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The Financial Situation.

The stock market crash of the last two weeks should not be lightly dismissed. In the suddenness of the collapse, and its magnitude, the bottom having almost completely dropped out of the market as a result of declines of 5 to 15 or more points a day, continued for several days in succession, during which it appeared almost impossible to arrest the downward movement, this latest crash stands second only to that experienced last autumn, and from the ill effects of which on trade and business the country is still suffering. In view of this renewed exhibition of the instability of stock prices, driven by speculative manipulation to unnatural heights, he would be a bold man who would venture to predict when the end of these ill effects may be counted upon with any degree of certainty.

This second stock market crash, whatever one may think of the attending consequences, will certainly not promote a revival of confidence in underlying conditions, and such a revival of confidence is an absolutely indispensable prerequisite to a revival of trade and business. The one must precede and

be a prelude to the other. To have the bottom again drop so completely out of the market can only serve to unsettle confidence anew, thereby retarding the recovery in business which everyone is so earnestly praying for and which the authorities at Washington are so sedulously engaged in seeking to bring about. This is why we say this latest stock market debacle should not be lightly dismissed. It is altogether too grave a matter to be treated as if it were of no consequence.

By a strange irony of fate, at the very moment when President Hoover was addressing the Chamber of Commerce of the United States and pointing out how successfully and how expeditiously the collapse of last autumn had been dealt with, a new crash was impending and was, in fact, already under way, though the President appeared to be unaware of it. Here is what he had to say on the subject:

"We have been passing through one of those great economic storms which periodically bring hardship and suffering upon our people. While the crash only took place six months ago, I am convinced we have now passed the worst and with continued unity of effort we shall rapidly recover. There is one certainty in the future of a people of the resources, intelligence and character of the people of the United States—that is prosperity.

"On the occasion of this great storm we have for the first time attempted a great economic experiment, possibly one of the greatest of our history. By co-operation between Government officials and the entire community, business, railways, public utilities, agriculture, labor, the press, our own financial institutions and public authorities, we have undertaken to stabilize economic forces; to mitigate the effects of the crash and to shorten its destructive period.

"I believe I can say with assurance that our joint undertaking has succeeded to a remarkable degree and that it furnishes a basis of great tribute to our people for unity of action in time of national emergency. To those many business leaders present here I know that I express the gratitude of our countrymen."

The President went on to say that: "We have succeeded in maintaining confidence and courage. We have avoided monetary panic and credit stringency. These dangers are behind us. From the moment of the crash, interest rates have steadily decreased and capital has become steadily more abundant. Our investment markets have absorbed two billions of new securities since the crash. There has been no significant bank or industrial failure. That danger, too, is safely behind us. The acceleration of construction programs has been successful beyond our hopes. The great utilities, the railways and the large manufacturers have responded cour-

ageously. The Federal Government has not only expedited its current works, but Congress has authorized further expenditures. The Governors, Mayors and other authorities have everywhere been doing their full part. . . . We are suffering from a decrease in residential construction, but despite this we have reason to believe that the total construction will still further expand, and we should during 1930 witness a larger gross volume of improvement work than normal. For the first time in the history of great slumps, we have had no substantial reductions in wages, and we have had no strikes or lockouts which were in any way connected with this situation. All these widespread activities of our business men and our institutions offer sharp contrast with the activities of previous major crashes and our experiences from them. As a consequence, we have attained a stage of recovery within this short period greater than that attained during a whole year or more following previous equally great storms."

Unquestionably the President was presuming too much and painting too bright a picture. It will be a long time before the country sees the last of the ill effects on trade and business of the unbridled speculation which ran through the whole of 1928 and the greater part of 1929, and then had such an inglorious ending. It is becoming more and more evident each day that the blow then dealt the business of the country, not so much by the drop in stock values as by the destroying of the illusion that the country could count upon a never-ending period of prosperity upon which the rampant speculation was based, and which in turn affected every avenue of trade and business—it is becoming more and more evident that the blow thus dealt was more far-reaching than generally supposed. As if this were not enough, the country now is forced to face the fact that it has been passing through a new speculative era which was even more lacking in substance than the earlier one and which has now met the same disastrous fate.

Are we stating the case too strongly when we say that two stock market crashes, both exceedingly virulent, even though the second one was not of the same devastating character as the first, are more than the community ought to be called upon to endure, and more than it will be inclined to bear with patience and fortitude. There is too much of a disposition to think that speculation inherent in human nature, which is in large measure true, and that it is natural that a vent should be found for it in the stock market—that the excesses of the stock market are to be deplored, and yet that there is really nothing that can be done about it. But if it is impossible to change human nature, is that any reason why we should provide special means for fanning the speculative spirit and for letting it burst into flame and spread and work havoc? Has not the underlying cause of both speculative periods been the same? Has not easy money and cheap credit available in unlimited amounts been the underlying cause in both instances? And if so, is not that where the remedy ought to be applied?

Dealing only with the latest speculative period, which has now met the same fate as the earlier one, is it not a fact that the compilations of the Stock Exchange show that borrowing by Stock Exchange members in the three months from Jan. 31 to April

30 ran up from \$3,984,768,065 to \$5,063,131,359, being an addition in the space of three months of considerably over a billion dollars, or, in exact figures, \$1,078,363,294? Is it not a fact, also, that in this period the Federal Reserve Bank of New York made successive reductions in its rediscount rate, cutting its rate down another $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1%, to 3%, at the very time that the new crash was under way, namely, on Friday of last week? Is it not a fact, furthermore, that at a time of profound ease in money, Reserve credit outstanding, though very substantially reduced during the last 15 months, still aggregates in the neighborhood of a full billion dollars, the amount for the present week standing at \$951,095,000? Is it not also a fact that the Federal Reserve authorities will not let a diminution in member bank borrowing have its due effect in restricting the volume of Reserve credit outstanding, but thinks it incumbent in great part to counterbalance and offset such contraction through security purchases in the open market in the shape of United States Government obligations and bankers' acceptances? And all this being so, do we not find here the source of our trouble, and which has made possible, as already stated, two stock market crashes of major proportions during the last six months?

It is strange that considerations like these should receive so little attention and attract so little notice. The Federal Reserve authorities seem never to have had them in mind. An address which Governor Roy A. Young, of the Federal Reserve Board, delivered the present week before the Executive Council of the American Bankers' Association, in session at Old Point Comfort, furnishes an excellent illustration in point. Mr. Young confined himself to the stock market collapse of last autumn. He made no allusion to the present week's collapse, though he may have had it in mind, and been in trepidation and fear as to its outcome, as his remarks were in the nature of a warning. He spoke of the danger of expansion, and asked a number of pertinent questions about it, saying: "Is this unavoidable? Is it necessary for this country to go through periods of reckless exuberance, accompanied by enormous credit expansion and by fantastic levels of money rates, that profoundly disturb the financial and business structure, not only here, but all over the world? And to have these periods culminate in abrupt reversals, violent liquidation, and a feeling of discouragement and depression?" Answering his own questions, he well adds: "If all this is inevitable, it is very regrettable, for the cost of these excesses is borne throughout the land, with echoes across the ocean, in languishing enterprise, in unemployment, and in general depression."

