63,000	100,000	1,157,000		
Indianapolis	1,594,000	454,000	735,000	8,000	39
Omaha	9,667,000	1,219,000	804,000	16,000	21
Total Jan. 4 1930	175,518,000	9,892,000	26,956,000	13,715,000	9,737
Total Dec. 28 1929	178,107,000	7,943,000	27,350,000	12,637,000	9,888
Total Jan. 5 1929	138,091,000	18,853,000	13,468,000	6,281,000	9,227

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats—New York, 420,000 bush. Philadelphia, 3,000; Baltimore, 5,000; Buffalo, 254,000; Duluth, 18,000; 700,000 bushels, against 868,000 bushels in 1929. Barley—New York, 61 bushels; Buffalo, 1,230,000; Buffalo afloat, 1,071,000; Duluth, 104,000; 3,017,000 bushels, against 5,042,000 bushels in 1929. Wheat—New York, 5,000 bushels; Boston, 1,612,000; Philadelphia, 3,279,000; Baltimore, 4,029 Buffalo, 7,896,000; Buffalo afloat, 12,555,000; Duluth, 189,000; total, 35,466 bushels, against 38,339,000 bushels in 1929.

Canadian—

Montreal	6,886,000		1,511,000	446,000	1,188
Pt. William & Pt. Arthur	47,730,000		4,012,000	4,154,000	13,822
a float	194,000				29
Other Canadian	20,757,000		4,058,000	1,539,000	1,444
Total Jan. 4 1930	75,567,000		9,581,000	6,139,000	16,744
Total Dec. 28 1929	74,704,000		9,709,000	6,046,000	16,599
Total Jan. 5 1929	76,331,000		7,965,000	6,261,000	8,166

Summary—

American	175,518,000	9,892,000	26,956,000	13,715,000	9,737
Canadian	75,567,000		9,581,000	6,139,000	16,744
Total Jan. 4 1930	251,085,000	9,892,000	36,537,000	19,854,000	26,481
Total Dec. 28 1929	252,811,000	7,943,000	37,059,000	18,683,000	26,427
Total Jan. 5 1929	94,430,000	18,853,000	21,433,000	8,902,000	21,739

The world's shipments of wheat and corn, as furnished Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, Jan. 3, and since July 1 1930 and 1929 are shown in the following:

Exports.	Wheat.		Corn.		Stk. July 1. 1929.
	Week Jan. 3. 1930.	Since July 1. 1929.</			

t and the more northeastern States. By January 1 warmer weather prevailed in the interior valleys, but it was colder in the West, and during following few days there was a sharp temperature drop in central and western districts.

Rather widespread precipitation occurred over the eastern half of the country about the middle of the week and in the Northwest and Pacific States toward its close, with rather general showers as far south as extreme southern California. At the same time much colder weather prevailed over the Northwest, with the advance of an extensive "high" from Canadian Provinces.

Notwithstanding the cold weather the latter part of the week over a large area of the Northwest, the period, as a whole, was abnormally warm, practically all parts of the country. The data in the table on page 3 show that from the Great Plains eastward the weekly mean temperature ranged generally from about 4 deg. to as much as 14 deg. above normal and in most Rocky Mountain sections they were 4 deg. to 8 deg. above. A large area of the far Northwest was cooler than normal, while temperatures were deficient in parts of the Pacific area. In the East freezing weather prevailed as far south as Thomasville, Ga., but farther west the lowest recorded in Gulf coast sections ranged from about 35 deg. in northwestern Florida to 48 deg. in the extreme lower Rio Grande Valley. At the close of the week temperatures were low in the Northwest, where the coldest later reported at first-order stations was 24 deg. below zero at Devils Lake, N. Dak.

There were fairly heavy rains in the central Mississippi and Ohio Valleys and also in parts of the Southeast, but elsewhere, east of the Pacific States, there was generally less than 0.5 inch of precipitation, while in the Southwest the week was practically rainless over a large area. The outstanding feature of moisture was the general dryness that occurred practically everywhere in the previously dry Pacific States. The rains extended to extreme southern California on the 5th and the drought has been relieved in that area.

East of the Rocky Mountains most of the week was fair and favorable for seasonal farm work. The principal wheat-growing States were bare of snow, but there were no severe temperatures, although complaints are received of some freezing and thawing conditions in parts of the Rio Valley. Over the eastern half of the country moisture is still generally ample, but parts of the West are dry, especially in the western Great Plains and the eastern foothills of the Rocky Mountains, extending as far south as western Texas. In the Pacific coast area conditions have very greatly improved with the previous rains in central and northern sections and rather generous amounts of moisture nearly everywhere during the week just closed.

In the winter trucking districts of the South the warmer weather was beneficial, but extensive damage was done by the severe freezes of recent weeks. Considerable replanting is reported, however, and hardy truck crops in the extreme lower Rio Grande Valley and lower coast sections of Texas in good condition. In Florida crops improved with the dry, sunny weather, but much replanting is necessary.

In the Corn Belt conditions were rather favorable for husking and cribbing in most places, but there is still considerable corn in the fields, especially in the upper Ohio Valley; reports of deterioration to that outstandingly continue rather generally, with some spoiling in cribs. It was also rather favorable for the completion of cotton picking, though little remains in the fields.

SMALL GRAINS.—The main winter wheat belt remains bare of snow, but condition of the crop is still satisfactory. There were some reports of unfavorable freezing and thawing in the Ohio Valley, but wheat is still in good, with soil moisture ample. In the western parts of the belt condition varies from good to excellent, but some areas of the southwest are becoming dry, particularly western Kansas, southwestern Oklahoma, and eastern Texas; in the first-named State there was some soil blowing, while in the last the condition was only poor to fair in the dry section. There was also some soil drifting in Wyoming, and lack of snow cover was detrimental in parts of Colorado. In the Northwest rains of snows are very helpful, with a light to ample cover reported from Washington, while there were beneficial rains in southern California. In the Southwest winter oats were recovering slowly from the effects of the recent freezes, while winter grains are in mostly good condition in the more eastern States.

The Weather Bureau furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

Virginia.—Richmond: Fair weather, with temperatures considerably above normal most of week; light rain on one day. Very favorable for outdoor work; some plowing done. Winter grains and truck mostly in good condition.

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Mild and rainfall light, except rather heavy in southeast. Weather favorable for truck, winter grains, and outdoor activities.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Rather high temperatures early in week, but weather generally favorable, with only one day of rain. Oats and eye show practically seasonal development, but wheat is backward due to late planting and wet soil; early plantings coming to good stands, with planting progressing. Spring cabbage on coast doing well. Some hog killing.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Moderately warm week, with general rain Thursday afternoon and night; colder Saturday morning, with freezing as far south as Thomasville. Oats slowly recovering from effects of previous freeze, but truck remains poor. Farm work very inactive, but progress so far about normal.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Except scattered showers, week dry and sunny, improving oats and strawberries, cabbage and other truck; much replanting as a result of damage from previous cold. Potato planting about finished in Federal Point, but continues in Hastings district. Plowing for melons advanced. General farm work progressing. Ranges poor.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Temperatures somewhat below normal middle of week; much above remainder. General light to moderate rains Thursday; remainder fair. Scattered patches of cotton and corn in north still ungathered. Oats surviving recent severe freezes mostly in poor condition. Resetting cabbage and planting other cold-weather crops made good progress in coast section. Little farm work accomplished elsewhere.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: General rains Thursday; mostly light in extreme north and on coast, but moderate to heavy elsewhere. Progress of seasonal farm work, truck, and pastures generally poor.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Mostly seasonable or somewhat lower temperatures and fair weather, except light to heavy rains Thursday. Plowing in several localities, with some replanting of winter truck. Sugar cane grinding progressing fairly well; sanding cane abandoned on some plantations due to acidity and decreasing sucrose.

Texas.—Houston: Warm, with little or no precipitation, favorable for field work and plowing made good progress. Pastures mostly dead and dry, but livestock in fair to good condition. Progress of wheat and oats poor to only fair in parts of west account dryness, but generally good elsewhere. In lower Rio Grande Valley and lower coast section progress and condition of hardy truck and citrus good and shipments large; elsewhere nearly all truck killed by recent freezes and being replanted.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Moderate temperatures and mostly clear; light to moderate rainfall in central and east, but none in west. Favorable for winter grains and plowing. Cotton practically all gathered. Condition of wheat good to excellent, except fair in southwest where it is beginning to show effects of scanty moisture. Pastures fair to poor.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Favorable for farm work, except 2d and 7th when light to rather heavy rains occurred. Soil too wet for plowing most of week in north; favorable elsewhere most of time. Wheat, meadows, pastures, and fruit in good condition; oats damaged by freezing.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Considerably improved weather, resulted in wheat, oats, rye, and barley making some progress and, although grains appear slightly brown from recent severe weather, there has been no material damage. Livestock fair to good.

Kentucky.—Louisville: Temperatures moderate to high. Night freezes caused some heaving, but grain mostly in good condition where drainage satisfactory. Moderate precipitation favorable for handling tobacco.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, Jan. 10 1930.

Sentiment throughout the textile markets continues hopeful despite the fact that the arrival of many buyers failed to stimulate actual business to the extent expected. All things considered, the week's sales might be termed as

moderate. From this it would appear that buyers have devoted most of their time in viewing the new lines instead of placing orders. However, the week was not devoid of favorable features. Reports of retail sales for the first seven days of the new year have been most encouraging. In many cases they have resulted in a substantial reduction of stocks, which should pave the way for renewed purchases in primary channels. It is confidently expected that the January retail sales figures will compare favorably with those of the corresponding period of a year ago. This has been generally accepted as conclusive proof that the purchasing power of the consumer had not been seriously impaired by the recent crash in the stock market. As a result, sentiment regarding the future of the industry as a whole was considered in a favorable light and one which holds promise of improvement. Meanwhile, the unusual success of the woolen fashion revue of spring fabrics held by the Wool Institute has elicited considerable comment throughout the industry. An exceptionally large attendance viewed the many improvements and refinements of all types of wearing apparel. As to the cotton goods division, the most important development was the publication of statistics covering sales and production of cotton cloths for the month of December as compiled by the Cotton Textile Merchants of New York. These figures showed that the curtailment of production which had been prevalent during the holiday season had resulted in an improved position. This was chiefly evidenced by the fact that December sales exceeded production by 24.3%, while unfilled orders increased 25.9%. If producers can be induced to continue a reduced rate of operations throughout the current month, many believe that prices will soon be restored to a more profitable level.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—The first full week of the new year failed to bring the improvement which had been expected throughout the domestic cotton goods markets. Although the influx of buyers was about in line with earlier predictions, their operations were disappointing. Purchasing in small quantities, buyers apparently confined their commitments to prospective needs over the next few weeks. As a result, some weakening of prices was noted on various lines despite the large scale curtailment which had been in force during the holiday season. However, such reduced operating schedules should be continued if the industry is to be benefited and prevent stock accumulations. In fact, according to present indications, it is claimed that the need for restricted output is urgent if definite establishment of lower quotations is to be avoided. Mills have been encouraged to extend schedules in force over the holidays throughout the month. In the latter event, many feel that some real strength in the price structure can be looked for which should stimulate buying on a larger scale. At a meeting of mill executives held at Spartanburg, S. C., commencing to-day, it is expected that such practices will be stressed and urged upon manufacturers. The meeting will probably be conducted along educational lines and impress the importance of preventing over-production through the medium of more intelligent operating schedules and the popularizing of finished goods. A press item of considerable interest published the earlier part of the week was the announcement made by the Federal Farm Board to the effect that if cotton planters do not reduce their acreage the Board will not help the growers by means of the price scheme evolved by the Government. Excess planting, it is claimed, has been one of the fundamental causes of the unsatisfactory conditions prevalent throughout the cotton goods industry, and, accordingly, many hope that the Government's action will have effect. 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 39-inch 80x80's at 9½c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—The Wool Institute's fashion revue wherein 209 costumes of every type and price range were exhibited, featured the markets for woollens and worsteds. This showing of the new spring styles conclusively demonstrated the wide uses and style appeal of woolen and worsted goods and the many improvements the trade has made to stimulate more popularity among the buying public. The reception accorded the revue has been most gratifying, and the Institute is said to be seriously considering the suggestion that similar shows be held semi-annually. Meanwhile, the number of buyers in the markets has been steadily increasing. While it is not expected that a broad buying movement will set in right away, prices appear stable and prospects are considered favorable.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—The arrival of many buyers in the local linen markets stimulated more activity during the past week. Although the total sales volume failed to equal expectations, business was better than it has been, and with indications that sales would register further improvement, sentiment was much better. Interest continued to center more in the dress linens and certain of the household fabrics to the exclusion of other types of cloths. Prices appear firm at current levels, and it is expected that the trade will experience a more profitable year than was the case during 1929. Burlaps continue dull, with both buyers and sellers apathetic. It has been suggested that the trade form a Burlap Institute to collect and distribute statistics and other pertinent matter. Light weights are quoted at 5.05c., and heavies at 6.40c.

State and City Department

NEWS ITEMS

Chicago, Ill.—1,100 *City Employees Dismissed Due to Budget Cut.*—On Jan. 3 the various departments of the city government were forced to dismiss 1,100 employees as the result of a sharp cut in the budgetary appropriations, and it is said that 1,000 more will be asked to resign, according to a special Chicago dispatch to the New York "Times" of Jan. 4. On Jan. 3, after an all-night session, the City Council adopted a budget of \$85,282,340, including \$55,264,140 for corporate purposes during the current year. Among the employees discharged, reports state that there were 473 policemen and 179 Health Department employees.

City's Tax Valuation Set at \$2,684,421,379.—On Dec. 30 the Board of Assessors set the valuation of the real estate in the city at \$2,684,421,379, on a basis of 37% of real value, reports the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of Dec. 31. This figure is said to show a reduction of \$518,059,076 under the final figure of the Board of Review which was \$3,202,512,358. The value of the loop property, including land and buildings, was put at \$471,491,711, also a reduction from the tentative figures given by the reassessment staff.

Massachusetts.—*Legislature Convenes.*—On Jan. 1 the 147th Legislature of Massachusetts convened in its regular annual session. The main features of Governor Allen's annual message to the Legislature were outlined as follows in the Boston "Herald" of Jan. 2:

The repeal of our State law providing for the enforcement of the 18th amendment to the Federal Constitution would not change the fundamental situation with regard to prohibition.

I ask your earnest consideration of the question of removing such legislative restrictions as now remain, in order that the women of this State may assume, subject to proper exemptions, the obligations of jury service.

Provision should be made whereby a motor vehicle once registered and taxed for the entire year should not again be subjected in the same year to a further excise tax in any taxing jurisdiction of this State.

I recommend that legislation be passed at the present session providing for the erection of a suitable courthouse building on the State House grounds at the corner of Bowdoin and Derne Streets.

Grade crossing abolition is a logical part of our highway program.

The superior court docket has become so clogged that frequently trial of such cases (compulsory motor vehicle insurance law) is delayed for more than a year. This has the often disastrous effect of postponing the prompt financial relief which the law undertook to guarantee to persons injured in such accidents. To this degree the law is failing of its purpose.

I recommend legislation to forbid the granting of an operator's license to any person who has been convicted of a felony more than once.

The net direct debt of the State at the close of the last fiscal year was \$11,180,000, 72% below the maximum. There was reduction of \$1,660,000 in 1929.

The State has adhered to its wise policy of conducting the government on a strictly "pay-as-you-go" basis. No added burden has been placed upon property, industry or agriculture.

Coral Gables, Fla.—*City Pays \$180,570 on Bonds.*—The following is from a statement issued by George N. Shaw, director of finance of the above named city relating to the bonded indebtedness of the city:

Interest payments totaling \$180,570 were made on Jan. 1 by the City of Coral Gables, chiefly on municipal improvements bonds, according to the report of George N. Shaw, director of finance. In addition to these payments the city refunded \$96,000 principal due Jan. 1 on the \$4,532,000 improvement bond issues of Jan. 1 1927.

This brings the total principal and interest payments made by Coral Gables during the present fiscal year to date to \$419,545.

Coral Gables never has missed an interest payment on its bonded indebtedness or defaulted on principal, Mr. Shaw said. The city's financial condition is improved due to a program of rigid economy instituted shortly after the present commission took office on July 1 last year, and to efficiency methods adopted by the various departments.

Collections on 1929 taxes show a considerable increase over those of the preceding year. Collections during December totaled \$74,885.92, bringing the total for the fiscal year to date up to \$249,124.42; while the figures for the same periods were \$57,230.69 and \$206,044.45.

The total collection of principal and interest on assessment liens since July 1 1929 is \$162,797.64, with the month of December showing a high total of \$45,485.46.

Elk Chute Drainage District, Mo.—*Proposed Redemption of Outstanding Bonds.*—We are in receipt of a statement issued on Jan. 2 by George A. Ranney, Vice-President and Treasurer of the International Harvester Co. of Chicago, in which he sets forth his reasons why the Wisconsin Lumber Co., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Harvester Co., does not feel justified in continuing to pay the taxes levied against the land holdings of the Lumber company and has therefore decided to let the title to most of these holdings revert to the State while it proposes to fully reimburse the holders of the bonds of the above named district. The official notice accompanying the statement reads as follows:

This Drainage District was organized in 1922 and comprises 45,780 acres of timber land in Pemiscot and Dunklin counties, of which a substantial part is owned by the Wisconsin Lumber Co., a wholly owned subsidiary of the International Harvester Co.

The District was bonded to the extent of \$500,000, said bonds being purchased by two well-known bond houses in St. Louis and sold by them to the investing public. These bonds were issued to construct the necessary drainage ditches to protect said lands from the overflow water coming from adjoining territory to the North.

There is now outstanding \$446,500 of future due bonds of said issues. Due to nation-wide conditions affecting the demand and consequent value of cut-over lands and the heavy taxes on the lands in the Elk Chute Drainage District, the Wisconsin Lumber Co. does not feel justified in continuing to pay taxes thereon.

While neither the International Harvester Co. nor the Wisconsin Lumber Co. (its subsidiary) is in any way responsible for the land depreciation, or legally liable for the drainage taxes which are a claim only against the assessed lands, the Harvester Co. recognizes a certain moral obligation to the bondholders who may have purchased the bonds in reliance not only upon the then existing land values but also in part upon the fact that the Harvester company through its subsidiary company was a substantial land owner and as such had acquiesced in the organization of the Drainage District.

To fully discharge all possible obligations and protect the bondholders, the International Harvester Co. hereby offers to purchase all of the outstanding bonds, aggregating \$446,500, of the Elk Chute Drainage District of Missouri (Pemiscot and Dunklin Counties), at par and accrued interest, subject to the terms and conditions set out below:

1. This offer to purchase expires by limitation on May 2 1930.
2. All bonds together with all future due interest coupons attached thereto may be presented, or forwarded at the owner's risk, any time prior to May 2 1930, to the First National Bank in St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri,

or to the First Union Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Ill. Said banks will remit promptly in St. Louis or Chicago exchange for all bonds and accrued interest thereon presented prior to said date.

The bonds referred to in this notice are more particularly described as follows:

All bonds dated March 1 1922, bearing 5½% interest coupons and maturing serially Nov. 1 1930 to Nov. 1 1941, both inclusive, aggregating \$207,000; and all bonds dated May 1 1924, bearing 5½% interest coupons maturing serially from May 1 1930 to May 1 1944, both inclusive, aggregating \$239,500.

Bondholders who prefer to hold their bonds, relying for payment upon future tax collections and proceeds of tax sales, are of course at liberty to do so but the Harvester company recommends the acceptance of this offer.

INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER CO.,
George A. Ranney,
Vice-President and Treasurer.

Dated Chicago, Illinois, Jan. 2 1930.

Fairmount City School District, Mo.—*Suit Filed to Restrain Bond Sale.*—We are informed by our Western correspondent that on Dec. 31 a group of taxpayers filed in the St. Clair County Circuit Court at Belleville an application for an injunction to restrain the District authorities from selling a \$43,000 issue of school bonds. The petition is said to ask that both of the elections held on these bonds be declared void and that Board of Education be elected for the District to supersede present directors.

Iowa (State of).—*United States Supreme Court Upholds Motor Tax Law.*—A Washington dispatch to the "Wall Street News" of Jan. 10 reports that the U. S. Supreme Court upheld the validity of an Iowa statute imposing a ton-mile tax on public motor carriers operating over regular routes for the purpose of raising funds for the maintenance of highways, in deciding two test cases brought by the Iowa Motor Vehicle Association against the State authorities.

Lake Worth, Fla.—*City Makes Payment on Defaulted Bonds.*—The following statement, dated Jan. 4, was issued by the Bondholders Protective Committee of the above city, dealing with the payment of principal and interest on the defaulted 6% improvement bonds of 1926 and 1927:

To the Holders of City of Lake Worth, Fla., 6% Improvement Bonds of the several issues bearing various dates, the earliest of which is May 15 1926, and the latest of which is Mar. 20 1927:

The Bondholders' Protective Committee is pleased to announce that, pursuant to decrees entered by the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida in the suits in equity against the City of Lake Worth mentioned in the Deposit Agreement and in which suits the committee intervened on behalf of depositors of bonds and coupons, it has collected in respect of certain coupons and accrued interest thereon the sum of \$55,929 in cash, which sum is being held by the committee pursuant to the terms of the Deposit Agreement. The above mentioned decrees provide for additional payments to be made by the City upon the bonds and coupons from time to time as and if cash is available for that purpose in the improvement funds established and held by the City.

The committee believes that the results thus far accomplished are gratifying and considers the decrees to be a step of substantial importance in protecting the interests of the depositors. The attention of the committee will now be directed primarily toward working out with the City a plan for the handling of its financial obligations. Every increase in the number of bonds and coupons deposited will improve the position of the committee in its negotiations with the City and make more probable the accomplishment of satisfactory results.

Therefore, pursuant to action of the committee heretofore taken, the time for the deposit of bonds has been extended to March 24 1930, and the committee urgently requests the holders of bonds who have not yet deposited to do so without further delay.

Very truly yours,

JOHN R. BRANDON, Chairman,
JAMES D. FLAHERTY,
HAROLD C. PLYSON,
HARRY E. TOWLE, Committee.

Minnesota.—*Supreme Court Denies State Right to Levy Inheritance Tax on Bonds.*—On Jan. 6 the United States Supreme Court ruled that the above named State did not have the right to collect an inheritance tax on bonds in the possession of a resident of New York at the time of his death, even though the bonds were obligations of the State and the cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, holding that tangibles having a permanent situs can be taxed only in the State where they are found. The "U. S. Daily" of Jan. 7, contained the following regarding the decision:

The State of Minnesota has no right to collect an inheritance tax on bonds of that State and on bonds of the Cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, when such bonds were owned by a resident of New York at the time of his death, the Supreme Court of the United States held Jan. 6.

The decedent, at the time of his death, and for a long time prior thereto, owned and kept in New York the bonds in question, the Court explained, and the State of New York had imposed an inheritance tax upon their transfer.

Four Views Advanced.

"Four different views concerning the situs for taxation of negotiable obligations have been advanced," the Court said. "One fixes this at the domicile of the owner; another at the debtor's domicile; a third at the place where the instruments are found physically present; and the fourth within the jurisdiction where the owner has caused them to become integral parts of a localized business. If each State can adopt any one of these and tax accordingly, obviously the same bonds may be declared present for taxation in two, or three, or four places at the same moment. Such a startling possibility suggests a wrong premise."

"Intangibles may be properly taxed at the domicile of their owner," the Court said, "and we can find no sufficient reason for saying that they are not entitled to enjoy an immunity against taxation at more than one place similar to that accorded to tangibles."

Existing conditions demand protection of choices in action against multiplied taxation, the opinion continued, and for many years the trend of decisions has been in that direction.

Tangibles having a permanent situs can be taxed only in the State where they are found, the Court reiterated, and said: "We think the general reasons declared sufficient to inhibit taxation of them by two States apply under present circumstances with no less force to intangibles with taxable situs imposed by due application of the legal fiction."

Justice Stone wrote a concurring opinion. Justice Holmes wrote a dissenting opinion in which Justice Brandeis concurred.

New Hampshire.—*State Tax Plan Upheld by Supreme Court.*—A special dispatch from Concord to the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Jan. 8 reports that the State Supreme Court handed down a decision on Jan. 7 in which it upheld the constitutionality of a general tax program with but a few minor exceptions. The report reads as follows:

The New Hampshire Supreme Court to-day handed down the long awaited decision relative to the general tax program of the State as recommended by the Interim Tax Commission.

The Court ruled that the piece of legislation known as the "chain store tax bill" is unconstitutional, but adds that a tax may be levied on gross sales. Relative to the utility franchise tax bill, the Court decided that this bill is constitutional so far as the tax is levied on the actual value of gas and electric utilities and further says that revenue received from such a

tax may be distributed to the towns under the terms of the equalization bill.

The Justices also ruled that an income tax law is constitutional, but submits that proposed exemptions for heads of families and single persons are too high.

New Jersey.—Legislature Adjourns.—At 3 o'clock in the afternoon of Jan. 7 the 153rd session of the Legislature was adjourned sine die after it had concluded what was characterized by newspaper reports as "a fruitless session."

New York County.—Register's Office Self-Sustaining During 1929.—According to an announcement made recently by Annie Mathews, the retiring Register, the Register's Office of the county was self-sustaining during the past year for the first time in its history.

According to the annual report of the office, the number of conveyances recorded shows an increase over the preceding year, while there is a slight decrease in the number of mortgages.

There was also an increase in the mortgage tax receipts. The installation of the photostat for certified copies of records has proved a very encouraging source of revenue.

A marked decrease in the number of last-owner's cards is noticeable, caused by the fact that any one can now go to the new abstract index, turn over the page and find the present owner, without any expense.

Table with 2 columns: Item, 1929, 1928. Includes Conveyance instruments recorded, Mortgage instruments recorded, etc.

The revenues of the office from statutory fees in 1929 were \$363,319.95, as compared with \$339,538.64 in 1928. The mortgage tax collections in 1929 were \$3,054,897.62, as against \$3,032,202.35 collected in 1928.

North Carolina.—State Treasurer Urges Halt on Issuance of Bonds.—A dispatch from Raleigh, dated Dec. 31, to the "U. S. Daily" of Jan. 2, reports that State Treasurer Nathan O'Berry made an oral statement on Dec. 29 in which he declared that the cities, counties and other local administrative units in the State are paying a total of \$20,000,000 a year in interest on their funded debt.

"The curse that hangs like a pall over the State of North Carolina is not so much the indebtedness of approximately \$175,000,000 of the State as a unit, but the indebtedness of about \$400,000,000 of the counties, municipalities and districts of the State," said Mr. O'Berry.

Asks Halt on Bond Issues.—"The State's debt of \$112,000,000 for her highway system, \$15,000,000 for her educational activities and nearly \$50,000,000 more for institutional and general fund indebtedness is enough and a halt should be called on bond issues," he stated.

However, our greatest drain is in the interest of our counties, cities and districts pay on the approximately \$400,000,000 they have in outstanding bonds. That interest amounts to fully \$20,000,000 a year and in 20 years, a period shorter than the average life of bonds issued, would more than double the original issues.

More Powers Urged.—"The next general assembly should further extend the powers and duties of the sinking fund commission so that it not only should have authority to say whether or not a proposed bond issue may be consummated, as it now has, but should be required to fix the tax rate sufficient to provide revenue to pay off all county, municipal or district bonds issued and the interest on them, as well as to receive the funds in taxes collected and actually pay off the bonds and interest as they fall due," said Captain O'Berry.

Mr. O'Berry believes that if the commission should be required to fix the tax rate, after placed too low by officials desiring to make a show of economy in administration by low tax rates, then receive the funds as the taxes are collected and make the payments as they fall due, that the great discrepancy in interest rates charged on State bonds and bonds of its subdivisions would be largely eliminated.

The result would be a reduction of the interest rate on subdivision bonds and notes to within 1/2 of 1% of the State's rate, thus saving \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000 a year to these tax units, he said.

West Virginia, Mr. O'Berry points out, has this kind of a law, the result being that not only does the State have a low interest rate, but also the tax units within the State are able to float bonds at rates that average not more than 1/2 of 1% greater than that of the State's bonds.

Important steps have been taken during the past few years through the enactment of the so-called county government acts to safeguard the finances and credit of counties and other governmental units and especially by the act of the 1929 general assembly giving the sinking fund commission authority to approve or disapprove proposed bond issues, he said.

Local politicians, jealous of their influence and authority, might oppose such an extension of power to a State body, Mr. O'Berry said, but he offers it, he said, as the best method apparent for safeguarding the credit of the State, as well as of its subdivisions, and of reducing the great interest fund that goes out of the State annually.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS.

ADAMS COUNTY (P. O. Corning), Iowa.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election has been called for Jan. 31 to submit to the voters a proposal to approve a second primary road bond issue of \$243,000.

ALBUQUERQUE MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Albuquerque), Bernalillo County, N. M.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 issue of coupon bonds offered for sale on Jan. 4—V. 129, p. 3994—was awarded to the State Treasurer as 4 1/8s, at par. Dated Feb. 1 1930. Due \$30,000 from Feb. 1 1931 to 1940 incl. No other bids were submitted.

AMHERST CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Egghartville), Erie County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Albert A. Cushing, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Jan. 16, for the purchase of \$320,000 series A, coupon or registered school bonds, to bear interest at a rate not exceeding 6%, stated in a multiple of 1/4 or 1-10th of 1%. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Jan. 1, as follows: \$50,000, 1933 to 1936, incl., and \$60,000 in 1937 and 1938. Prin. and semi-annual int. (Jan. and July 1) payable in gold at the Marine Trust Co., Buffalo. A certified check for \$6,000, payable to the order of Louis J. Dor, Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished to the successful bidder.

APLINGTON, Butler County, Iowa.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$10,000 issue of refunding bonds that was purchased by the Carleton D. Beh Co., of Des Moines—V. 129, p. 167—bears interest at 4 1/4% and matures as follows: \$500, 1930 to 1947 and \$1,000 in 1948. The price paid was par.

Financial Statement. Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Assessed valuation, Moneys and credits, Total bonded debt, Population.