He urges banks to recognize their responsibility, and after praising them quite inordinately in the opening paragraphs of his remarks upon their courage and co-operation at the time of last autumn, yet feels called upon further along in his address, in discussing the changes which have occurred in the country's banking system, to indicate that he fears individual responsibility on the part of the banks has been weakened and is rather loosely borne. His remarks on that point were as follows: "Prior to the establishment of the Federal Reserve System the great metropolitan banks were the last resort of the country's banking system. On them rested the ultimate responsibility for avoiding catastrophe, and though these banks were not always able to avoid it,

they were never entirely free from the feeling that it was their duty to so conduct their own affairs as not to endanger the financial fabric of the country. I fear that to some extent this feeling of joint responsibility has relaxed as the result, in part, of confidence that the Federal Reserve System is ready to stand by in the hour of need. The banks still feel the responsibility to their stockholders and to their depositors, but when it comes to responsibility to the country at large there is a tendency to let George do it. And yet I am convinced that to an increasing, rather than a diminishing extent, the great key banks have a general public responsibility, less direct, but no less binding than their duty to their own depositors and proprietors."

All this is good and proper, and well said, but how about the responsibility of the Reserve Banks themselves? Have they not also a responsibility which should never be lost sight of? We have no doubt that this responsibility is always borne in mind, but has the power that goes with it been wisely exercised? Can the Reserve authorities be absolved for their part in the unfortunate results which have attended both the great speculative periods under discussion. Would not a little self-examination on that point be helpful and profitable and be more in accord with the proprieties than the self-praise which is so commonly indulged in?

We will not again on this occasion go over the facts bearing on that question which we have so frequently discussed in these columns, but shall content ourselves with some rather general observations which appear to be especially pertinent to the occasion. Member bank borrowing to-day at the 12 Reserve institutions, as represented by the discount holdings, is only \$237,448,000. A year ago, on May 8 1929, it still amounted to \$962,022,000. Suppose the Reserve authorities had allowed this contraction in member bank borrowing to have its full force and effect, by which we mean, had this diminution in member bank borrowing been permitted to reduce the volume of Reserve credit outstanding to a like extent, instead of new Reserve credit being brought into being through purchases of United States Government securities and bankers' acceptances. Would the stock market speculation of the past three months, and which has now ended so disastrously, been at all possible? The holdings of United States Government securities now stand at \$527,844,000, whereas 12 months ago, on May 8 1929, they were only \$149,488,000. The answer seems simple enough. Any such speculation as actually happened would, in the event supposed, been wholly out of question. The effect of the Reserve credit put out through the voluntary action of the Reserve authorities themselves has been to create an artificial state of ease in which alone such a speculation could flourish.

Governor Young is asking co-operation in establishing sound principles of banking so as to avoid "reckless exuberance, accompanied by enormous credit expansion," and the member banks did their part towards bringing about the restoration of sound conditions by reducing their borrowings at the Reserve institutions. Indeed, most of the larger banks have been completely out of debt at the Reserve Banks for some time. All their good work, however, has to a great extent been nullified and rendered nugatory by the action of the Reserve Banks in arbitrarily forcing a large volume of Reserve credit

afloat, and at a time, too, when there was no need for it in trade channels where the demand for banking accommodations was constantly shrinking because of the slowing down of business. The unneeded banking credit thus thrust afloat naturally drifted into speculative channels, and the new era of stock speculation was a natural and the inevitable outcome.

In the meantime, developments in mercantile lines have the present week continued to manifest the same unfavorable trend as in the weeks immediately preceding. The price of copper, after having been cut on April 15 from 18c. to 14c. a pound, was the present week reduced to 13c., and then allowed to drop to 12½c. And the price of wheat, after a small upward reaction, has again declined and the May option in Chicago has on several occasions during the week sold down to \$1.00 a bushel. Cuban raw sugar, already at the lowest level in all time, has further declined, sales being made at 1 15/32c. per lb. Silk prices are at the lowest figure reached in 15 years, and prices of coffee and of rubber are likewise at extraordinarily low levels.

There is very little to say about the Federal Reserve statements the present week. Brokers' loans, of course, as the result of the great shrinkage in market values on the Stock Exchange, and the closing out of many thinly margined accounts show a decrease the present week. There has been a reduction of an even \$200,000,000 in the grand total of these loans on securities to brokers and dealers by the reporting member banks in New York City. This is a substantial sum, but comes after \$785,000,000 expansion in the nine weeks preceeding. In the week's shrinkage of \$200,000,000, the loans under each of the three different categories have shared, the loans made by the reporting member banks for their own account having fallen from \$1,695,000,000 to \$1,611,000,000; the loans for the account of out-of-town banks having declined from \$1,183,000,000 to \$1,123,000,000, and the loans "for account of others" from \$1,397,000,000 to \$1,341,000,000.

The 12 Reserve Banks show no changes of consequence during the week in their own returns outside of the fact that there has been another big reduction the present week in the holdings of bankers' acceptances, these having fallen during the week from \$209,564,000 to \$175,003,000. The reason for this, of course, lies on the surface, and follows from circumstances beyond the control of the Reserve authorities. Open market rates for bankers' acceptances have again been marked down, while the buying rate for bills by the Federal Reserve Bank until yesterday, when a reduction occurred to 2½%, remained at 2¾%. Accordingly, there was no longer any inducement for selling bills to the Reserve Banks, and as a consequence old bills, as they ran off, were not replaced by new ones. With the buying rate down to 2½% the situation in that respect may change. Member bank borrowing increased a trifle, the discount holdings of the 12 Reserve Banks May 7 being reported at \$237,448,000 against \$233,452,000 April 30. Holdings of United States Government securities are likewise very little altered, being reported at \$527,844,000 against \$529,509,000 last week. The net result of all these changes is that total bill and security holdings, which reflect the amount of Reserve credit afloat, are

somewhat smaller this week, being \$951,095,000 against \$982,225,000.

The Government crop report on winter wheat in the United States, issued at Washington late yesterday afternoon, shows a further slight deterioration in the condition of that crop during the month just closed. The May 1 average this year is indicated by the Department as 76.7% of normal, against 77.4% on April 1 and 86% on Dec. 1 1929, the latter the condition of the newly-sown grain just prior to its entry of the winter season. The decline during the winter was 8.6 points, and during the month of April a fraction of one point. The crop harvested last year showed a decline during the winter of 1928-29 of 3.3 points, but there was an advance during April of that year of a fraction of one point, instead of a decline as now appears for the crop to be harvested this year.

The present May 1 condition of 76.7% of normal compares with 83.6% for May 1 1929, and a 10-year average condition for that date somewhat higher than last year's figure. The report issued at Washington yesterday afternoon indicated that the winter killing for the current year's crop was 4,758,000 acres, or 10.9% of the area planted to winter wheat in the fall of 1929. The winter-killing for the crop harvested last year was 2,758,000 acres, or 6.4% of the area harvested in the fall of the preceding year. It is now indicated that the area remaining for harvest this year will be 38,676,000 acres. This compares with 40,142,000 acres actually harvested last year, showing a decline in area for this year at the beginning of the growing season of 1,466,000 acres. Last year's harvest for winter wheat was some 325,000 acres less than the May 1 estimate, and it is not unlikely that the area this year may be further reduced before the close of the season.