ASHEBORO, Randolph County, N. C.—BONDS VOTED.—At a special election held on Dec. 31, the voters gave their approval of the proposed issuance of \$25,000 in bonds to be used for the construction of a hospital.

ATWATER, Merced County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Jan. 15, by the City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$70,000 issue of sewer bonds.

AUBURN, Cayuga County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—A. P. Briggs, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Jan. 14, for the purchase of \$128,741.77 4 1/2% coupon or registered public improvement bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1929. Due on Feb. 1, as follows: \$12,741.77, 1931; \$12,000, 1932, and \$13,000 from 1933 to 1940, incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (Feb. and Aug. 1) payable in gold in New York. A certified check for \$2,575 must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Perkins, Malone & Washburn, of New York, will be furnished to the purchaser.

AUBURN, Cayuga County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The Auburn Savings Bank recently purchased an issue of \$30,000 4 1/2% registered land purchase bonds at a price of par. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Denom. \$5,000. Due \$5,000 on Jan. 1 from 1931 to 1936, incl. Interest payable in Jan. and July.

AUBURN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, De Kalb County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Herman L. Brown, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. on Jan. 15, for the purchase of \$109,998 5% coupon school bonds. Dated Jan. 15 1930. Denoms. \$500 and \$357. Due as follows: \$4,000, June 30 and \$3,857, Dec. 30, from 1931 to 1945, incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (June and Dec. 15) payable at the City National Bank, Auburn. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the School District, must accompany each proposal.

BARBERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—E. W. Arnold, Clerk of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. on Jan. 28, for the purchase of \$275,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds, voted at the general election held on Nov. 5. Dated March 1 1930. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Due \$27,500 on Sept. 1 from 1931 to 1940, incl. Interest payable semi-annually. 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 \$5,000, payable to the order of the Board of Education, must accompany each proposal.

BEACH HAVEN, Ocean County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—A. Paul King, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Jan. 20, for the purchase of \$6,000 5 1/4% series 2, coupon or registered electric bonds. Dated June 30 1928. Denom. \$1,000. These bonds are part of an authorized issue of \$50,000, of which \$40,000 bonds have been sold. The bonds now offered mature annually on June 30. Prin. and semi-annual int. (June & Dec. 30) payable at the Beach Haven National Bank & Trust Co., Beach Haven. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Borough Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

BEAVER FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Beaver County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$500,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds offered on Jan. 7—V. 129, p. 3994—were awarded to the First National Bank, of Beaver Falls, for a premium of \$8,005, equal to a price of 101.601, a basis of about 4.32%. The award consisted for a \$350,000 issue and a \$150,000 issue. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Due annually on Jan. 1 from 1935 to 1949, incl.

BELMONT COUNTY (P. O. St. Clairsville), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,409.88 sewer construction bonds offered on Dec. 30—V. 129, p. 3994—were awarded as 5s to the Well, Roth & Irving Co., of Cincinnati, for a premium of \$3, equal to a price of 100.02, a basis of about 4.99%. The bonds are dated Feb. 1 1930 and mature as follows: \$909.88, Aug. 1 1930; \$500, Feb. and Aug. 1 from 1931 to 1938, incl. The following is an official list of the other bids received:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Price Bid. Includes Breed, Elliott & Harrison, Title Guarantee & Trust Co., etc.

BERGENFIELD, Bergenfield County, N. J.—OFFER \$600,000 BONDS.—The syndicate composed of H. L. Allen & Co. and B. J. Van Ingen & Co., both of New York; M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia, and H. B. Hand & Co. of Newark, to whom the \$600,000 coupon or registered assessment bonds offered on Dec. 23 were awarded as 5 1/2s, at a price of 100.12, a basis of about 5.72%—V. 129, p. 4165—is now reoffering the obligations for public subscription priced to yield 5.25%. The bonds are stated to be legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in the State of New Jersey and are also said to be direct general obligations of the entire Borough, which reports an assessed valuation for 1929 of \$10,613,460, and a total bonded debt, including the present issue, given as \$2,552,500.

BIG HORN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Byron), Wyo.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 4 p. m. on Jan. 31, by the District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$3,500 issue of 5% school bonds. Denom. \$500. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Due in 25 years. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the office of the District Treasurer or at Kuntze Bros., in New York City. No bids are to be below par.

BLUFFTON, Allen County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,000 5% cemetery bonds offered on Jan. 7—V. 129, p. 4165—were awarded to the Commercial Bank & Savings Co., of Bluffton, for a premium of \$16, equal to a price of 100.20, a basis of about 4.96%. Dated Mar. 15 1930. Due serially from 1931 to 1940, incl.

BOISE, Ada County, Ida.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received by Angela Hopper, City Clerk, until 5 p. m. (mountain time) on Jan. 10, for the purchase of a \$78,000 issue of not to exceed 6% aviation

park bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1929. Due on July 1 1949 and optional after July 1 1939. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the Chase National Bank, in New York City, or at the office of the City Treasurer. Legality to be approved by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago. (This report supplements that given in V. 129, p. 4165.)

BRAZOS COUNTY (P. O. Bryan) Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$250,000 issue of 5% semi-annual road series "C" bonds offered for sale on Jan. 8—V. 129, p. 3995—was awarded to Hall & Hall of Temple, for a premium of \$225, equal to 109.08, a basis of about 4.99%. Dated Oct. 10 1929. Due from April 10 1932 to 1969 incl. No other bids were received.

BRIDGEPORT, Fairfield County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 4 3/4% series G, coupon or registered school bonds offered on Jan. 6—V. 129, p. 167—were awarded to R. L. Day & Co. of Boston, at a price of 102.549, a basis of about 4.53%. The bonds are dated Jan. 15 1930 and mature on Jan. 15 as follows: \$4,000, 1931 to 1960 incl., and \$3,000, 1931 to 1970 incl. The following other bids were received:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder, Rate Bid. H. L. Allen & Co. 102.15, Rutter & Co. 101.833, A. B. Leach & Co. 101.544

BROCKTON, Plymouth County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Home National Bank of Brockton on Jan. 8 purchased a \$300,000 temporary loan at a 3.93% discount. The loan is dated Jan. 9 1930 and is payable on Nov. 6 1930.

BROWARD COUNTY PORT DISTRICT (P. O. Fort Lauderdale), Fla.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$275,000 issue of 6% semi-annual port authority bonds offered on Dec. 28—V. 129, p. 3832—was not sold. Dated Oct. 15 1929. Due \$11,900 from Oct. 15 1934 to 1958, incl.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY (P. O. Southport), No. Car.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Jan. 14, by John Jenrette, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, for the purchase of an \$85,000 issue of revenue anticipation notes. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Dated Jan. 17 1930. Due on July 17 1930. Payable at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. in New York.

BURLEY, Cassia County, Ida.—MATURITY.—The \$10,000 issue of 6% semi-annual airport bonds that was purchased at par by the Burley National Bank, of Burley—V. 129, p. 4165—is due from 1932 to 1941, incl.

BURLINGTON, Alamance County, N. C.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election will be held in the near future for the purpose of having the voters passed upon a proposed bond issue of \$195,000 for school building and improvement purposes.

CALDWELL, Essex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—Of the \$130,000 coupon bonds offered on Jan. 1—V. 129, p. 4165—J. S. Rippe & Co. of Newark were awarded \$128,000 bonds as ps, paying \$130,126, equal to a price of 101.66, a basis of about 4.84%. The offering consisted of: \$73,000 sewer bonds. Due on Jan. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1932 to 1951, incl., and \$3,000 from 1952 to 1962, incl. 38,000 drainage bonds. Due \$1,000 on Jan. 1 from 1932 to 1969, incl. 19,000 paving bonds. Due on Jan. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1932 to 1936, incl., and \$3,000 from 1937 to 1939, incl.

All of the above bonds are dated Jan. 1 1930. A detailed statement of the financial condition of the Borough was given in V. 130, p. 167.

CALHOUN COUNTY (P. O. Pittsboro) Miss.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$158,000 5 1/2% refunding road bonds has recently been purchased by Saunders & Thomas, Inc., of Memphis. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Due on July 3, as follows: \$5,000, 1930 to 1934, and \$7,000, 1935 to 1953, all incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., in New York City. Legality approved by B. H. Charles, of St. Louis.

Financial Statement (As Officially Reported). Assessed valuation (1929) \$3,608,970, Total bonded debt 359,000, Less: Sinking fund \$29,000, Net bonded debt 360,000

CALIFORNIA, State of (P. O. Sacramento)—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Jan. 23, by Charles G. Johnson, State Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$250,000 issue of 4 1/2% State Park bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 2 1929. Due on Jan. 2 1934. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the State Treasurer or at the State's fiscal agency in New York City. A certified check for 1-10 of the bonds bid for, payable to the State, is required. (This report supplements that given in V. 129, p. 3353).

CAMBRIDGE, Guernsey County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of bonds aggregating \$80,381.92 offered on Dec. 27—V. 129, p. 4165—were awarded as follows to Blanchet, Bowman & Wood, of Toledo, for a premium of \$120, equal to a price of 100.14, a basis of about 5.47%: \$64,215.03 property owners' portion improvement bonds. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$6,215.03, 1931; \$6,000, 1932 to 1936, incl., and \$7,000, 1937 to 1940, incl. 16,166.89 City's portion improvement bonds. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$1,166.89, 1931; \$1,000, 1932 to 1934, incl., and \$2,000 from 1935 to 1940, incl.

Both issues are dated Dec. 15 1929.

CAMILLUS (P. O. Camillus), Onondaga County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$70,000 coupon or registered water district bonds offered on Jan. 8—V. 129, p. 4166—were awarded as 4 3/4% to the Lincoln Equities Co., of Buffalo, at a price of 100.81, a basis of about 4.64%. The bonds are dated Dec. 1 1929 and mature on Dec. 1, as follows: \$5,000, 1934 to 1943 incl., and \$4,000 from 1944 to 1948 incl.

The following is a list of the other bids submitted: Bidder, Int. Rate, Rate Bid. Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co. 4 3/4%, 100.7263, Dewey, Bacon & Co. 4 3/4%, 100.36, Batchelder & Co. 4 3/4%, 100.146, C. W. Whitis & Co. 4 3/4%, 100.03

CHISHOLM, St. Louis County, Minn.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by H. L. Cawley, Village Recorder, until 8 p. m. on Jan. 16, for the purchase of an issue of \$175,000 semi-annual certificates of indebtedness. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%.

COLUMBUS, Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following bond issues aggregating \$155,110, issued in anticipation of the collection of special assessments, offered on Jan. 9—V. 129, p. 3996—were awarded as 4 1/2% to H. M. Bylesby & Co. of Chicago, for a premium of \$564.75, equal to a price of 100.36, a basis of about 4.43%: \$110,200 street improvement bonds. Due on March 1, as follows: \$11,000, 1932 to 1940 incl., and \$11,200 in 1941. 44,910 street improvement bonds. Due on March 1, as follows: \$9,000, 1932 to 1935 incl., and \$8,910 in 1936.

Both issues are dated Feb. 1 1930.

CONCORD, Merrimack County, N. H.—BOND OFFERING.—Carl H. Foster, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Jan. 15, for the purchase of \$90,000 4 1/2% coupon City Hall and Auditorium bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due \$5,000 on Oct. 1 from 1930 to 1947 incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. (A. & O. 1) payable at the office of the City Treasurer, or at the National Shawmut Bank, Boston. The aforementioned bank will supervise the engraving of the bonds and will certify as to their genuineness; legality will be approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston, whose opinion will be furnished to the purchaser. Bids should be addressed to the above-mentioned official, care of the First National Bank, Concord.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Nueces County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$725,000 issue of 6% water plant refunding bonds has been purchased by Eldredge & Co., of New York. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Sept. 2 1929. Due on Aug. 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1931 to 1934; \$15,000, 1935 to 1939; \$20,000, 1940 to 1944; \$25,000, 1945 to 1949; \$30,000, 1950 to 1954; \$35,000, 1955 to 1959 and \$60,000 in 1960. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable in New York City. Chapman & Cutler, of Chicago, will furnish the legal approval. The following statement is furnished in connection with the sale:

The total amount of revenue bonds outstanding, including this issue, is \$2,725,000 on which the annual interest charge is \$163,500. Net earnings for the fiscal year ending Mar. 31 1929, were \$195,935 and, based upon the

revenues for the first seven months, estimated net earnings for the current year will be, it is stated, over \$245,000 or 1 1/2 times interest charges on all bonds outstanding, including this issue.

CRESKILL, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—M. M. Freeman & Co., of Philadelphia, are reported to have recently purchased an issue of \$430,000 6% improvement bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due on June 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1931; \$22,000, 1933; \$230,000, 1934; \$53,000, 1935; \$39,000, 1936; \$40,000, 1937, and \$36,000 in 1938. Prin. and semi-annual int. (J. & D. 1) payable at the Tenafly Trust Co., in Tenafly. Legality to be approved by Reed, Hoyt & Washburn, of New York.

CULVER CITY ACQUISITION AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 70 (P. O. Culver City), Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—A \$66,357.90 issue of 7% paving and street improvement bonds has been purchased by the District Bond Co., of Los Angeles. Due from 1932 to 1949, incl.

Financial Statement of District. Estim. actual val., land & improvements \$3,000,000.00, Assessed valuation, land only \$1,152,960.00, Assessed valuation of improvements 297,870.00

Total assessed valuation 1,450,830.00, Bonded indebtedness, this issue 66,357.90

DOWNY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$180,000 5 1/2% water supply bonds has recently been jointly purchased by the Wm. R. Staats Co., and Wm. Cavalier & Co., both of Los Angeles. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Due on Jan. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1935 and 1936; \$3,000, 1937 and 1938; \$5,000, 1939 to 1957; \$7,000 in 1958, 1960, 1962, 1964 and 1966; and \$8,000 in 1959, 1961, 1963, 1965 and 1967. Prin. and int. (J. & J. 1) payable at the Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles. Legality of issue subject to approval of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, of Los Angeles.

Financial Statement as Officially Reported. Estimated real valuation \$8,000,000, Assessed valuation, 1929 2,170,120, Bonded debt (this issue) 180,000, Estimated population, 3,500.

DUKE, Jackson County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 issue of semi-annual water works extension bonds offered for sale on Dec. 30 (V. 129, p. 4166) has been purchased by local investors as ps at par. \$1,000 from 1932 to 1946, inclusive.

EAST LIVERPOOL, Columbiana County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$33,600 building improvement bonds offered on Dec. 26—V. 129, p. 3996—were awarded as 4 3/4% to W. L. Slayton & Co., of Toledo, for a premium of \$75.60, equal to a price of 100.12, a basis of about 4.74%. Dated Sept. 1 1930. Due on Sept. 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1931 to 1949, incl., and \$6,600 in 1950.

EAST PATERSON, Bergen County, N. J.—PRICE PAID.—M. M. Freeman & Co., of Philadelphia, and B. J. Van Ingen & Co., of N. Y., jointly, are reported to have paid a price of par for the \$500,000 6% coupon or registered temporary sewer bonds privately purchased recently—V. 129, p. 3996. The bonds are dated Dec. 1 1929 and mature on Dec. 1, as follows: \$54,000, 1932 to 1934, incl.; \$162,000, 1935, and \$44,000 from 1936 to 1939, incl.

EAST PROVIDENCE, Providence County, R. I.—BOND OFFERING.—William E. Smyth, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. on Jan. 21 for the purchase of the following issues of 4 1/4% bonds, aggregating \$500,000: \$300,000 bridge land bonds. Due \$10,000 annually for a period of 30 years. 200,000 school bonds. Due \$8,000 annually for a period of 25 years.

Both issues are dated Feb. 1 1930. Interest payable semi-annually. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for must accompany each proposal.

EL DORADO, Butler County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The three issues of 5% semi-annual bonds aggregating \$33,886.27 offered for sale on Dec. 30—V. 129, p. 4166—were awarded to the Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita for a premium of \$205, equal to 100.60, a basis of about 4.86%. The issues are divided as follows: \$11,893.00 refunding bonds. Due from Jan. 1 1931 to 1940 incl. \$10,312.94 paving bonds. Due from July 1 1930 to 1939 incl. 11,680.33 sewer bonds. Due \$1,168.04 from July 1 1930 to 1939 incl.

Other bidders for the bonds were The Central Trust Co. of Topeka, Branch, Middlekauff Co. of Wichita and the Columbian Title & Trust Co. of Topeka.

ELK RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Elk River), Sherburne County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—A \$98,000 issue of school bonds is reported to have been recently purchased at par by the State of Minnesota.

EL PASO COUNTY (P. O. El Paso), Tex.—BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The \$550,000 issue of 5% semi-annual road bonds that was purchased by the Well, Roth & Irving Co. of Cincinnati and associates at 100.328, a basis of about 4.92%—V. 130, p. 168—is now being offered for public subscription by the purchasers, priced to yield 4.70% on all maturities. Prin. and int. (J. & J. 15) payable at the Guaranty Trust Co. in New York. Legality to be approved by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago. Due serially from Jan. 15 1931 to 1960 incl.

Financial Statement. Actual value taxable property \$172,786.300, Assessed valuation, 1929 86,393.150, Total indebtedness 5,544,127, Sinking fund 675,423, Net debt 4,868,704, Population: 1920 Census, 101,860; present official estimate, 140,000.

ERWIN, Unicoi County, Tenn.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—A \$25,000 issue of 6% certificates of indebtedness is reported to have recently been purchased by Little, Wooten & Co., of Jackson, for a premium of \$275, equal to 101.10. Denomination \$1,000.

ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Mass.—NOTE OFFERING.—The County Treasurer will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on Jan. 14 for the purchase of an issue of \$50,000 Tuberculosis Hospital maintenance notes. Dated Jan. 15 1930 and payable on April 1 1930.

EUGENE, Lane County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. on Jan. 13, by R. S. Bryson, City Recorder, for the purchase of an issue of \$137,048.96 semi-annual improvement bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Due in 10 years and optional after 1 year. A certified check for 2% must accompany the bid.

EUCLID VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$900,000 bonds issued to finance the purchase of sites, make additions to present school buildings and provide furnishings for same, and for the payment of notes which have been issued for the temporary financing of said project offered on Jan. 6—V. 129, p. 3996—were awarded as 5% to Otis & Co., of Cleveland, Stranahan, Harris & Otis of Toledo, and Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati, jointly, for a premium of \$1,310, equal to a price of 100.14, a basis of about 4.98%. The bonds are dated Jan. 1 1930 and mature as follows: \$18,000 on April 1 and \$19,000 on Oct. 1 from 1930 to 1941, incl.; and \$19,000 on April and Oct. 1 from 1942 to 1953, incl.

EVANS CITY, Butler County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The Citizens National Bank, of Evans City, on Aug. 15 1929 purchases an issue of \$25,000 4 1/2% coupon sewer bonds at par plus a premium of \$5, equal to a price of 100.02, a basis of about 4.49%. The bonds are dated June 1 1929. Denom. \$500. Due annually from 1933 to 1955, incl. Int. payable in June and December.

FAIRFIELD, Clay County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—A \$12,000 issue of 4 1/4% auditorium bonds is reported to have been purchased by the Public Utility Investment Co. of Salina. Due in 10 years.

FAIRVIEW (P. O. North Olmstead), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 6% special assessment bonds, aggregating \$57,350, offered on Jan. 6 (V. 129, p. 3996) were awarded to the Guardian Trust Co. of Cleveland for a premium of \$299.00, equal to a price of 100.52, a basis of about 5.88%: \$52,570 paving bonds. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,750 in 1931, \$5,000 1932 to 1938 incl., and \$6,000 in 1939 and 1940. 4,600 sidewalk bonds. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$600 in 1931 and \$1,000 from 1932 to 1935 inclusive. Both issues are dated Oct. 1 1929.

FLINT, Genesee County, Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—At an election to be held on Jan. 21 the voters will be asked to pass on a proposal to

issue \$1,500,000 in bonds to finance additions and improvements to the city's water works system.

FLOYD COUNTY (P. O. New Albany), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The Fletcher American Co., of Indianapolis, on Dec. 28 was awarded an issue of \$44,499.90 5% coupon road construction bonds at a price of 103.25, a basis of about 4.60%.

FORDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Dearborn), Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$900,000 school bonds offered on Jan. 8 (V. 139, p. 168) were awarded as 4 3/4 to Braun, Bosworth & Co. of Toledo for a premium of \$1.60, equal to a price of 100.001, a basis of about 4.74%.

FORT WORTH, Tarrant County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The four issues of 4 3/4 % semi-annual improvement bonds that were sold on Nov. 19—V. 129, p. 3355—were registered by the State Comptroller on Jan. 3.

FREDEKICKSBURG, Spotsylvania County, Va.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Jan. 16, by John F. Gouldman, Jr., Chairman of the Finance Committee, for the purchase of a \$50,000 issue of coupon high school bonds.

FRIENDSHIP (P. O. Friendship), Allegany County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Fred C. Mulklin, Town Supervisor, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. on Jan. 15 for the purchase of \$12,000 5% coupon highway bonds.

GIRARD, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,181 6% property owners' portion sanitary sewer construction bonds offered on Jan. 3—V. 130, p. 168—were awarded to the First National Bank, of Girard, for a premium of \$25.70, equal to a price of 100.78, a basis of about 5.65%.

GLEN ROCK, Bergen County, N. J.—OFFER \$150,000 IMPROVEMENT BONDS.—Seasongood & Mayer of New York are offering a total of \$150,000 5 1/2 % coupon or registered improvement bonds for public investment, priced to 100%.

Assessed valuation \$7,547,427
Gross debt 970,893
Less: Sinking fund \$18,898
Special assessments 566,525
Net debt 385,470

Population: 1920 Census, 2,181; present estimate, 5,000.
*These bonds are payable primarily from special assessments and may be deducted under the New Jersey laws.

GRAND RAPIDS, Kent County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Jacob Van Wingen, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. (Central standard time) on Jan. 20, for the purchase of \$690,000 sewerage disposal system bonds.

GREENE COUNTY (P. O. Snow Hill), No. Car.—NOTE SALE.—A \$25,000 issue of revenue anticipation notes was purchased by the National Bank of Kinston, on Jan. 1, at 6% int. Due in 6 months. No other bidder submitted a bid.

GROSSE POINTE (Branch of Detroit), Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$360,000 sewer improvement bonds offering a total of \$150,000 5% coupon or registered improvement bonds for public investment, priced to 100%.

GRUNDY COUNTY (P. O. Grundy Center), Iowa.—BOND AWARD.—The \$12,000 issue of refunding bonds that was reported sold at a price of 100.66—V. 130, p. 168—was awarded as follows: \$6,000 to the Farmers Savings Bank, of Besman, \$2,000 to the Grundy County National Bank, of Grundy Center, and \$4,000 to the Grundy County Savings Bank, of Grundy Center.

HARMONY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Altus), Jackson County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—A \$4,300 issue of school bonds has been purchased by the Taylor-White Co. of Oklahoma City.

HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Chattanooga), Tenn.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—At the quarterly meeting of the county court held on Jan. 6, resolutions were passed authorizing the issuance of bonds to the amount of \$1,156,500.

HARRISON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Mount Clemens, R. F. D. No. 3), Macomb County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Carl H. Jobse, Township Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (Eastern standard time) on Jan. 18, for the purchase of \$20,000 special fire apparatus and equipment assessment bonds.

HASKELL COUNTY (P. O. Haskell), Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At a special election held recently, the voters are stated to have authorized the issuance of \$985,000 in bonds to be used for road construction purposes.

HENRY COUNTY (P. O. Napoleon), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Earl T. Crawford, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Jan. 27, for the purchase of the following issues of 5% improvement bonds aggregating \$174,266.86:

- \$22,500.00 road improvement bonds. Due as follows: \$500, Mar. 1, and \$1,000, Sept. 1 1930; \$1,000, Mar. 1, and \$2,000, Sept. 1 1931 to 1937, incl.
18,000.00 road improvement bonds. Due \$1,000, Mar. and Sept. 1 1931 to 1939, incl.
11,170.74 road improvement bonds. Due as follows: \$170.74, Mar. 1, and \$1,000, Sept. 1 1930; \$1,000, Mar. and Sept. 1 1931 to 1935, incl.
10,200.00 road improvement bonds. Due as follows: \$1,200, Sept. 1 1931; \$1,000, 1932 to 1938, incl.; and \$2,000 in 1939.
8,000.00 road improvement bonds. Due \$1,000, Sept. 1 1931 to 1938, incl.
17,800.00 road improvement bonds. Due as follows: \$800, Mar. 1, and \$1,000, Sept. 1 1931, \$1,000, Mar. and Sept. 1 1932 to 1939, incl.
7,796.12 road improvement bonds. Due on Sept. 1, as follows: \$796.12, 1931; and \$1,000, 1932 to 1938, incl.
7,500.00 road improvement bonds. Due on Sept. 1, as follows: \$500 in 1930; and \$1,000, 1931 to 1937, incl.
7,700.00 road improvement bonds. Due on Sept. 1, as follows: \$700 in 1931; and \$1,000, 1932 to 1938, incl.
7,000.00 road improvement bonds. Due \$1,000, Sept. 1 1930 to 1936, incl.
7,000.00 road improvement bonds. Due \$1,000, Sept. 1 1930 to 1936, incl.

- 6,500.00 road improvement bonds. Due on Sept. 1, as follows: \$500 in 1931; and \$1,000 from 1932 to 1937, incl.
6,500.00 road improvement bonds. Due on Sept. 1, as follows: \$500 in 1931; and \$1,000 from 1932 to 1937, incl.
6,500.00 road improvement bonds. Due on Sept. 1, as follows: \$500 in 1931; and \$1,000 from 1932 to 1937, incl.
6,700.00 road improvement bonds. Due on Sept. 1, as follows: \$700 in 1931; and \$1,000 from 1932 to 1937, incl.
6,500.00 road improvement bonds. Due on Sept. 1, as follows: \$500 in 1930; and \$1,000 from 1931 to 1936, incl.
6,500.00 road improvement bonds. Due on Sept. 1, as follows: \$500 in 1930; and \$1,000 from 1931 to 1936, incl.
5,800.00 road improvement bonds. Due on Sept. 1, as follows: \$800 in 1930; and \$1,000 from 1931 to 1935, incl.
4,600.00 road improvement bonds. Due on Sept. 1, as follows: \$600 in 1931; and \$1,000 from 1932 to 1935, incl.

All of the above issues are dated Jan. 1 1930. 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. Prin. and semi-annual int. (M. & S. 1) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, of Cleveland, will be furnished to the purchaser.

HICKORY, Catawba County, No. Caro.—BONDS VOTED.—At a special election held on Dec. 31, the voters authorized the issuance of \$45,000 in hospital bonds by a count reported to have been 512 "for" to 497 "against."

HOKE COUNTY (P. O. Raeford), N. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 issue of 5 1/2 % highway bonds offered for sale on Jan. 6—V. 129, p. 3834—was awarded to N. S. Hill & Co., of Cincinnati, for a premium of \$377.50, equal to 101.51, a basis of about 5.33%.

HOPKINS COUNTY (P. O. Sulphur Springs), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—A \$50,000 issue of 5 1/2 % compensating road bonds was registered on Dec. 30 by the State Comptroller. Due serially.

HOUSTON COUNTY (P. O. Crockett), Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election has been decided upon by the good roads committee, probably for the first week in March, at which time the voters will be called upon to approve the issuance of \$1,450,000 in road bonds.

JACKSON, Hinds County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—The six issues of bonds aggregating \$371,627.17, offered for sale at public auction on Jan. 7—V. 130, p. 169—were awarded to a syndicate composed of John Nuveen & Co., of Chicago, A. K. Tigrett & Co., of Memphis, Caldwell & Co., of Nashville, the Jackson State National Bank, and the First National Bank, both of Jackson, as 5s, at par. The issues are divided as follows: \$158,000 refunding municipal building, sewerage, paving and sidewalk bonds; \$95,000 refunding water works improvement; \$52,262.04 special street improvement; \$10,729.63 street intersection; \$47,148.13 special improvement and \$8,487.37 sidewalk improvement bonds.

JACKSONVILLE, Cherokee County, Tex.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The \$75,000 issue of city hall bonds that was sold at par to the First State Bank, of Jacksonville—V. 130, p. 169—bears interest at 5%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 15 1928. Due on Dec. 15, as follows: \$1,000, 1931 to 1943 and \$2,000, 1944 to 1968, all incl. Principal and interest (J. & D. 15) payable at the Seaboard National Bank in New York City. Legality subject to the approval of Chapman & Cutler, of Chicago. (These bonds were registered by the State Comptroller on Dec. 28.)

JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Beaumont), Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$16,000 issue of 5% coupon school building bonds has recently been purchased by the State of Texas at par and interest. Denom. \$800. Dated May 1 1929. Due from May 1 1930 to 1949, incl. Interest payable annually on May 1.

JEWETT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Harrison County, Ohio.—BONDS OFFERED.—A. L. Purviance, Clerk of the Board of Education, received sealed bids until 12 m. on Jan. 9, for the purchase of \$23,000 6% school bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,150. Due \$1,150 on May and Nov. 1 from 1931 to 1940 incl. Int. payable on May and Nov. 1.

JIM WELLS COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Alice), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The \$160,000 issue of 5 1/2 % semi-annual road bonds offered without success on Nov. 12—V. 129, p. 3356—was registered by the State Comptroller on Jan. 3.

KEANSBURG, Monmouth County, N. J.—NO BIDS.—Richard A. Jessen, Borough Clerk, states that no bids were received on Jan. 4, for the purchase of the two issues of 5% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$260,000 offered for sale.—V. 129, p. 4167. The offering consisted of \$180,000 paving bonds and \$80,000 sewer bonds, both issues due in equal annual amounts on Jan. 1 from 1931 to 1940, incl. Dated Jan. 2 1930.