On the basis of the May 1 condition this year, a yield of 13.6 bushels of wheat per acre is now estimated by the Department, indicating an approximate production for this year's winter wheat crop of 525,994,000 bushels, against the actual harvest last year of 578,336,000 bushels.

After some decline in condition for rye during the past winter there was a slight recovery in April. The average condition of rye on May 1 was 84% of normal, against 82% on April 1 and 87.2% on Dec. 1 of last year. The condition of the crop last year on May 1 1929 was 87.6% of normal, which was 3.6 points higher than the condition on that date this year. A yield of 13.3 bushels per acre is now indicated for this year's crop of rye, which compares with the estimated yield of 13.8 bushels last year, when the harvest was only 40,629,000 bushels, a very low return.

Business insolvencies continue to make unfavorable records. Mercantile failures in the United States for the month of April, according to the compilations of R. G. Dun & Co., number 2,198, involving an indebtedness of \$49,059,308. This is less in number and amount than in the earlier months of this year, but that is customary for this period of time. Compared with previous years, failures in April this year are in excess of any earlier record for that month and liabilities were heavier only in the months of April 1922, 1923, and 1927. Last year in April there were 2,021 insolvencies, with \$35,269,702 of indebtedness, the increase as to the num-

ber this year being 8.7% and as to liabilities 39.1%. For the four months of this year 9,566 mercantile failures compare with 8,508 in the corresponding period of 1929, an increase this year of 12.4%, and there was \$218,417,000 of indebtedness against \$159,538,000 a year ago, the increase in the latter for this year to date being 36.9%. Relatively, the April report makes a somewhat better showing than that for the four months.

In the three leading classes into which this failure record is divided there is an increase for April this year for each. For the month just closed 534 manufacturing defaults, involving \$19,668,738 of indebtedness occurred; also 1,500 trading failures for \$23,426,764, and 164 among agents and brokers, with liabilities of \$5,963,806. In April of last year there were 499 manufacturing defaults for \$10,422,876; 1,388 trading failures involving \$19,101,961, and 134 in the third division for \$5,744,865. In all three divisions the increase in liabilities last month was mainly due to an unusual number of large failures involving a heavy total. Especially is this true in manufacturing lines; also to a lesser degree among trading concerns. For the manufacturing division, seven of the 14 leading classes for which a separate return is made show an increase in the number of defaults last month, over those of a year ago. The large lumber section leads all others, both as to the number and the indebtedness. There was quite an increase last month in failures among manufacturers of machinery, as well as in clothing, and in hats, furs and gloves. In the division for earthenware, which includes brick and glass, insolvencies last month were more numerous than a year ago, and liabilities were heavier. On the other hand, there was a decrease last month in the number of defaults in the manufacturing division embracing chemicals, as well as in the baking line and for leather goods, including shoes. For chemicals and bakeries, however, the liabilities were somewhat larger than last year.

It is in the large trading class that the increase in the number of defaults in April was most conspicuous. In nine of the 14 leading trading divisions an increase is shown. The most important of these were the clothing section, as well as those including dry goods, and general stores. More failures also occurred last month in the hardware line, among jewelers, dealers in shoes, and in hats, furs and gloves. Liabilities increased last month for general stores, for grocers, hotels and restaurants, dealers in furniture, and jewelry. While the amount reported for grocers was higher, a reduction appears for the number of defaults in that class in April, as for a number of months past. Likewise, as to the liabilities for hotels and restaurants, the amount last month was very much in excess of a year ago; but the number shows a decrease—in fact, two large hotel failures in April swelled the indebtedness for that class materially. Not only grocers and the division embracing hotels reported fewer insolvencies last month, but also the furniture division, as well as for stationery and books.

As to the large failures in April, that is, those reporting liabilities of \$100,000 each, or more, there were 87 such defaults for \$23,478,210 of indebtedness. In April of last year the number was 48 and the total liabilities \$13,740,563. Much the larger increase this year was in the manufacturing division, for which there were 42 such failures for \$12,060,935,

against 18 for \$3,997,999 a year ago. For the trading section the number of large defaults last month was 26 for \$7,712,635 compared with 17 a year ago involving \$5,749,664.

The stock market the present week has been through another severe experience, the downward plunge of prices, which was such a feature last week, when the market tumbled with great rapidity day after day, having continued at the half-day session on Saturday, and reached a still more aggravated form on Monday. In this period prices each day declined all the way from 3 to 15 points or more. The total depreciation during the whole of the downward movement was the worst suffered by the Stock Exchange since the great collapse of last October-November. The decline on this occasion, however, was much more orderly than then, there never apparently having been a time when some price was not obtainable, even though it might be at huge concessions. Dealings were of unusual magnitude on Saturday and Monday. On the first of these days the sales were 4,867,530 shares, the largest for any Saturday half-holiday on record, and on Monday were 8,279,260 shares, the tickers on both days being far behind the transactions on the floor. At the close on Saturday the ticker was an hour and 56 minutes behind, and on Monday it was two hours and 54 minutes behind.

On Tuesday a sharp upward reaction ensued, and a large part of the losses of the previous day at least were recovered. And this upward reaction was well maintained the rest of the week. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the market continued more or less unsettled, and the movement of prices more or less confused, fluctuations both up and down being of frequent occurrence and with the volume of business only moderately large, judged by recent standards. Buying of the railroad shares has been quite a feature all the week, notwithstanding the poor returns of earnings, the railroad list displaying a strong rallying tendency, even at the beginning of the week, when the general list was still declining in a very disconcerting fashion. The copper stocks also displayed an improved tendency, after the new cuts in the price of the metal. The call loan rate on the Stock Exchange ranged between 3% and 3½% all week.

Trading was exceedingly heavy on Saturday and Monday, but thereafter was on a reduced scale. At the half-day session last Saturday the dealings on the New York Stock Exchange were 4,867,530 shares, being, as stated, the largest Saturday half-day business in the history of the Exchange. On Monday the sales were 8,279,260 shares; on Tuesday 4,755,830 shares; on Wednesday, 4,295,470 shares; on Thursday, 3,755,990 shares, and on Friday, 3,009,830 shares. On the New York Curb Exchange the sales last Saturday were 1,537,100 shares; on Monday, 2,540,400 shares; on Tuesday, 1,213,100 shares; on Wednesday, 1,022,100 shares; on Thursday, 865,600 shares; on Friday, 809,300 shares.

As compared with Friday of last week, price changes are irregular, many losses appearing, notwithstanding the recovery after Monday, and these losses, too, following heavy losses in the two weeks preceding. Fox Film A closed yesterday at 51⅞ against 51⅞ on Friday of last week; Warner Bros. Pictures at 66¾ against 67½; General Electric at 78¾ against 80¼; Electric Power & Light at 84½ against 79; United Corp. at 45¼ against 44⅞;

Brooklyn Union Gas at 150 against 158; North American at 117⅞ against 117; American Water Works at 110⅞ against 111; Pacific Gas & Elec. at 66⅝ against 67½; Standard Gas & Elec. at 115½ against 115; Consolidated Gas of N. Y. at 126½ ex-div. against 123; Columbia Gas & Elec. at 74 against 75¾; International Harvester at 105 against 104; Sears, Roebuck & Co. at 81¼ against 85; Montgomery Ward & Co. at 41⅝ against 43; Woolworth at 63½ against 63½; Safeway Stores at 90⅞ against 88; Western Union Telegraph at 180⅞ against 175; American Tel. & Tel. at 246 against 246; Int. Tel. & Tel. at 63 against 65; American Can at 137½ against 136½; United States Industrial Alcohol at 88¾ against 85; Commercial Solvents at 327⅞ against 291⅞; Corn Products at 104⅞ against 98; Shattuck & Co. at 44¾ against 45¼, and Columbia Graphophone at 27⅞ against 29.