KENTUCKY, State of (P. O. Frankfort)—BONDS PARTIALLY AWARDED.—The major portion of the 5% toll bridge bond issues aggregating \$11,667,000, offered for sale on Jan. 6—V. 129, p. 3834—was disposed of on Jan. 8 when the State Highway Commission awarded a total of approximately \$10,500,000 of the bonds on the combined bid of Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., of St. Louis, C. W. McNear & Co., of Chicago, and Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo, at prices ranging from 90.01 to 90.31. The following is an outline of the bids submitted, as given in the New York "Herald Tribune" of Jan. 7:

A tender containing prices ranging from 90.01 to 90.31 was submitted for the bonds by a syndicate composed of Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., of St. Louis; C. W. McNear & Co., of Chicago, and Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo. Caldwell & Co., of Nashville, offered 89.00 for the bonds covering all projects with the exception of the \$1,807,000 bridge over the Ohio River at Henderson. On this issue Caldwell & Co. presented a tender of 90.00. The bids were filed for consideration at the following prices on the named bridges: The combined bid offered the following prices on the named bridges: Cumberland River at Burnside, combined with the Ohio River bridge at Nashville, 90.10; Rio and Numfordville bridge over Green River, 90.123; Clay's Ferry bridge over Kentucky River, 90.125; Boonesboro River bridge, 90.05; Tyrone bridge over Kentucky River 90.025; Spotsville bridge over Green River, combined with Canton Bridge over Cumberland River, 90.02; Egner's Ferry over Tennessee River, 90.015; Tennessee River at or near Paducah, 90.015; Ohio River at Henderson, 90.31; Ohio River at Carrollton, combined with Kentucky River at Carrollton, 90.035; Cumberland River at Smithland, 90.075; Green River at Calhoun, 90.045, and Ohio River at Ashland, 90.05.

KILLBUCK, Holmes County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—D. E. McDowell, Mayor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (eastern standard time) on Jan. 11, for the purchase of \$35,000 5% water works system construction bonds, authorized by the voters at the election held on Nov. 5 1929. The bonds are dated Feb. 1 1930. Denom. \$700. Due semi-annually on March and Sept. 1 from 1931 to 1955, incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (Mar. and Sept. 1) payable at the office of the Village Treasurer. A certified check for \$500 must accompany each proposal.

KOSSUTH COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 157 (P. O. Algona), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$8,400 issue of 5% drainage bonds offered for sale on Nov. 5—V. 129, p. 2423—was awarded at par to local banks. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Due \$1,200 from 1933 to 1939, incl.

LANSING, Ingham County, Mich.—OFFER \$500,000 4 1/2 % BONDS —OTHER BIDS.—The \$400,000 sewerage bonds and the \$100,000 bridge bonds, both issues bearing 4 1/2 % interest and totaling \$500,000, awarded on Dec. 30 at a price of 100.21, a basis of about 4.46%—V. 130, p. 169—are being re-offered by the Detroit Co., and the First National Co. of Detroit, jointly, for public investment priced to yield 4.25%. The bonds are said to be a direct obligation of the City of Lansing and to be legal investment for savings banks in Michigan. The following is a list of the other bids opened on the date of sale:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder and Premium. Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago \$761.00; Halsey, Stuart & Co., Chicago 300.00; Chatham-Phenix Trust Co., New York 135.00.

LA PORTE COUNTY (P. O. La Porte), Ind.—NO BIDS.—The County Treasurer reports that no bids were received on Jan. 6 for the purchase of the \$10,034.08 6% ditch improvement bonds offered for sale—V. 129, p. 3998. Dated Jan. 6 1930. Due \$1,034.08 on Dec. 6 1930, and \$1,000 on Dec. 6 from 1931 to 1939 inclusive.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY (P. O. Ripley), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by W. C. Potter, Chairman of the Hard

Roads Commission, until Jan. 25, for the purchase of a \$250,000 issue of 6% semi-annual road bonds. Due in 30 years. (A similar issue of bonds was sold to Caldwell & Co. last August.—V. 129, p. 1323.)

LAUREL, Jones County, Miss.—MATURITY.—The five issues of 5 1/2% semi-annual bonds aggregating \$420,000, purchased by the Meridian Finance Corp. of Meridian, at a price of 100.27.—V. 129, p. 4167—are due as follows: \$150,000 sewer bonds. Due \$7,500 from Jan. 1 1931 to 1950 incl. 100,000 water works bonds. Due \$5,000 from Jan. 1 1931 to 1950 incl. 70,000 parks and playgrounds bonds. Due \$3,500 from Jan. 1 1931 to 1950 incl. 50,000 airport bonds. Due \$2,500 from Jan. 1 1931 to 1950 incl. 50,000 fair ground bonds. Due \$2,500 from Mar. 1 1931 to 1950 incl. Basis of about 5.21%.

LAVACA COUNTY (P. O. Hallettsville), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—A \$19,500 issue of 6% bridge refunding bonds was registered by the State Comptroller on Jan. 2. Due serially.

LAWRENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 15, Nassau County, N. Y.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At a special election held on Jan. 3 the voters defeated a proposal to issue \$145,000 school site purchase bonds. The measure was defeated by a vote of 933 to 589.

LEWISTON, Androscoggin County, Me.—BOND SALE.—Harris, Forbes & Co. of Boston, on Jan. 9 purchased an issue of \$51,000 4% refunding water and bridge bonds at a price of 97.73. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Due annually from 1931 to 1940, inclusive. One other bid was received, that of 97.60, submitted by E. H. Rollins & Sons, of Boston.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT NO. 26 (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$868,058.67 6% storm drain construction bonds has been purchased by the District Bond Co. of Los Angeles. Due from 1938 to 1945 incl.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 64 (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$150,000 6% street paving bonds has been purchased by the District Bond Co. of Los Angeles. Due from 1934 to 1963 incl. The same company has also purchased three other issues of acquisition and improvement district bonds divided as follows: \$268,527 7% district No. 70 bonds. Due from 1932 to 1941 incl.; \$69,805.53 7% district No. 146 bonds. Due from 1931 to 1943 and \$161,804.66 7% district No. 180 bonds, maturing from 1934 to 1948 incl.

LYON COUNTY (P. O. Emporia), Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by W. J. Hanna, County Clerk, until 11 a. m. on Jan. 18, for the purchase of a \$73,000 issue of 4 1/2% road improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,825. Due serially in from 1 to 20 years from date. Interest payable on Feb. & Aug. 1. The above bonds are subject to the refusal of the State School Fund Commission. A certified check for 2% of the bid, is required. The successful bidder will bear the expense of transcribing and printing the bonds.

MACOMB COUNTY (P. O. Mount Clemens), Mich.—NO BIDS.—Bert Englebrecht, County Drain Commissioner, states that no bids were received for the \$48,000 Warren Township lateral drain, not to exceed 6% interest, bonds offered for sale on Dec. 21.—V. 129, p. 3998—adding that the issue may be disposed of privately. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1929 and mature on May 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1932 and 1933; \$3,000, 1934 to 1938, incl.; \$4,000, 1939 to 1944, incl., and \$5,000 in 1945.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Anderson), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 5% coupon Neal M. McCullough et al park improvement bonds offered on Jan. 7.—V. 129, p. 3998—were awarded to the Union Trust Co. of Indianapolis, for a premium of \$2,856, equal to a price of 103.57, a basis of about 4.33%. The bonds mature \$5,000 on Dec. 1 from 1932 to 1947, incl. The following other bids were received:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Premium. Includes entries for City Securities Corp., Madison County Trust Co., Anderson Banking Co., Meyer-Kiser Bank, Farmer's Trust Co., and J. F. Wild Investment Co.

MAHONING COUNTY (P. O. Youngstown), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—In connection with the offering on Dec. 27 of 7 issues of bonds aggregating \$109,910.—V. 129, p. 3968, 3935—F. E. Lancaster, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, states that the issue for \$38,360 was not sold, while the issues below aggregating \$71,550 were awarded as 5s to W. L. Slayton & Co., of Toledo, for a premium of \$303.20, equal to a price of 100.42, a basis of about 4.88%:

- \$20,300 road improvement bonds. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$4,300, 1931; and \$4,000 from 1932 to 1935, incl.
- 18,800 road improvement bonds. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$1,800, 1931; \$2,000, 1932 to 1938, incl.; \$1,000, 1939; and \$2,000 in 1940.
- 9,000 road improvement bonds. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1931; and \$2,000, 1932 to 1935, incl.
- 8,500 road improvement bonds. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$1,500, 1930; \$2,000, 1931 and 1932; \$1,000, 1933; and \$2,000 in 1934.
- 7,500 road improvement bonds. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$1,500, 1931; \$2,000, 1932; \$1,000, 1933; \$2,000, 1934; and \$1,000 in 1935.
- 7,450 road improvement bonds. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$1,450, 1931; \$1,000, 1932; \$2,000, 1933; \$1,000, 1934; and \$2,000 in 1935.

All of the above bonds are dated Oct. 1 1929. Mr. Lancaster makes no explanation as to the reason for not awarding the issue for \$38,360. Premiums of \$610.40 and \$574.20 for the 7 issues as 5% bonds were offered by the First Citizens Corp., of Columbus, and Otis & Co., of Cleveland, respectively.

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Premium. Includes entries for Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., Ryan, Sutherland & Co., Title Guaranty & Trust Co., Braun, Bosworth & Co., Herrick Co., and Seasongood & Mayer.

MAMARONECK (P. O. Mamaroneck), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Walter R. Marvin, Jr., Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2:30 p. m. on Jan. 14, for the purchase of the following issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$160,000, to bear interest at a rate not exceeding 6%, stated in multiples of 1/10th or 1/4 of 1%:

- \$96,000 street improvement bonds. Due on Dec. 1, as follows: \$7,000, 1930 to 1935, incl., and \$6,000, 1936 to 1944, incl.
- 64,000 street improvement bonds. Due on Dec. 1, as follows: \$5,000, 1930 to 1933, incl., and \$4,000, 1934 to 1944, incl.

All of the above bonds are dated Dec. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and semi-annual interest (June and Dec. 1) payable in gold at the Trust Co. of Larchmont, in Larchmont, or at the Bankers Trust Co., New York. A certified check for \$5,000, payable to the order of the town, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished to the purchaser.

Table with 2 columns: Valuations, Amount. Includes entries for real estate and special franchise, actual valuation, total bonded indebtedness, water district bonds, sewer district bonds, and population.

MARION CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Marion County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 school bonds offered on Jan. 8.—V. 129, p. 4168—were awarded as 4 1/4s to Ames, Emerich & Co. of Chicago, for a premium of \$3,212, equal to a price of 101.07, a basis of about 4.63%. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Due semi-annually on March and Sept. 1 from 1930 to 1955 as follows: In the even numbered years, beginning with 1930, \$6,000 bonds will be payable on each March and Sept. 1 until 1952, and in the odd numbered years, beginning with 1931, \$6,000 bonds will be payable on March 1 and \$7,000 bonds on Sept. 1 until 1953.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$139,800 4 1/4% Board of Children's Guardians Home building construction and equipment bonds offered on Dec. 27.—V. 129, p. 3998—were awarded to a group composed of the Union Trust Co., the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co., and the Fletcher American National Bank, all of Indianapolis, for a premium of \$3,275, equal to a price of 102.34, a basis of about 4.46%. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Due \$6,900, Dec. 1 1930 to 1949 incl.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Marion), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—T. A. O'Leary, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Jan. 22, for the purchase of \$15,520 5 1/2% special assessment road improvement bonds. Dated Sept. 3 1929. Due as follows: \$1,000, (M. & S. 3) from 1931 to 1937, incl.; \$1,000, Mar. 3, and \$520 on Sept. 3 1938. Prin. and semi-annual int. (Mar. and Sept. 3) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check for \$300, payable to the order of the Board of County Commissioners, must accompany each proposal.

MARTIN COUNTY (P. O. Shoals), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$11,534.20 offered on Dec. 30.—V. 129, p. 3998—were awarded to the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. of Indianapolis, for a premium of \$190.40, equal to a price of 101.65, a basis of about 4.66%: \$6,334.20 Grant Cochran et al highway construction bonds. Due \$316.71 on July 15 1931; \$316.71, Jan. and July 15 1932 to 1940 incl.; and \$316.71, Jan. 15 1941. 5,200.00 William Dustin et al road improvement bonds. Due \$261 on July 15 1931; \$261, Jan. and July 15 1932 to 1940 incl.; and \$261, Jan. 15 1941.

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Premium. Includes entries for Martin County Bank, Union Bank, J. F. Wild Investment Co., Campbell & Co., Inland Investment Co., and Meyer-Kiser Bank.

MEMPHIS, Shelby County, Tenn.—NOTE OFFERING.—Two issues of short-term notes aggregating \$2,000,000 will probably be offered for sale on Jan. 28, according to the Memphis "Appeal" of Jan. 8. They are described as follows: \$1,250,000 improvement notes. Due on Sept. 6 1930. 750,000 school notes. Due on Oct. 1 1930. Denom. \$10,000. It is further stated that an issue of \$1,000,000 notes will probably be offered for sale about the end of March.

MENTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lake County, Ohio.—OTHER BIDS.—The following other bids were received on Dec. 26, for the \$100,000 5% school bonds awarded to Braun, Bosworth & Co., of Toledo, for a premium of \$169, equal to a price of 100.169, a basis of about 4.97%.—V. 130, p. 170.

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Premium. Includes entries for Ryan, Sutherland & Co., W. L. Slayton & Co., Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., and First Citizens Corp.

MERIDIAN, Lauderdale County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—A \$230,782.64 issue of 6% street improvement bonds has been purchased by the Commerce Securities Co. of Memphis. Denom. \$1,000 and one for \$782.64. Dated July 1 1929. Due on July 1 as follows: \$22,782.64 in 1930, \$23,000, 1931 to 1938, and \$24,000 in 1939. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the Equitable Trust Co. in New York. Legal opinion of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York. (A similar issue of bonds was recently purchased by the above company.—V. 129, p. 3835.)

Table with 2 columns: Financial Statement (As Officially Reported), Amount. Includes entries for assessed valuation for taxation, total bonded debt, water works bonds, special assessment bonds, and sinking fund.

Net bonded debt. 1,628,547.79
Population (1920 Census), 24,312.

MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP, Ingham County, Mich.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—Jay Marsh, Township Clerk, reports that the issue of \$7,000 special assessment fire protection apparatus bonds offered on Dec. 27.—V. 129, p. 4168—was not sold. Interest rate was to be named in bid. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Due in five equal annual installments on Jan. 1 from 1931 to 1935 inclusive.

MILFORD, Clermont and Hamilton Counties, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,000 sewerage system plant construction bonds offered as 6s on Dec. 17.—V. 129, p. 3668—were awarded at a price of par to the Milford National Bank. H. L. Schroeder, Village Clerk, states that premiums of \$5 and \$8.40 over the par value of the bonds sold were offered by Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, Inc., both of Cincinnati, respectively. The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1929 and mature \$500 on Oct. 1 from 1930 to 1935, incl.

MONROE, Monroe County, Mich.—OTHER BIDS.—In connection with the award on Dec. 30 of \$64,700 spec. asst. bonds as 5 1/4s to the Detroit & Security Trust Co., and the First National Co. of Detroit, jointly, at a price of 100.69, a basis of about 5.09%.—V. 130, p. 170—we learn that Watling, Lerchen & Hayes of Detroit, bid par for the bonds as 5 1/4s, and par plus a premium of \$549.95 for the bonds as 5 1/2s. Carl Kiburtz of Monroe, and Braun, Bosworth & Co. of Toledo, jointly, bid par plus a premium of \$332 for the bonds as 5 1/4s.

MOORESTOWN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Moorestown), Burlington County, N. J.—OTHER BIDS.—The following other bids were received on Dec. 30 for the \$62,000 coupon or registered assessment funding bonds awarded as 5 1/4s to Rufus Waples & Co., of Philadelphia, at a price of 100.19, a basis of about 5.21%.—V. 130, p. 170.

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Premium. Includes entries for Burlington County Trust Co. and Moorestown Trust Co.

MOUNT VERNON, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$1,545,000 offered on Jan. 9 are reported to have been awarded to a syndicate composed of the First National Old Colony Corp., R. L. Day & Co. and Phelps, Fenn & Co., all of New York, at par plus a premium of \$160, equal to a price of 100.01, for \$894,000 bonds as 4 1/2s and \$651,000 bonds as 4s.

- \$534,000 North Fourth Ave. widening bonds. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$26,000, 1931 to 1936 incl., and \$27,000, 1937 to 1950 incl.
- 228,000 MacQueen Parkway bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1931 to 1948 incl., and \$7,000, 1949 to 1960 incl.
- 151,000 land purchase bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1931 to 1959 incl., and \$6,000 in 1960.
- 132,000 highway improvement bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$13,000, 1931 to 1939 incl., and \$15,000 in 1940.
- 108,000 garage bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1931 to 1942 incl., and \$4,000, 1943 to 1960 incl.
- 100,000 assessment bonds. Due \$20,000, Jan. 1 1931 to 1935 incl.
- 86,000 North Eighth Ave. extension bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1931 to 1944 incl., and \$5,000, 1945 to 1950 incl.
- 78,000 drainage bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1931 and 1932, and \$4,000, 1933 to 1950 incl.
- 76,000 City Hall equipment bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1931 to 1934 incl., and \$4,000, 1935 to 1950 incl.
- 33,000 Dept. of Public Works equipment bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1931 and 1932, and \$7,000 from 1933 to 1935 incl.
- 8,000 city lot imp. bonds. Due \$1,000, Jan. 1 1931 to 1938 incl.
- 8,000 highway repaving bonds. Due \$1,000, Jan. 1 1931 to 1935 incl.
- 3,000 sewerage bonds. Due \$1,000, Jan. 1 1931 to 1935 incl.

All of the above bonds are dated Jan. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Legality to be approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Portland), Ore.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$22,000 issue of 5% drainage refunding bonds offered on Dec. 28.—V. 129, p. 3507—was not sold as all the bids were rejected. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Due from Dec. 1 1939 to 1943 incl.

MUSCATINE, Muscatine County, Iowa.—MATURITY.—The \$75,000 issue of sewer bonds that was purchased by Geo. M. Bechtel & Co., of Davenport, as 4 1/4s, for a premium of \$760, equal to 101.01.—V. 130, p. 170—is due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1930; \$7,000, 1931 and 1932; \$8,000, 1933 to 1935; \$9,000, 1936 and 1937; \$10,000 in 1938 and \$5,000 in 1939, giving a basis of about 4.56%.

MUSKEGON HEIGHTS, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Mabelle C. Peterson, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 5:30 p. m. on Jan. 13 for the purchase of \$15,000 general improvement bonds. Rate of interest to be named in bid. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Due \$1,500 on Jan. 1 from 1931 to 1940, inclusive. Interest to be payable semi-annually. Legal opinion to be furnished by the city.

NAVARO COUNTY CONSOLIDATED ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Corsicana), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Clay Nash, County Judge, until 10 a. m. on Jan. 27 for the purchase of an issue of \$1,366,000 5% road bonds. Dated July 1 1927. Due on April 1 as follows: \$76,000, 1940 to 1955, and \$75,000 in 1956 and 1957. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the Seaboard National Bank in New York City. Chapman & Cutler of Chicago will furnish the legal approval. (These bonds are the remainder of an authorized issue of \$2,278,000.) A \$2,500 certified check must accompany the bid. (The preliminary offering report appeared in V. 130, p. 170.)

Official Financial Statement. Consolidated Road District No. 1, created April 11 1927. Bonds issued under authority of Section 32, Article 3 of the Constitution of Texas, and laws pursuant thereto, particularly Chapter 16 of the General Laws passed by the 39th Legislature, first called Session 1926. Bonds are printed and delivery will be made at once. Total value of taxable property (estimated).....\$75,000,000 Assessed valuation for taxation, year 1929..... 22,000,000 Total bonded indebtedness, including this issue..... 2,538,000 Tax rate for payment of bonds..... 1 Population, estimated, 30,000.

NEBO, McDowell County, N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by N. L. Wessinger, Town Clerk, until noon on Jan. 22 for the purchase of a \$5,000 issue of 6% semi-annual electric light bonds. (A similar issue of bonds was awarded on Dec. 18—V. 129, p. 4168.)

NEWBURYPORT, Essex County, Mass.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—In connection with the report of the sale of \$25,000 4 1/2% sewer bonds at a price of par—V. 130, p. 170—Charles E. Houghton, City Treasurer, informs us that the award was made on Nov. 15 and that the bonds are dated Nov. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due as follows: \$2,000 from 1930 to 1941, incl., and \$1,000 in 1942. Int. payable on (J. & D. 1). The Institution for Savings of Newburyport purchased \$13,000 bonds and the remaining \$12,000 bonds were sold to the Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank.

NEW HARTFORD, Oneida County, N. Y.—OTHER BIDS.—The following is a list of the other bids received on Dec. 20 for the \$22,000 coupon or registered st. impt. bonds awarded as 5s to the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co., of Buffalo, at a price of 100.39, a basis of about 4.93%. Premium paid was \$72.49.—V. 129, p. 4168.

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Premium. A. C. Allyn & Co. 5.50% \$152.50. George B. Gibbons & Co. 5.25% 65.54. Batchelder & Co. 5.00% 24.20. First National Bank (New Hartford) 5.00% Par.

NEWTOWN COUNTY (P. O. Kentland), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$4,186 6% Iroquois Township ditch construction bonds offered on Jan. 4—V. 129, p. 3999—were awarded at a price of par to a local investor. The bonds are dated Jan. 1 1930 and mature \$418.60 on (J. & J. 15) from 1931 to 1935, incl.

NORRISTOWN, Montgomery County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—F. Lester Smith, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12m. on Jan. 31 for the purchase of \$150,000 4 1/2% coupon borough bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$40,000 in 1940, \$50,000 in 1950 and \$60,000 in 1960. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Borough Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The bonds are issued subject to the favorable opinion of Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia as to their validity.

NOXUBEE COUNTY (P. O. Macon), Miss.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 issue of coupon bridge bonds offered for sale on Jan. 7—V. 129, p. 3999—was awarded to the Boatmen's National Co. of St. Louis, as 5s, for a premium of \$455, equal to 100.455. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Feb. 1 1930. Due serially without option. Interest payable F. & A.

OCEAN CITY, Cape May County, N. J.—NOTE SALE.—The First National Bank of Ocean City during December purchased an issue of \$100,000 6% tax revenue notes at a price of par. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Denom. \$5,000. Due on June 1 1930.

OKLAHOMA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Oklahoma City), Okla.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,150,000 issue of semi-annual school bonds offered for sale on Jan. 6 (V. 129, p. 4169) was sold to a syndicate composed of the Continental Illinois Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co. and the Northern Trust Co., all of Chicago; Stern Bros. & Co. of Kansas City; the Mercantile Trust Co. of St. Louis; the American-First Trust Co. of Oklahoma City, and the Fort Worth National Co. of Fort Worth, at a price of 100.009, giving a basis of about 4.70% on the bonds, divided as follows: \$1,302,000 maturing \$93,000, 1933 to 1946, as 5% bonds, and \$848,000 maturing \$93,000 1947 to 1954, and \$104,000 in 1955 as 4 3/4% bonds. The high bid on the bonds is understood to have been made by a group composed of the Continental Illinois Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., the Northern Trust Co., Stern Bros. & Co., the Mercantile Commerce Co., the American-First Trust Co. and the Fort Worth National Co. The syndicate submitted two bids, of which one was par for all 4 3/4s, while the other was par for \$1,302,000 of the bonds, with maturities up to 1946 as 5s, and the remaining maturities as 4 3/4s.

A group headed by the Prescott, Wright, Snider Co. offered par for \$2,046,000 of the maturities up to 1954 as 4 3/4s and the remaining \$104,000 of 1955 maturity as 4 3/4s.

A third tender was made by a syndicate comprising the Bankers Co., the National City Co., Eldredge & Co., the First National-Old Colony Corp., Kean, Taylor & Co. and R. J. MacMahon & Co. This offer also was par, but the coupon rates requested were 5% for \$1,442,000 of maturities to 1948, while the remaining \$708,000 of maturities to 1955 were to be 4 3/4%.

OLMSTEAD FALLS, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—A. F. Schutenberg, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Jan. 27, for the purchase of \$1,400 6% improvement bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Denom. \$300, one bond for \$200. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$200 in 1931, and \$300 from 1932 to 1935, incl. A certified check for 10% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

OSAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Osage), Osage County, Okla.—INTEREST RATE.—The \$8,000 issue of school bonds that was purchased by the Pierson Bond Co., of Oklahoma City, at a price of 100.12—V. 129, p. 4169—bears interest at 6%, giving a basis of about 5.98%. Due \$1,000 from 1933 to 1940, incl.

PASADENA, Harris County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—A \$12,000 issue of 6% serial refunding bonds was registered on Jan. 3 by the State Comptroller.

PASQUOTANK COUNTY (P. O. Elizabeth City), N. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$13,000 issue of 6% coupon bridge bonds offered for sale on Jan. 6—V. 129, p. 3999—was awarded to the Hanchett Bond Co., of Chicago, for a premium of \$7, equal to 100.43, a basis of about 5.82%. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Due on Jan. 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1931 to 1933 and \$4,000 in 1934.

PEMBERTON, Burlington County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—J. N. Jones, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Jan. 16, for the purchase of \$42,000 5% coupon or registered sewerage plant purchase bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Jan. 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1932 to 1943, incl., and \$1,500 from 1944 to 1963, incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (Jan. and July 1) payable at the Peoples National Bank & Trust Co., Pemberton. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount stated above. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the aforementioned bank. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Borough, must accompany each proposal. The bonds are issued to finance the acquisition of the water and sewerage plants of the Pemberton Township Water, Sewer and Light Co.

PERRYSBURG VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Wood County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.—At the general election held on Nov. 5—V. 129, p. 2894—the voters approved the proposal to issue \$225,000 school building construction bonds by a vote of 796 to 402.

PERTH AMBOY, Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Joseph E. Hornsby, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m.

on Jan. 21, for the purchase of \$930,000 coupon or registered grade crossing elimination bonds, to bear interest at a rate not exceeding 6%, stated in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Dated Feb. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Feb. 1, as follows: \$16,000, 1932 to 1955, incl.; \$18,000, 1956; and \$24,000 from 1957 to 1978, incl. Bids are desired on forms furnished by the city. Prin. and semi-annual int. (F. & A. 1) payable at the office of the City Treasurer. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount stated above. 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 2% of the amount of bonds bid for must accompany each proposal. Legal opinion to be furnished by Caldwell & Raymond, of New York.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, Government of.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Jan. 16 at Room 3040, Munitions Building, Washington, D. C., by F. LeJ. Parker, Brigadier-General and Chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, for the purchase of an issue of \$1,500,000 4 1/2% coupon Metropolitan Water District bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due on Oct. 1 1959. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable in gold coin at the Treasury of the United States. Authority for issuance: Sec. 11 of an Act of Congress, approved on Aug. 29 1916, as subsequently amended by an Act, approved on May 31 1922, and in Act No. 3255 of the Philippine Legislature, approved Dec. 3 1925. A certified check for 2% par of the bonds bid for, payable to the above named Chief, is required.

PIMA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Tucson), Ariz.—BOND SALE.—The \$375,000 issue of school building bonds offered for sale on Jan. 6—V. 129, p. 3836—was sold to John Nuveen & Co., of Chicago, as 5s, for a premium of \$6,750, equal to 101.80, a basis of about 4.81%. Due \$25,000 from 1936 to 1950, incl.

PITTSFIELD, Berkshire County, Mass.—PRICE PAID.—Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc., and Curtis & Sanger, both of Boston, jointly paid a price of par for the \$400,000 4% coupon bonds sold recently.—V. 129, p. 4169. The bonds are dated Dec. 15 1929 and mature on Dec. 15, as follows: \$27,000, 1930 to 1943, incl., and \$22,000 in 1944.

POLK COUNTY (P. O. Benton), Tenn.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$100,000 issue of 5% funding bonds offered for sale on Jan. 6—V. 129, p. 4169—was not sold as the County Court declined to sell the bonds below par. The highest bid received was an offer of 94. The County Clerk informs us that the bonds will again be re-advertised.

PORTLAND, Cumberland County, Me.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co. of Boston on Jan. 6 was awarded a \$300,000 temporary loan at a 4.10% discount, plus a premium of \$2.40. Dated Jan. 9 1930. Denom. to suit purchaser. Payable on Oct. 7 1930 at the First National Bank of Boston. Legality approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston. The following is a list of the other bids received:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder, Discount. Salomon Bros. & Hutzler (plus \$7) 4.29%. Fidelity Trust Co., Portland 4.40%. Casco Mercantile Trust Co. 4.41%. S. N. Bond & Co. (plus \$8) 4.42%.

PORTSMOUTH, Norfolk County, Va.—BOND SALE.—A \$130,000 issue of 4% semi-annual refunding bonds is reported to have recently been purchased at par by the Sinking Fund Commissioners. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Due in 30 years.

PORTSMOUTH, Rockingham County, N. H.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The First National-Old Colony Corp. of Boston recently purchased a \$100,000 temporary loan at a 4.59% discount. The loan is dated Aug. 31 1929. The following other bids were received:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder, Temporary Loan. Merchants National Bank of Boston 4.63%. S. N. Bond & Co. 4.72%.

POWESHIEK COUNTY (P. O. Montezuma), Iowa.—CERTIFICATES SOLD.—The \$35,000 issue of 5% annual road construction certificates offered without success on Nov. 15—V. 129, p. 3358—has since been awarded as follows: \$25,000 to the County Sinking Fund and \$10,000 road construction bonds to local investors. Dated Nov. 15 1929. Due on Dec. 31 1931.

PROVO SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Provo), Utah County, Utah.—BOND SALE.—A \$225,000 issue of 5% school bonds is reported to have been purchased by an undisclosed investor. Dated Dec. 15 1929. Due in 1949.

PROWERS COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Holly), Colo.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$30,000 issue of school bonds that was purchased by the United States National Co., of Denver—V. 130, p. 171—bears interest at 5 1/4%. Due in 1950 and optional after Feb. 1 1940.

RHEA COUNTY (P. O. Dayton), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 issue of school funding bonds offered for sale on Dec. 30—V. 129, p. 4000—was jointly awarded to Caldwell & Co. and J. C. Bradford & Co., both of Nashville.

RICHLAND, Stewart County, Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Jan. 15 by J. E. D. Shipp, Attorney for the City, for the purchase of \$10,000 issue of 5% semi-annual water works bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 from Jan. 1 1940 to 1949, incl.