Allied Chemical & Dye closed yesterday at 307 against 304½ on Friday of last week; Davison Chemical at 35½ against 33⅞; E. I. du Pont de Nemours at 126 against 130; National Cash Register at 57¾ against 55½; International Combustion & Engineering at 10¼ against 10; International Nickel at 33½ against 31½; A. M. Byers at 85½ against 96⅞; Simmons & Co. at 38½ against 44; Timken Roller Bearing at 75 against 79¾; Mack Trucks at 67⅞ against 73⅞; Yellow Truck & Coach at 27 against 27⅞; Johns-Manville at 108 against 103; Gillette Safety Razor at 84⅞ against 85⅞; National Dairy Products at 56⅞ against 54⅞; National Bellas Hess at 15½ against 16; Associated Dry Goods at 41½ against 42⅞; Lambert Co. at 100 against 100¾; Texas Gulf Sulphur at 59¾ against 59, and Kolster Radio at 5⅞ against 5⅞.

The steel shares have continued weak. United States Steel closed yesterday at 169¾ against 176 on Friday of last week; Bethlehem Steel at 95 against 94⅞, and Republic Iron & Steel at 53¾ against 61. The motor stocks quite generally show declines for the week. General Motors closed yesterday at 47¼ ex-div. against 45¾ on Friday of last week; Nash Motors at 42⅞ against 45; Chrysler at 32 against 34¾; Packard Motors at 18 against 17¾; Hudson Motor Car at 43¾ against 45¼, and Hupp Motors at 19½ against 20. The rubber stocks regained most of their early losses. Goodyear Rubber & Tire closed yesterday at 80¼ against 77 on Friday of last week; B. F. Goodrich at 42 against 39½; United States Rubber at 28⅞ against 28, and the preferred at 51½ against 52.

The railroad list is quite generally higher as a result of the buying above referred to. Pennsylvania RR. closed yesterday at 78 against 77⅞ on Friday of last week; New York Central at 174½ against 168½; Erie RR. at 48 against 47⅞; Del. & Hudson at 171¼ against 171¾; Baltimore & Ohio at 115¾ against 112; New Haven at 113¼ against 107¼; Union Pacific at 225 against 220; Southern Pacific at 122 against 118½; Missouri-Kansas-Texas at 53¼ against 54; Missouri Pacific at 79¼ against 77½; Southern Railway at 115 against 103½; St. Louis-San Francisco at 114½ against 110; Rock Island at 111 bid against 110½; Great Northern at 93 against 89¼, and Northern Pacific at 83 against 78¼.

The oil shares have also held their own pretty well. Standard Oil of N. J. closed at 75⅞ against 76⅞ on Friday of last week; Simms Petroleum at 27 against 29½; Skelly Oil at 35 against 36; Atlantic

Refining at $42\frac{1}{4}$ against $41\frac{1}{2}$; Texas Corp. at $57\frac{1}{2}$ against $57\frac{1}{8}$; Pan American B at $59\frac{1}{4}$ against 60; Phillips Petroleum at $41\frac{1}{8}$ against $39\frac{1}{8}$; Richfield Oil at $23\frac{3}{8}$ against $24\frac{1}{2}$; Standard Oil of N. Y. at $36\frac{1}{8}$ against $36\frac{1}{2}$, and Pure Oil at $23\frac{7}{8}$ ex-div. against $24\frac{1}{2}$.

The copper stocks have also quite generally recovered their early losses. Anaconda closed yesterday at 59 against 59 on Friday of last week; Kennecott Copper at $46\frac{1}{4}$ against 44; Calumet & Hecla at 19 against 19; Andes Copper at $28\frac{1}{8}$ against $27\frac{7}{8}$; Inspiration Copper at $19\frac{3}{8}$ against $19\frac{3}{8}$; Calumet & Arizona at 63 against 65; Granby Consolidated Copper at $32\frac{1}{2}$ against $31\frac{1}{4}$; American Smelting & Refining at $70\frac{1}{2}$ against $68\frac{1}{8}$, and U. S. Smelting & Refining at $28\frac{1}{2}$ against 29.

Stock markets in the important foreign financial centers moved irregularly this week, with the general trend again toward lower price levels. Turnover remained of small proportions in all markets. Much attention was directed toward New York, particularly in the first sessions of the week, and prices fell in London, Paris and Berlin under the influence of the heavy liquidation here. To some extent, however, the occurrences at New York were considered salutary and a better atmosphere prevailed during later sessions of the larger foreign markets. The outlook for trade and industry remained the matter of primary concern everywhere. Signs of improvement have not been prominent so far and as commodity prices are still falling, little reason is seen for entering upon new stock market commitments. In London the conclusion has been reached by the Federation of British Industries that a "considerable readjustment has still to be effected in finance and industry before anything in the nature of a sustained upward movement in world trade can again take place." In Berlin the Official Institute for Studying Trade Statistics concludes that while commodity prices are probably near the bottom, their present course does not indicate speedy recovery in trade. Similar views are prevalent throughout Europe and they have placed a damper not only on stock trading but also on new bond flotations. New issues currently placed on the market have been poorly received in London and Paris. A little improvement is indicated in this respect by Berlin.

A dull tone and sagging prices marked the first session of the week on the London Stock Exchange. Heavy week-end advices from New York influenced the trading considerably and more than offset the effects of the previous week's Bank rate reduction. The gilt-edged list also declined, owing to the persistent weakness of sterling in relation to the Continental exchanges and the resumption of gold shipments from London. Shipping stocks were irregular, but such groups as the oil and mining shares declined as a whole. The London market steadied Tuesday, some encouragement being gained from the reports of the rally late Monday at New York. International issues improved slightly, but British industrials were little in demand, while the gilt-edged list also remained heavy. Further gains were registered Wednesday in the Anglo-American group, giving the London market tone. Gilt-edged securities improved in the early dealings, but the gains were wiped out and losses established in this section before the close owing to the weakness of sterling and further sales of gold to the French market. An exceedingly quiet

session followed Thursday, with public interest almost entirely lacking. Gilt-edged issues held barely steady, while other departments showed much irregularity. Some improvement in gilt-edged securities finally took place yesterday, but other sections of the market remained irregular.

Prices at Paris dropped heavily Monday on selling precipitated by the break at New York. Liquidation was heavy throughout the session, holders hurrying to sell their stocks in anticipation of another crash in prices. French and international issues were alike thrown over and prices rolled swiftly downward. This sharp slump was followed by a slight recovery Tuesday. The movement of prices was slowly upward through most of the session, notwithstanding a very small volume of trading. Better news from New York played an important part in this movement, reports said. Further improvement and a slight increase in activity followed in Wednesday's session, again on the basis of New York dispatches. "The Paris market seems to live in the trail of Wall Street and all of its sessions reflect the New York trend a day behind," a report to the New York "Herald Tribune" remarked. Prices again turned weak under a fresh selling wave at Paris Thursday, values dropping steadily in all departments of the market. The downward movement prevailed also in yesterday's session.

The Berlin Boerse, like other markets, was soft in the initial session of the week. Investors paid no attention to stocks, reports said, and the market was left to professionals who hammered prices downward. Tuesday's session at Berlin was very quiet and prices again sold off in the equity division, although slight improvement was noted in bonds. Transactions in I. G. Farbenindustrie accounted for half the turnover in the market and this issue also lost ground. Some stimulation was derived in Wednesday's session from better New York reports and the market as a whole turned firm. The electrical group was the most active and some substantial gains were recorded in this division. The market again turned dull Thursday and prices resumed their downward course. Artificial silk stocks were rather weak as a group, while most other industrial issues also declined. A few stocks in the electrical list were favored, however, and some buying was also stimulated among shipping issues by reports of early release of German property in Washington. A slightly firmer tendency was noted at Berlin yesterday.

Naval affairs are rapidly being shaped in conformity with the treaty signed at London April 22 and submitted to the United States Senate for ratification May 1. Keels will shortly be laid, Washington reports indicate, for the three 10,000-ton cruisers on which construction was delayed last year pending the conclusion of the London Conference. These three American vessels are now held up only by some minor changes in design which are likely to be completed within a month or two. Such cruisers will be the largest types available for construction by Britain, the United States and Japan until 1935, under the terms of the new treaty. That the new accord will meet the approval of the Senate is now generally considered assured, owing to the exclusion from the instrument of consultative pacts or other agreements of a similar nature. Some sharp attacks are likely to be made, however, it is already indi-

cated, on the safety or escalator clause in Article 21, whereunder Britain, America and Japan may enlarge their construction programs on due notice if building by any other nations appears menacing to them. This clause was inserted at the instance of the British delegation at London in order to provide a safeguard against possible Continental building of unduly large proportions.

Public hearings on the treaty are to be held by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee beginning Monday, decision to this effect having been reached at a closed meeting Wednesday in which Senators Reed and Robinson explained points of the London negotiations. Secretaries Stimson and Adams will both be called at the first public hearing, the Associated Press states. Senator Reed was the last of the official American delegates to return, reaching New York Tuesday and proceeding promptly to Washington. He described the treaty while in this city as a "fair and honorable arrangement to the United States, as well as to Great Britain and Japan. It gives us a chance to correct our present serious insufficiency in cruiser strength without arousing alarm in other countries or stimulating them to competitive building. It saves all countries from wasteful battleship replacements. Better than all else, it is convincing proof to each of the three nations that we cherish no grudges and contemplate no war among ourselves." United States Ambassador William R. Castle, Jr., who was appointed to the Tokio post for the period of the naval negotiations, will return in June to resume his post as Assistant Secretary of State.

That the new treaty will be made the subject of much adverse debate in other countries, as well as the United States, was made amply evident in recent days. In England, Viscount Bridgeman of Leigh, formerly First Lord of the Admiralty in the Conservative Cabinet, praised the five-year postponement of battleship replacements, but attacked the British negotiators on most other grounds. The British delegates disregarded the advice of their naval advisers in agreeing to a cruiser strength of 50, he charged. Britain has surrendered her security, he added. "The boast is that there is a great step in disarmament," Viscount Bridgeman said. "It is certainly a great step in disarmament for this country, but I fail to see how an agreement that gives the United States a very much stronger cruiser strength, which leaves Japan where she was and does not affect the other two Powers, can be regarded by anybody as a step in general disarmament." Interpellations in the Japanese Diet Monday by advocates of large navies indicate that the treaty will meet some serious opposition in Tokio. Much concern was expressed regarding published reports that the United States intends to strengthen the armor plate on new cruisers, as there is no room for Japanese increase of large cruisers under the new treaty terms. French circles, according to Paris reports, continue to feel much perturbation regarding the hasty Italian decision to increase her fleet and accelerate the building program.

Full legal effectiveness has been given the Young plan of German reparations payments, the necessary additional ratifications of The Hague protocol having been announced Thursday by Great Britain and Italy. A final protocol placing the plan in operation was signed at Paris late yesterday by the Foreign

Ministers of France, Britain, Italy and Belgium. In many respects, notably that of the scale of German payments, the new plan has been in operation for many months, but in other important particulars such as that of the formal organization of the Bank for International Settlements delay was occasioned by the lack of the necessary ratifications. German ratification was, of course, indispensable and it was provided additionally that four of the five important creditor Governments also must ratify the new instrument before it could take complete legal effect. French and Belgian ratifications followed soon after the German action, but Italy declined to take this step until the Eastern European reparations question had been settled. Britain, in turn, waited upon Italian action. In this situation some pressure was admittedly applied by the greater Powers to the Balkan nations and the latter composed their reparations differences on April 26. This made possible the forging of the final links as now announced in the exceedingly long chain of events leading to the full legal application of the plan elaborated by the Experts' Committee at Paris in the early months of last year.

To a very great degree, the political steps just taken by the Governments concerned are likely to constitute their final moves for some time in connection with reparations payments. It was the aim of the Experts' Committee headed by Owen D. Young, in accordance with its terms of reference, to lift this troublesome problem out of the political sphere and place it within the realm of economics. The Dawes Committee moved in this direction in 1924, and a further long step toward the same end has now indubitably been taken by the Young Committee. The Paris reparations commission will now automatically pass out of existence, while its economic functions and all those of the Reparations Agent in Berlin will be taken over by the Bank for International Settlements. One additional step flows by agreement from the action now consummated. This is the final and complete evacuation by the remaining French troops of the third German Rhineland zone, which it is understood will be effected by July 1, this year, although the legal right to such occupation apparently continues until six months after ratification of the Young plan protocol. This entire matter dates back, of course, to the private meeting at Geneva, Sept. 16 1928, in which representatives of Germany and of the former Allies agreed to seek what M. Briand of France described as the "final liquidation of the World War."

Foremost among the steps now clearly in prospect in pursuance of the completed and legally effective Young plan is the formal organization of the Bank for International Settlements. Preliminary steps for subscription of the bank's capital and selection of officers have already been taken, and the Board of Directors will be able to declare these arrangements effective without more ado. This first legal meeting of the Board is scheduled to take place in Basle next Monday and the bank will then to all intents and purposes be fully constituted. In anticipation of speedy adjustment of remaining matters, meetings of bankers and of Treasury agents have been in progress in Brussels and Paris this week for discussion of terms and conditions of the first annuities loan, amounting to \$300,000,000. Investment bankers of the nine countries that are to take portions of the bond issue met at Brussels late last

week to consider the coupon rate, maturities, price of issue and allocations to the respective markets. Representatives of the various Treasuries of the Governments concerned discussed the same questions at Paris Wednesday and Thursday. Although there has been much said in dispatches regarding the possible terms and conditions, it seems clear that the bankers will follow customary procedure and fix these definitely only on the eve of the offering. The amounts to be offered in the various markets also were discussed both at Brussels and Paris. While no final decision on this point has been announced, it is indicated in reports that France and the United States will take approximately \$90,000,000 each and Britain \$50,000,000, leaving about \$70,000,000 to be divided among other European markets.