RICHMOND HEIGHTS (P. O. South Euclid, R. F. D.), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Henry Schroeder, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Feb. 3 (to be opened at 8 p. m.), for the purchase of \$14,900 5 1/2% Village's portion street improvement bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$1,500, 1931 to 1939, incl., and \$1,400 in 1940. Principal and semi-annual interest (April and Oct. 1) payable at the legal depository of the village in Cleveland. Bids will also be considered for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than above stated, if fractional to be in multiples of 1/4 of 1%. A certified check for 10% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

ROBERTSON COUNTY (P. O. Springfield), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—At 10 a. m. on Jan. 18, two issues of bonds and warrants will be offered for sale at public auction, by Byron Johnson, County Judge, divided as follows: \$25,000 road bonds. Due in 20 years. 25,000 school warrants. Due \$1,000 annually to maturity.

Bids are to be at the lowest rate upon which par can be paid. Dated Feb. 1 1930. A certified check for 2% of the issue must accompany the bid.

ROCKFORD SANITARY DISTRICT (P. O. Rockford) Winnebago County, Ill.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Clerk of the Sanitary District until 10 a. m. on Jan. 16, for the purchase of \$500,000 4 1/2% sewer bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$25,000 on Jan. 1 from 1931 to 1950, incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (Jan. and July 1) payable at the First National Bank of Chicago, or the Third National Bank of Rockford. A certified check for 3% of the bid must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Chapman & Cutler of Chicago, will be furnished to the purchaser. A similar issue of bonds was sold on Aug. 19 to Halsey, Stuart & Co., and the National City Co., jointly, at a price of 97.5833, a basis of about 4.81%.—V. 129, p. 1325.

ROCK ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 41, Rock Island County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The \$280,000 4 1/2% school bonds offered on Jan. 6—V. 129, p. 4000—were awarded to the Mississippi Valley Co., of St. Louis, at a price of 99.47, a basis of about 4.62%. The bonds are dated Jan. 20 1930 and mature in 5 years.

The following is an official list of the other bids submitted: Bidder, Price Bid. Glaspell, Vieth & Duncan, Davenport 275,220.00. Geo. M. Bechtel & Co., Davenport 277,004.00. Central Trust & Savings Bank, Rock Island 275,240.00. The White-Phillips Co., Davenport 273,810.00. A. B. Leach & Co., Chicago 276,230.50. First Union Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago 277,276.00. The National City Co., New York 275,613.24.

SAINT JOSEPH, Tensas Parish, La.—MATURITY.—The \$30,000 issue of 6% semi-annual water works bonds that was jointly awarded to E. P. Clarke, of Alexandria, and the National City Savings Bank & Trust Co., of Vicksburg, at a price of 100.10—V. 129, p. 2722—is due on Sept. 1, as follows: \$500, 1930 to 1941; \$1,000, 1942 to 1950; \$1,500, 1951 to 1956; and \$2,000, 1957 to 1959, incl., giving a basis of about 5.99%.

ST. MARTINVILLE, St. Martin Parish, La.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 6% coupon bonds, aggregating \$38,000, offered for sale on Dec. 31—V. 129, p. 4000—were sold to J. Franklin Schell, of Washington, at par and interest. Denom. \$100 and \$200. The issue are as follows: \$20,000 tax revenue and \$18,000 water and electric plant bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Due serially. Interest payable on Jan. and July 1.

ST. THOMAS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Edenville), Franklin County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$23,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds was sold during Dec. to J. G. Benedict, of Waynesboro, for a premium of \$91, equal to a price of 100.39, a basis of about 4.47%. The bonds mature in 1952. Int. payable semi-annually.

SAN FRANCISCO (City and County), Calif.—\$39,000,000 OF THE \$41,000,000 BOND AWARD ABSORBED BY PUBLIC.—The National City Co., of New York, reported on Jan. 8, on behalf of the members of the nation wide syndicate headed by itself and the Bank of Italy, of San Francisco, that all but \$2,000,000 worth of the total award of \$41,000,000 4 1/2% San Francisco-Spring Valley water bonds purchased on Dec. 17—V. 129, p. 4000—had been disposed of to the public. According to reports, about half of the issue was disposed of to investors on the Pacific Coast. We are informed that the distribution of the bonds was accelerated by the impending retirement of \$21,000,000 5% Spring Valley Water Co. bonds, which are being turned in by the holders in exchange for the 4 1/2% tax-exempt bonds. Due \$1,000,000 from 1930 to 1970, incl.

(It is now reported that the syndicate books on this account were closed on Jan. 9.)

SAPULPA, Creek County, Okla.—BOND SALE POSTPONED.—The sale of the \$259,000 issue of 6% funding bonds scheduled for Dec. 27—V. 129, p. 4170—was temporarily postponed, we are informed by W. P. Woodruff, City Treasurer.

SOUTH EUCLID-LYNDHURST SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. South Euclid), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Paul H. Prasse, Clerk of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (to be opened at 8 p. m.) on Jan. 23, for the purchase of \$71,000 6% school bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1931 and 1932; \$3,000, 1933; \$2,000, 1934 and 1935; \$3,000, 1936; \$2,000, 1937 and 1938; \$3,000, 1939; \$2,000, 1940 and 1941; \$3,000, 1942; \$2,000, 1943; \$3,000, 1944 and 1945; \$2,000, 1946; \$3,000, 1947 and 1948; \$2,000, 1949; \$3,000, 1950 and 1951; \$2,000, 1952 and 1953; \$3,000, 1954; \$2,000, 1955 and 1956; \$3,000, 1957; \$2,000, 1958 and \$3,000 in 1959. Principal and semi-annual interest (April and Oct. 1) payable at the Cleveland Trust Co., Cleveland. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the above-mentioned official, must accompany each proposal. Bids based upon the bonds to bear an interest rate other than above stated will also be considered.

STAFFORD, Stafford County, Kan.—PRICE PAID.—The \$38,865 issue of 5% semi-annual street improvement bonds that was purchased by the Guarantee Title & Trust Co. of Wichita—V. 129, p. 4170—was awarded for a premium of \$99.54, equal to 100.25, a basis of about 4.95%. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$2,865 in 1930 and \$4,000, 1931 to 1939 incl.

STAMFORD (City of), Fairfield County, Conn.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The First Stamford National Bank on Jan. 8 was awarded a \$100,000 temporary loan, maturing in about 9 months, at a 4.32% discount, plus a premium of \$3. The following other bids were received:

Table with Bidder and Discount columns. Includes Guaranty Co. of New York (4.34%), First National Old Colony Corp (4.37%), S. N. Bond & Co. (plus \$4) (4.40%), Old Colony Corporation (4.53%).

STAMFORD (Town of), Fairfield County, Conn.—NOTE PURCHASE.—Salomon Bros. & Hutzler of New York, recently purchased a issue of \$150,000 tax anticipation notes at a 4.24% discount, plus a premium of \$3. The notes are due on July 1 1930 and are being reoffered by the purchasers for public investment to yield 4.20%

The following other bids were received for the loan: Bidder—S. N. Bond & Co. (plus \$4) 4.44%, Old Colony Corporation 4.53%

STEPHENS COUNTY (P. O. Breckenridge), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Jan. 16, by E. R. Maxwell, County Auditor, for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 5 1/2% semi-annual road bonds. Dated Oct. 15 1929. Due \$4,000 from April 15 1931 to 1955, incl. Payable at the Central Hanover Bank in New York City. Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, of New York City, will furnish the legal approval. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required.

STRONGSVILLE, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—H. V. Polk, Village Clerk, reports that the three issues of 6% special assessment bonds aggregating \$33,399 offered on Dec. 21—V. 129, p. 3838—were not sold.

SUMNER COUNTY (P. O. Wellington), Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by J. A. Alexandre, County Clerk, until 11 a. m. on Jan. 21, for the purchase of an issue of \$174,000 4 1/2% semi-annual road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Due on Jan. and July 1 from 1930 to 1940. A certified check for 2% must accompany the bid.

TACOMA, Pierce County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Jan. 27 by A. S. Walters, Commissioner of Finance, for the purchase of a \$450,000 issue of coupon water bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Due as follows: \$15,000, Jan. and July 1 1942; \$20,000, Jan. and July 1 1943; \$25,000, Jan. and July 1 1944; \$30,000, Jan. and July 1 1945; \$60,000, Jan. and July 1 1946, and \$75,000, Jan. and July 1 1947. Prin. and semi-annual int. is payable at the office of the City Treasurer or at the State's fiscal agency in New York. Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York, will furnish the legal opinion to the purchaser. The Comptroller will furnish the required bidding form. A \$22,500 certified check, must accompany the bid. (Authority for issue: Ord. No. 10327, passed on Dec. 26 1929 and is only a special fund obligation).

TACOMA, Pierce County, Wash.—MATURITY.—The two issues of semi-annual coupon bonds aggregating \$615,000, that were jointly purchased by Eldredge & Co., of New York, and Ferris & Hardgrove, of Spokane, as 4 1/2%, at 100.08—V. 129, p. 4170—are due as follows: \$350,000 sewer bonds. Due as follows: \$6,000, 1932 and 1933; \$7,000, 1934 to 1936; \$8,000, 1937 to 1939; \$9,000, 1940 to 1942; \$10,000, 1943 and 1944; \$11,000, 1945 and 1946; \$12,000, 1947 and 1948; \$13,000, 1949 and 1950; \$14,000, 1951; \$15,000, 1952 and 1953; \$16,000, 1954; \$17,000, 1955; \$18,000, 1956; \$19,000 1957 and 1958; \$20,000, 1959, and \$21,000 in 1960. 265,000 viaduct bonds. Due as follows: \$5,000, 1932 to 1935; \$6,000, 1936 to 1939; \$7,000, 1940 to 1942; \$8,000, 1943 to 1945; \$9,000, 1946 to 1948; \$10,000, 1949 and 1950; \$11,000, 1951 and 1952; \$12,000, 1953 to 1955; \$13,000 in 1956; \$14,000, 1957 and 1958; and \$15,000 in 1959 and 1960. Basis of about 4.49%.

TARRANT, Jefferson County, Ala.—BOND SALE.—The \$51,000 issue of paving bonds that was offered for sale on Jan. 2—V. 129, p. 4001—was awarded to Cadwell & Co. of Birmingham, at a price of 97.80.

TENNESSEE, State of (P. O. Nashville).—BOND AWARD.—Six of the seven issues of bonds and notes offered for sale on Jan. 9—V. 130, p. 171—were awarded to a large syndicate (35 members) headed by Lehman Bros. and the National City Co., both of New York, through a group of banks in Nashville, Chattanooga and Memphis at par, giving a basis of 4.676%. The successful syndicate purchased \$29,050,000 of the total amount of \$31,050,000, offered, divided as follows: \$10,000,000 highway notes. Due on Dec. 1 1939. 12,500,000 highway notes. Due on Jan. 1 1939. 2,350,000 bridge bonds. Due on Jan. 1 1945. 2,500,000 refunding notes. Due on Dec. 1 1931. 500,000 highway refunding notes. Due on April 29 1932. 1,200,000 highway refunding notes. Due on April 11 1935.

The \$2,000,000 issue of highway refunding notes was not included in the sale as the State Funding Board decided not to sell the entire amount as advertised.

TARRYTOWN, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$17,000 coupon or registered storm sewer bonds offered on Jan. 6—V. 129, p. 4170—were awarded as 4.60s to the Marine Trust Co., of Buffalo, at a price of 100.378, a basis of about 4.55%. The bonds are dated Dec. 15 1929 and mature \$1,000 on Dec. 15 from 1930 to 1946, incl. The following other bids were received:

Table with Bidder, Int. Rate, and Rate Bid columns. Includes Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc. (4.70%), Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co., Buffalo (5.00%), Batchelder & Co. (4.70%), A. C. Allyn & Co. (5.00%), Roosevelt & Son (5.25%), George B. Gibbons & Co. (4.90%).

TEXHOMA, Texas County, Okla.—INTEREST RATE.—The \$58,000 issue of sanitary sewer bonds that was purchased at par by the First National Bank of Texhoma—V. 129, p. 3671—bears interest at 5 1/4%. Due from 1932 to 1954 incl.

TODD COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Long Prairie), Minn.—BOND SALE.—A \$3,000 issue of 4 1/2% school bonds is reported to have been purchased at par by the State of Minnesota.

TRENTON, Mercer County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of the First National Bank of New York, the First National Old Colony Corp., of Boston, B. J. Van Ingen & Co., and Wallace & Co., the latter two of New York, on Jan. 7 submitted the accepted tender of 102 1/2% for \$2,432,000 bonds of the \$2,500,000 coupon or registered school fund issue offered for sale.—V. 129, p. 4170. The successful bid was for the bonds at 4 1/2%, the price paid figures an interest cost basis to the city of about 4.29%. The bonds are dated Feb. 1 1930 and mature on Feb. 1, as follows: \$50,000, 1932 to 1951, incl.; \$100,000 from 1952 to 1961, incl., and \$32,000 in 1966.

BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.—The purchasers are reoffering the bonds for public subscription at prices to yield 4.20 and 4.25%, according to maturity. The securities are stated to be legal investment for savings bank and trust funds in New York, New Jersey and other States. The information following is taken from the offering notice: "Trenton, the capital of the State of New Jersey, reports an assessed valuation in 1929 of \$208,646,696. The total bonded debt including this issue is \$20,202,819, after deductions of \$3,615,307 for water debt and sinking funds there remains a net debt of \$16,587,512. The population, according to the 1920 census, was 119,289, while the present official estimate is 138,000. The bonds, issued for school purposes, are direct and general obligations of the City, payable unlimited ad valorem taxes levied against all of the taxable property therein."

TRUMBULL COUNTY (P. O. Warren), Ohio.—INT. RATE—PRICE PAID.—In connection with the award on Dec. 27 of four issues of bonds aggregating \$286,500 to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc. of Toledo, V. 129, p. 171—we learn that the bonds bear 4 3/4% interest and were sold at par plus a premium of \$286.50, equal to a price of 100.10, a basis of about 4.73%. Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland, will certify as to the validity of the bonds.

TUCKAHOE, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—J. C. McDonnell, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Jan. 13, for the purchase of \$17,000 coupon or registered general improvement bonds, to bear interest at a rate not exceeding 6%, stated in a multiple of 1-10th or 1/4 of 1%. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 from 1931 to 1947, incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. (J. & J. 1) payable at the First National Bank & Trust Co., Tuckahoe. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the order of the Village, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished to the purchaser.

UNION COUNTY (P. O. Creston), Iowa.—BOND ELECTION.—On Jan. 28 the voters will be called upon to pass judgment on a proposed bond issue in the amount of \$498,000 to be used for the paving of primary roads.

UNION COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43 (P. O. Jonesboro III).—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of Jonesboro during December, 1929 purchased an issue of \$10,000 5% school bonds. Interest payable semi-annually. Due \$500 annually for a period of 20 years.

VAN NUYS, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk, until Jan. 14, for the purchase of a \$40,000 issue of city hall bonds.

VENTNOR CITY, N. J.—BOND SALE.—E. J. Coulon & Co., of New York, were awarded the \$450,000 temporary local school bonds offer for sale on Dec. 23—V. 129, p. 4001. The purchasers paid par plus premium of \$5 for the bonds as 9.95s, equal to a price of 100.001, a basis of about 5.94%. The bonds are dated Dec. 30 1929 and are payable July 1 1930.