Delegates of 28 nations assembled at Geneva on April 28 for a fortnight's discussions of the League of Nations Committee on Security and Arbitration. Of the countries represented 26 are member States, while two, Russia and Turkey, are present by invitation. Projects before the committee included the formation of a general convention on the basis of the model treaty framed by the same body in 1928; revision of the draft convention for financial assistance to a State that is the victim of an aggressor in violation of the League covenant, and means for assuring that the League will be able to function practically in an emergency through use of aircraft and other means of communication. Debate on these matters proceeded slowly, partly owing to the absence during the first sessions of Dr. Edouard Benes of Czechoslovakia, Permanent Chairman of the Committee. The discussion proceeded amiably enough, as most of the delicate points are to be referred in any event to a drafting committee and when formulated they will come up again for additional discussion and possibly some final determination at the next Assembly meeting in September. A resolution was adopted Thursday by the Committee assuring to the League aircraft communications in times of emergency. Since the members of the Committee are identical in great part with those of the Preparatory Disarmament Commission of the League, Jonkheer Loudon, Chairman of the latter body, conferred with the representatives regarding the date of the next meeting of the Preparatory Disarmament body. It was decided Thursday to summon the members of the Preparatory Commission to meet on Nov. 3. The session thus fixed gains additional importance because it is the last of the scheduled meetings before convocation of the League's first general disarmament conference.

Political agitation in Spain, emanating chiefly from the universities, has caused a series of disorderly demonstrations in Madrid with resulting clashes between the police and university students in which several fatalities have occurred. The disorders are attributed directly to republican utterances by Don Miguel de Unamuno, rector of Salamanca University. Professor Unamuno was expelled during the dictatorship of Primo de Rivera, but he has now returned to Spain and is openly advocating peaceful establishment of a Republic. Riots marked his speech in Madrid late last week in which he again appealed for supplanting of the monarchy by a republic. Some of the demonstrators were injured and the students at Madrid Universities declared a one-

day strike of protest. Students and workers again came into conflict with the authorities Monday, and on this occasion shooting took place, two of the workers being killed while four others and three students were seriously injured. A Cabinet meeting was promptly called by General Berenguer, and a communication was issued later in the day saying that the Government would continue its policy of enforcing order at all costs. A fresh series of outbreaks took place in Seville, Valencia and other cities Tuesday and a number of Universities in such centres were closed. Professor Unamuno, around whom the troubles developed, remarked that he intends to stay in Madrid. A further Cabinet meeting was held Wednesday, and at the close of the gathering an order was issued forbidding political speeches and assemblages. It was indicated that the suspension would last only long enough to insure stability and tranquillity in the country.

Determined action for bringing to an end the subversive and increasingly violent campaign for political independence in India was taken by the Government of that country, Monday, when Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the civil disobedience movement, was placed under arrest at Surat. He was taken to Poona and imprisoned there under an ordinance of 1827, fixing penalties for opposition to British rule in India. Careful preparations were made for this step, which was foreshadowed by London statements of April 30 to the effect that the Labor Government was prepared to give full support to Viceroy Lord Irwin in any decisive action he might consider necessary to take against Mr. Gandhi and his civil disobedience campaigners. The Hindu leader, who courted arrest throughout April in his salt-making endeavors, was hurriedly taken from his bungalow at Surat very early Monday morning and thence transported by train and automobile to Poona. He was lodged in Poona jail, a Bombay dispatch to the New York "Times" said, "before news of the arrest had spread beyond the dusty streets of Surat." No trial is to follow the arrest, the Government announced, as Mr. Gandhi will be held under regulations that do not require such action. Mr. Gandhi "will be placed in restraint during the Government's pleasure," a statement said, but "every provision will be made for his health and comfort during his detention."

Since the reaction of the Indian people to the arrest of their religious and political leader could not be foreseen, much careful thought was apparently expended on provisions for safeguarding the isolated groups of Europeans in different parts of India in the event of a sudden and general uprising. "There is ample evidence that the chief centers of disaffection are well provided for in the matter of troops," the "Times" dispatch said, "but it is understood that the protection of the scattered European elements gave the Viceroy the greatest concern. There are no means of getting them within forts if serious trouble follows." An announcement of the action taken by the Simla authorities was issued Monday after Mr. Gandhi had been safely placed in the British stronghold of Poona. "The campaign of civil disobedience, of which Gandhi has been the chief instigator and leader, has resulted in widespread defiance of law and order, and in grave disturbances to the public peace in every part of India," the Government statement said. "Professedly non-

violent, it has inevitably, like every similar movement in the past, led to acts of violence which, as the days passed, became more violent and frequent. While Mr. Gandhi has continued to deplore these outbreaks, his protests against the conduct of his unruly followers have become weaker and weaker, and it is evident he is no longer able to control them. Events have shown that the laws of nature are inexorable, and that the history of the earlier non-co-operation movement with its accompaniments of fire and blood would repeat itself if the Gandhi campaign were allowed to continue unchecked."

Approval of the course adopted by Lord Irwin and the Labor Government was general in Parliamentary circles in London, with the exception of the small but fiery group of Left wing Laborites in the House of Commons. The bulk of the Labor Party, both in and out of Parliament, were agreed that no other course was left open, and the Liberals supported that attitude, reports said. The Conservatives commented only that the arrest should have taken place weeks ago. "The Labor Government's justification for doing what goes very much against the grain of the Socialists in many ways is that any government in power is bound first of all to maintain law and order," a London report to the New York "Times" said. In discussing the matter in the House of Commons, Monday, the British radicals criticized the manner of the arrest and the determination of the Government to hold Mr. Gandhi without trial.

In India the news of the arrest was accepted quietly at first, hartals, or short stoppages of work, being declared in numerous cities. Sporadic outbreaks of rioting followed Tuesday in Calcutta, Delhi and other centers, with an estimated death roll of 20 or more, while scores of demonstrators were injured. "Numerous outbreaks to-day marked the turning of the imprisoned Mahatma Gandhi's campaign of civil disobedience from peaceful into warlike progress," a Bombay dispatch to the Associated Press said. "Bloodshed occurred in a dozen cities where hostile actions of the 'holy one's' followers were met with armed force." The events of the day, however, were much less serious than had been thought probable in some quarters. Lessened tension throughout India was reported Wednesday by the authorities at Simla, and there was a disposition to breathe more freely. Dispatches from the summer capital of India, while worded very cautiously, nevertheless made it clear that the spontaneous blaze of resentment so widely predicted as the immediate result of Mr. Gandhi's arrest had failed to appear. Late the same night, however, rioting started on a very serious scale at Sholapur, near Bombay, and it was resumed Thursday, resulting in more than 20 deaths of police and natives and numerous injuries. Eight European women and their five children were quickly evacuated from the town, reports said, as the situation rapidly developed beyond the power of the local police. Like other recent disturbances in India, this apparently took its rise from the civil disobedience campaign. The town was virtually abandoned to the rioters pending the arrival of troops. This incident, dispatches said, dims perceptibly the prospects for a more peaceful attitude in the country. Particular concern is felt regarding possible developments to-day, which is the anniversary of the outbreak of the great mutiny of 73 years

ago. Appropriate celebrations are likely to be attempted by revolutionary elements, it is thought.

Prolonged negotiations in London between representatives of the British and Egyptian governments for a change in the status of Egypt were suspended Thursday, owing to the inability of the negotiators to agree on the question of the Sudan. An Egyptian delegation, headed by the Nationalist Prime Minister Nahas Pasha, arrived in London at the end of March to round off the draft of the treaty of independence initialed last summer. In proclaiming the virtual independence of Egypt, the Labor Government made reservations regarding the defense of the Suez Canal, defense of Egypt against foreign aggression or interference, protection of foreign residents in Egypt, and the future political status of the Sudan. All British troops were to be withdrawn, however, except from the narrow strip along the Suez Canal; an alliance was to be concluded between the two countries; Ambassadors were to be exchanged, and England was to endeavor to get Egypt admitted into the League of Nations. Such points as the location of the Suez Canal garrison proved difficult in the discussions of April and early May, but the main point of contention was that of control over the Sudan. Complete parity with the English in administration of the Sudan was demanded by the Egyptians, but this Foreign Secretary Henderson was not able to concede, and the negotiations were terminated Thursday. In announcing this result before the House of Commons, Mr. Henderson stated that the failure occurred in spite of the most sincere and friendly efforts on both sides. A possible adverse effect of this development on the Mohammedan populations of the Near East and of India caused some concern in London.

There have been no changes in European central bank rates the present week. Rates remain at 6% in Italy and Austria; at 5½% in Spain; at 5% in Germany; at 4½% in Norway; at 4% in Denmark and Ireland; at 3½% in Sweden; at 3% in England, Holland, Belgium, and Switzerland, and at 2½% in France. In the London open market discounts for short bills yesterday were 2⅓% against 2¼% on Friday of last week, and for long bills 2 3/16% against 2⅓@2¼% the previous Friday. Money on call in London yesterday was 1¼%. At Paris the open market rate continues at 2½%, and at Switzerland has been marked down from 2⅝% to 2½%.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended May 7 shows a gain of £218,601 in gold and bullion. Reserves increased £550,000, note circulation having been contracted £331,000. The Bank now holds £164,502,394 of gold in comparison with £160,880,419 last year and £161,905,405 in 1928. The rate of discount remains unchanged at 3%. Public deposits decreased £4,791,000, but other deposits increased £1,845,572. Other deposits are divided into bankers' accounts which increased £2,372,146 and other accounts which declined £526,574. The reserve ratio now amounts to 54.64% in comparison with 52.90% last week and 54.06% a year ago. A decrease is shown in loans on Government securities of £2,785,000 and in other securities of £590,111. The item of other securities includes "discounts and advances" and securities which fell off £200,356 and £389,755, respectively.

Below we furnish a comparison of the various items for the past five years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1920. May 8.	1929. May 9.	1928. May 10.	1927. May 11.	1926. May 12.
Circulation	358,400,000	362,793,000	135,218,000	136,169,645	141,651,590
Public deposits	16,211,000	8,679,000	13,074,000	12,759,974	21,264,451
Other deposits	104,568,818	98,753,000	100,782,000	102,094,453	102,150,784
Bankers' accounts	68,534,385	63,223,000			
Other accounts	36,034,433	35,530,000			
Government securities	56,362,909	39,751,000	29,457,000	47,824,229	46,130,328
Other securities	16,103,947	27,311,000	55,696,000	47,220,123	68,671,750
Disct. & advances	6,554,872	11,607,000			
Securities	9,609,075	15,705,000			
Reserve notes & coin	66,011,000	58,086,000	46,437,000	37,539,033	26,360,713
Coin and bullion	164,502,394	160,880,419	161,905,405	135,958,678	148,262,303
Proportion of reserve to liabilities	54.64%	54.06%	40.79%	32.70%	21.35%
Bank rate	3%	5½%	4½%	4½%	5%

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

The Bank of France in its statement for the week ended May 3 reveals a decrease of 792,909 francs in gold holdings, the total of which is now 42,350,022,448 francs, compared with 36,462,083,078 francs a year ago. Credit balances abroad records a decline of 16,000,000 francs, while bills bought abroad rose 7,000,000 francs. A large increase is shown in note circulation, namely, 1,603,000,000 francs. Owing to this increase the total of the item now stands at 72,372,825,020 francs, which compares with 63,827,539,230 francs at the corresponding week a year ago. French commercial bills discounted and creditor current accounts reveal decreases of 715,000,000 francs and 2,182,000,000 francs, while advances against securities registers a gain of 158,000,000 francs. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items for last week as well as for the corresponding week last year:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week. Francs.	May 3 1930. Francs.	Status as of Apr 26 1930. Francs.	May 4 1929. Francs.
Gold holdings	792,909	42,350,022,448	42,350,815,357	36,462,083,078
Credit bals. abrd.	Dec. 16,000,000	6,885,539,276	6,901,539,276	8,044,546,265
French commercial bills discounted	Dec. 715,000,000	4,935,999,063	5,650,999,063	6,476,745,182
Bills bought abrd.	Inc. 7,000,000	18,712,514,576	18,105,514,576	18,300,231,160
Adv. agst. secur.	Inc. 158,000,000	2,749,959,012	2,591,959,012	2,440,656,804
Note circulation	Inc. 1603000000	72,372,825,020	70,769,825,020	63,827,539,230
Cred. curr. acct.	Dec. 2182000000	12,368,966,859	14,550,966,859	18,383,521,170

The statement of the Bank of Germany for the first week of May shows a decline of 85,000 marks in gold and bullion. The total of gold now stands at 2,565,417,000 marks, which compares with 1,765,619,000 marks a year ago and 2,040,894,000 marks in 1928. An increase appears in reserve in foreign currency of 2,614,000 marks and in silver and other coin of 4,597,000 marks, while deposits abroad remain unchanged at 149,788,000 marks. Bills of exchange and checks decreased 155,700,000 marks and advances 81,835,000 marks. Notes in circulation contracted 260,498,000 marks, reducing the total of the item to 4,403,678,000 marks, as compared with 4,442,428,000 marks at the corresponding week last year. An increase is recorded in notes on other German banks of 10,345,000 marks, in other daily maturing obligations of 64,854,000 marks and in other liabilities of 1,096,000 marks, whereas the items of investments and other assets reveal decreases of 30,000 marks and 25,346,000 marks respectively. A comparison of the various

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week. Reichsmarks.	May 7 1930. Reichsmarks.	May 7 1929. Reichsmarks.	May 7 1928. Reichsmarks.
Gold and bullion	Dec. 85,000	2,565,417,000	1,765,619,000	2,040,894,000
Of which depos. abrd.	Unchanged	149,788,000	154,344,000	85,626,000
Res'v in for'n curr.	Inc. 2,614,000	229,989,000	53,580,000	197,542,000
Bills of exch. & checks	Dec. 155,700,000	1,758,421,000	2,985,418,000	2,281,666,000
Silver and other coin	Inc. 4,597,000	138,024,000	127,896,000	66,929,000
Notes on oth. Ger. bks.	Inc. 10,345,000	15,254,000	16,242,000	17,634,000
Advances	Dec. 81,835,000	43,645,000	208,725,000	39,246,000
Investments	Dec. 30,000	93,064,000	92,899,000	94,004,000
Other assets	Dec. 25,346,000	555,396,000	408,358,000	558,081,000
Liabilities				
Notes in circulation	Dec. 260,498,000	4,403,678,000	4,442,428,000	4,238,937,000
Oth. daily mat. oblig.	Inc. 64,854,000	774,470,000	584,768,000	460,549,000
Other liabilities	Inc. 1,096,000	160,208,000	294,793,000	189,517,000