VERMILION, Erie County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—W. Mitchell, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. (east standard time) on Jan. 20, for the purchase of \$37,800 5% special assessment and village portion street improvement bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Due on Dec. 1, as follows \$4,300, 1931; \$4,500, 1932 to 1934, incl., a \$4,000 from 1935 to 1939, incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (Jan. and Dec. 1) payable at the Erie County Banking Co., in Vermilion. A certified check for 1% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Village Clerk, must accompany each proposal. 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.

WAKEENEY, Trego County, Kan.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The \$35,000 issue of water works improvement bonds that was reported sold—V. 129, p. 4170—was purchased by the Central Trust Co. of Topeka, as 5s, at par. Due serially in from 1 to 20 years.

WARREN COUNTY (P. O. Williamsport), Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—Rae Flemming, County Treasurer, reports that the issue of \$4,711.80 6% drain construction bonds offered on Dec. 30—V. 129, p. 4001—was not sold. The issue may be reoffered shortly. Dated Dec. 1929. Due \$471.81 on Nov. 15 from 1930 to 1939, incl.

WARWICK, Orange County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of Warwick on Jan. 6 was awarded an issue of \$13,000 5 1/2% coupon or registered series C, fire truck bonds at a price of 100.50, a basis about 5.30%. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1930; and \$2,000, 1931 to 1935, incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. (J. & J. 1) payable at the above-mentioned bank.

WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Hagerstown), Md.—BOND OFFERING.—The Board of County Commissioners will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Jan. 21, for the purchase of \$471,000 4 1/2% school bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due on July 1 as follows: \$15,000 in 1930 and \$24,000 from 1936 to 1954, incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (Jan. and July 1) payable at the office of the County Commissioners. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the County Commissioners, must accompany each proposal.

WATERTOWN, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A \$400,000 temporary loan was recently sold to the Bank of Commerce Trust Co., of Boston, at a 4.02% discount. The loan is due in about 11 months. Offers to discount the loan at 4.07% and 4.125% were made by Faxon, Gade & Co., and the Union Market National Bank, of Watertown, respectively.

WAWAYANDA AND GOSHEN COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. New Hampton), Orange County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—John Dombroski, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Jan. 16, at the office of Gardner & Taylor, 62-64 North St., Middletown for the purchase of \$18,000 coupon or registered school bonds, to bear interest at a rate not exceeding 6%. Dated Feb. 1 1930. Denoms. \$1,000 a \$500. Due as follows: \$500 from 1931 to 1944, incl.; and \$1,000 from 1945 to 1955, incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. (F. & A. 1) payable at the Merchants National Bank, Middletown. A certified check for 10% of the par value of the bonds, payable to the order of Victor Gomboski, 56 Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, of New York, will be furnished to the purchaser.

WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Detroit), Mich.—OFFER \$1,900,000 BOND.—The syndicate headed by the Continental Illinois Co. of Chicago, of whom the \$1,900,000 airport bonds were awarded on Dec. 27 as 4 3/4s a 4 3/4s, at 100.007, a net interest cost basis of about 4.42%—V. 129, p. 1—is re-offering the bonds for public investment, subject to approval, legality by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago, at prices to yield 4.40 to 4.25% according to maturity. The offering notices states that, according to the last official report, the assessed valuation of the county is \$4,615,771.33; the net bonded debt \$7,007,748, and the population is estimated at 1,944,479.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY (P. O. Greensburg), Pa.—APPROVED \$600,000 BOND ISSUE.—James F. Woodward, Secretary of the Depa

ent of Internal Affairs, on Jan. 3 approved the flotation by the county of a \$100,000 bond issue for the rebuilding of county bridges and improving highways, according to the Jan. 4 issue of the Philadelphia "Ledger."

WEST UNION INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. West Union), Fayette County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 7.30 p. m. on Jan. 15, by Ruel P. Camp, Secretary of the Board of Education, for the purchase of an issue of \$105,000 semi-annual school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 1 1930. Due \$10,000 in 1935; \$5,000, 1936 to 1940 and \$7,000, 1941 to 1950, all incl. Sealed bids will be received up to the hour of sale, after which open bids will be received. The purchaser is to furnish the printed plans and legal approval.

WHITEFISH BAY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Milwaukee) Milwaukee County, Wis.—PRICE PAID.—The \$145,000 issue of 5% coupon school bonds that was purchased by A. B. Leach & Co. of Chicago—V. 129, p. 3048—was awarded for a premium of \$1,824.60, equal to 101.26, basis of about 4.81%. Due from Oct. 1 1930 to 1944 incl.

WILLIAMS COUNTY (P. O. Bryan), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$49,161.46 road improvement bonds offered on Jan. 4—V. 129, p. 3838—were awarded as follows to the Detroit & Security Trust Co. of Detroit, for a premium of \$68.82, equal to a price of 100.13, a basis of about 4.95%, dated Jan. 10 1930. Due as follows: \$4,161.46 on Mar. 10 and \$5,000 on Sept. 10 1931, \$5,000 on Mar. and Sept. 10 from 1932 to 1935 incl.

The following is an official tabulation of the bids received:

Bidder	Amt. of Bonds Bid For	Int. Rate	Premium
First Nat Bank, Bryan	\$49,161.46	6%	\$555.00
Farmers State Bank, Stryker	15,000.00	6%	125.00
Seasoned & Mavor, Cincinnati	49,161.46	5 3/4%	198.00
Detroit & Secur. Tr. Co., Detroit	49,161.46	5 3/4%	68.82
Ryan, Sutherland & Co., Toledo	49,161.46	5 3/4%	64.00
Wells & Co., Cleveland	49,161.46	5 3/4%	177.00
The Herrick Co., Cleveland	49,161.46	5 3/4%	81.00
David Robison & Co., Toledo	49,161.46	5%	61.50
First Citizens Corp., Columbus	49,161.46	6%	186.20
Braun, Bosworth & Co., Toledo	49,161.46	5%	20.00
Title Guar. & Tr. Co., Cincinnati	49,161.46	5 3/4%	49.20

WILLOUGHBY RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lake County, Ohio.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—In connection with the award on Dec. 28 of \$65,000 school bonds as 5s to Otis & Co. of Cleveland, at a price of 100.12—V. 130, p. 172—we learn that the bonds are dated Dec. 15 1929, are coupon in \$1,000 denoms., and mature semi-annually on April and Oct. 1 from 1930 to 1939 incl. Int. payable in April and October. Int. cost basis about 4.98%.

WORCESTER, Worcester County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Worcester County National Bank on Jan. 7 purchased a \$600,000 temporary loan at a 3.875%. Dated Jan. 9 1930. Denoms. \$50,000, \$25,000 and \$10,000. Payable on Nov. 5 1930 at the Old Colony Trust Co., of Boston, or at the Bankers Trust Co., New York. Legality to be approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston. The following other bids were received:

Bidder	Discount
Shawmut Corp.	3.97%
Salomon Bros. & Hutzler (Plus \$11)	3.99%
W. O. Gay & Co.	4.03%

YONKERS, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles E. Stahl, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Jan. 22, for the purchase of the following issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$2,900,000, to bear int. at a rate not exceeding 5 1/2%, stated in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%:

\$1,800,000 school bonds. Due \$60,000 on Feb. 1 from 1931 to 1960, incl. 600,000 public building bonds. Due \$30,000, Feb. 1 1931 to 1950, incl. 500,000 water bonds. Due \$25,000, Feb. 1 1931 to 1950, incl. All of the above bonds are dated Feb. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Different interest rates may be bid for different issues, but no split rate bid for any single issue will be considered. Prin. and semi-annual int. (A. & O. 1) payable in gold at the office of the City Treasurer. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the City Comptroller, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, of New York, will be furnished to the purchaser.

ZWOLLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Many), Sabine Parish, La.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$45,000 issue of school bonds that was offered on Jan. 2—V. 130, p. 172—was not sold as all the bids were rejected. Due serially in 25 years.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, Province of (P. O. Victoria).—PRICE PAID.—The syndicate composed of Dillon, Read & Co., New York, A. E. Ames & Co., Wood, Gundy & Co., the Dominion Securities Corp., the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and the Royal Bank of Canada, all of Toronto, which purchased a total of \$6,000,000 5 1/2% Treasury bills recently—V. 129, p. 3673—is reported to have paid 99.25 for the obligations, a basis of about 6.03%. Dated Nov. 25 1929. Due \$3,000,000 on Nov. 25 in 1930 and 1931.

COCHRANE, Ont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to P. D. Campbell, Town Clerk and Treasurer, will be received until 12 M. on Jan. 28, for the purchase of \$15,000 5 1/2% telephone system extension bonds. By-law No. 379. Due \$1,255.19 (incl. interest payments) on Nov. 1 from 1930 to 1949, incl.

HALIFAX, N. S.—BOND SALE.—Gairdner & Co. and C. H. Burgess & Co., both of Toronto, jointly, recently purchased an issue of \$606,070.18 improvement bonds, bearing 5% interest and payable in 35 years, at a price of 98.377, payment and delivery at Halifax, an interest cost basis of about 5.10%. The following other bids were received:

Bidder	Rate Bid
Wood, Gundy & Co.	97.65
Dyment, Anderson & Co.	96.341
Fry, Mills, Spence & Co.	96.079

HAMILTON, Ont.—BOND SALE.—A. E. Ames & Co. of Toronto recently purchased a total of \$2,983,998 improvement bonds, consisting of \$1,903,887 4 1/2s, dated 1930 and maturing in 1958, and \$1,080,111 5s, dated 1930 and maturing in 1948, at a price of 95.68, payment and delivery at Hamilton, an interest cost basis of about 5.20%. The purchasers are re-offering the bonds for public subscription at prices to yield 5.05 to 5%, according to maturity. The report of the sale of the bonds and the following list of the other bids received appeared in the Jan. 2 issue of the "Financial Post":

Bidder	Rate Bid
Wood, Gundy & Co. and the Royal Bank of Canada, jointly	94.90
Bell, Gouinlock & Co., Canadian Bank of Commerce, Matthews & Co., McLeod, Young, Weir & Co. and Fry, Mills, Spence & Co.	94.821
Bank of Montreal and the Dominion Securities Corp., jointly	94.25

Financial Statement (As at Nov. 30 1929).

Assessed value of taxable property (1929)	\$158,626,982.00
Exemptions not included above	21,805,450.00
Gross debenture debt (including this issue)	25,110,942.04
Less—	
Revenue-producing debt	\$7,149,961.49
Ratepayers' share of local improvements	2,194,259.28
Sinking fund for non-revenue producing debt	2,534,152.61
	11,878,373.38

Net debenture debt \$13,232,568.66 (The above does not include \$268,196.18 contingent liability for the Housing Commission; semi-annual payments of \$5,000 payable until 1949 for park lands; nor \$563,091.28 annexation debt.) Population (1929), 143,129.

LAC AU SAUMON, Que.—BOND SALE.—The \$22,500 5% local improvement bonds offered on Dec. 21—V. 129, p. 4002—were disposed of according to J. H. Lane, Secretary-Treasurer. Purchaser not disclosed. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1929 and mature serially in 20 years.

MEDICINE HAT, Alta.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—H. J. Noble, City Treasurer, states that the \$100,000 5 1/2% electric light and power plant extension bonds offered on Dec. 31—V. 129, p. 4171—were not sold. The issue will be reoffered later. Due annually over a period of 10 years.

PORT COLBORNE, Ont.—BOND SALE.—The \$55,000 5% school building construction bonds offered on Oct. 5—V. 129, p. 2118—are reported to have been purchased by Dyment, Anderson & Co., of Toronto, at a price of 96, a basis of about 5.53%. The bonds are payable in 20 annual installments.

SASKATCHEWAN (Province of), Can.—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of the Dominion Securities Corp., Wood, Gundy & Co., A. E. Ames & Co., the Royal Bank of Canada, and the Canadian Bank of Commerce, all of Toronto, recently privately purchased an issue of \$3,500,000 5% coupon bonds issued for the following purposes: the construction of public buildings, telephones and highways, and to meet the requirements of the Saskatchewan Power Commission. Dated Dec. 2 1929. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Registerable as to principal. Due on Dec. 2 1959. Prin. and semi-annual int. (J. & D. 2) payable at the agency of the Royal Bank of Canada, in New York, in U. S. gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness; also payable at the Royal Bank of Canada in Canadian gold coin, in Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg, Regina, Vancouver and St. John. The purchasers are reoffering the bonds for public investment, subject to legal opinion of E. G. Long, of Toronto, at 100 and int., yielding 5%.

SHERBROOKE, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—A. Deslauriers, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 5 p. m. on Jan. 15 for the purchase of the following issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$563,000:

\$223,500 impt. bonds. Due annually on Nov. 1 from 1930 to 1958 incl. 222,500 impt. bonds. Due annually on Nov. 1 from 1931 to 1958 incl. 89,000 impt. bonds. Due annually on Nov. 1 from 1930 to 1968 incl. 28,000 impt. bonds. Due annually on Nov. 1 from 1931 to 1938 incl. All of the above bonds are payable at Sherbrooke, Montreal and Quebec.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Fry, Mills, Spence & Co., McLeod, Young, Weir & Co., and Bell, Gouinlock & Co., all of Toronto; Victor W. Odum, Brown & Co., and Gillespie, Hart & Co., both of Victoria, on Jan. 6 submitted the accepted tender of 98.58 (Vancouver payment) for the purchase of the following issues of 5% bonds, coupon, registerable as to principal, aggregating \$3,000,000. Int. cost basis about 5.09%:

\$1,000,000 school buildings and equipment bonds. By-law No. 1992. 800,000 school buildings and equipment bonds. By-law No. 1992. Due on June 1 1969.

500,000 street improvement bonds. By-law No. 1996. Due on June 1 1969. 300,000 airport site bonds. By-law No. 1988. Due on June 1 1969. 300,000 English Bay Foreshore bonds. By-law No. 1991. Due on June 1 1969. 50,000 school sites bonds. By-law No. 1993. Due on June 1 1969. 50,000 school grounds improvement bonds. By-law No. 1994. Due on June 1 1969.

All of the above bonds are dated June 1 1929. Int. payable on (J. & D. 1). These are the bonds originally scheduled to have been sold on Nov. 4, which were withdrawn from the market at that time.—V. 129, p. 2897.

WINNIPEG, Man.—BOND SALE.—The Bank of Montreal, of Montreal, and the Dominion Securities Corp., of Toronto, jointly, on Jan. 3 were awarded an issue of \$2,500,000 5% improvement bonds at a price of 99.02 (Canadian funds), equal to an interest cost basis of about 5.07%. The bonds are dated Jan. 1 1930 and mature on Jan. 1, as follows: \$250,000, 1940; \$125,000, 1945; \$225,000, 1950, and \$1,900,000 in 1960.

The successful bidders are re-offering the bonds for public investment at a price of 99.50 and interest for all maturities. The following other bids are reported to have been submitted:

Bidder	Rate Bid
Harris, Forbes & Co. and the National City Co.	98.66
Bell, Gouinlock & Co., McLeod, Young, Weir & Co. and Fry, Mills, Spence & Co.	98.65
Chase Securities Corp., Wood, Gundy & Co. and the Royal Bank of Canada	98.33

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