An easy tone was maintained in the New York money market this week, rates shading off a little in the later sessions. Call loans ranged from 3½% to 3% on the Stock Exchange from Monday to Wednesday, inclusive, but in the unofficial outside market funds were available in quantity at 2½% on all occasions. In the two last trading periods the official rate was 3% for renewals and new loans alike, while funds were offered in abundance at 2½% in the "Street" market. Money was also very plentiful at the Curb Exchange money desk. On most occasions the differential of ½ of 1% over the Stock Exchange rate was maintained for Curb loans, but this was shaded to ¼ of 1% Thursday and yesterday. Time loans also were easy. Yield rates on bankers' bills were lowered for all maturities. One of the important contributing causes to the abundance of money offerings was a drop of \$200,000,000 in brokers' loans against stock and bond collateral, reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for the week ended Wednesday night. Gold movements for the same period, as reported by the bank, consisted of imports of \$82,000. There were no exports and no changes in the amount of gold held ear-marked for foreign account.

Dealing in detail with the call loan rates on the Stock Exchange from day to day, loans renewed at 3½% on both Monday and Tuesday, with a decline to 3% each day in the rate for new loans. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday all loans were at 3%, including renewals. For time money the demand was dull and without special feature throughout the week, though an abundance of offerings was available and quotations were lowered as the week advanced. On Monday accommodation was offered at 3½% for 30-day paper, and also for 60-day money, 3¾% for 90-day accommodation, 3¾@4% for four months, and 4% for four- to six-month maturities. These rates were maintained until Wednesday, when rates dropped to 3@3¼% for 30-day, 3¼@3½% for 60 and 90 days, 3½@3¾% for three and four months, and 3¾@4% for five and six months. Commercial paper in the open market was fairly active throughout the week, a goodly portion of the inquiries for accommodation coming from merchants and brokers throughout the country. The market continued steady and the offerings improved as the week advanced. Rates were unchanged at 3¾% for names of choice quality, maturing in four to six months, while names less well known and shorter choice names were quoted at 4%.

The market for prime bank acceptances continued active throughout the week, though the offerings were not particularly plentiful until Wednesday, when both supply and demand gradually increased. Discounts were unchanged on Monday and Tuesday, but late on Wednesday dropped ⅓ of 1% for all maturities, and on Friday were reduced another ⅓ of 1% for five- and six-month accommodations. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York has reduced its buying rate for acceptances from 2¾% to 2½% for bills running from 1 to 60 days, and from 2¾% to 2½% on bills running from 61 to 120 days. The Reserve Banks further reduced their holdings of acceptances during the week from \$209,564,000 to \$175,203,000. Their holdings of acceptances for their foreign correspondents were slightly further increased from \$465,458,000 to \$468,574,000. The

posted rates of the American Acceptance Council are now at 2 $\frac{5}{8}$ % bid and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % asked for bills running 30 days, and also for 60 and 90 days, and likewise for 120 days, and 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ % bid and 2 $\frac{5}{8}$ % asked for 150 days 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 marked down for the longer maturities, and are as follows:

SPOT DELIVERY.					
—180 Days—		—150 Days—		—120 Days—	
Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
—90 Days—		—60 Days—		—30 Days—	
Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{4}$

FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.

Eligible member banks.....	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ bid
Eligible non-member banks.....	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ bid

Announcement was made May 7 by the Federal Reserve Board that, effective May 8, the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston would reduce its discount rate from 4% to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ %. The 4% rate had been in effect since Feb. 13, when it was lowered from 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %. There have been no other changes this week in the rediscount rates of the Federal Reserve Banks. The following is the schedule of rates now in effect for the various classes of paper at the different Reserve Banks:

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

Federal Reserve Bank.	Rate in Effect on May 9.	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Boston.....	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	May 8 1930	4
New York.....	3	May 2 1930	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Philadelphia.....	4	Mar. 20 1930	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Cleveland.....	4	Mar. 15 1930	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Richmond.....	4	Apr. 11 1930	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Atlanta.....	4	Apr. 12 1930	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Chicago.....	4	Feb. 8 1930	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
St. Louis.....	4	Apr. 12 1930	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Minneapolis.....	4	Apr. 15 1930	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Kansas City.....	4	Feb. 15 1930	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Dallas.....	4	Apr. 8 1930	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
San Francisco.....	4	Mar. 21 1930	4 $\frac{1}{2}$

Sterling exchange is irregular, but more active than at any time in several weeks, despite the fact that under pressure in Wednesday's market the rate for cable transfers moved down to 4.85 $\frac{3}{4}$, which was the lowest rate in effect since Oct. 2. The range this week has been from 4.85 17-32 to 4.86 for bankers' sight bills, compared with 4.85 $\frac{7}{8}$ to 4.86 $\frac{1}{8}$ last week. The range for cable transfers has been from 4.85 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 4.86 $\frac{1}{8}$, compared with 4.86 1-16 to 4.86 5-16 a week ago. The greater activity in sterling this week results doubtless from the conviction of foreign exchange traders that they can now take a fixed technical position in their exchange transactions on the basis that international money rates and especially central bank rediscount rates are established at the irreducible minimum. The pressure on sterling at a time when demand for exchange on London is more active than it has been in months is attributed in banking quarters to a counterflow of dollar demand in Europe arising from European buying of securities in the New York market. The fact that funds are being drawn from London by several European centres is also a factor in the lower sterling quotation. Amsterdam, Berlin, Paris and Zurich are especially firm with respect to sterling.

During the week France is reported to have taken approximately £4,200,000 in gold from London. The greater part of this gold seems to have come from the open market, but a considerable portion was taken from the Bank of England vaults. Unless

the New York security market continues to draw heavily upon European funds, bankers expect to see a period of steadier sterling as all seasonal factors favor London from now until toward the close of the summer. This week the Bank of England shows an increase in gold holdings of £218,601, despite the French movement. The increase is accounted for chiefly by imports from Australia. The Bank of England's bullion holdings now stand at £164,502,394, which compares with £160,880,419 a year ago and with the minimum recommended by the Cunliffe committee of £150,000,000. On Saturday the Bank of England sold £502,559 in gold bars and received £1,000,000 in sovereigns from abroad. On Monday the Bank sold £1,463,573 in gold bars (believed to have gone to France). On Tuesday the Bank received £300,000 in sovereigns from abroad and sold £267,400 in gold bars. There was £837,000 gold available in the open market. A small proportion of this was shipped to Germany, but, according to advices from London bullion dealers, the greater proportion went to France at 84s. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. On Wednesday the Bank received £1,050,000 in sovereigns from abroad and sold £881,546 in gold bars. The bars sold are believed to have been taken for shipment to Paris. On Thursday the Bank sold £1,188,477 in gold bars (probably for shipment to Paris) and exported £25,000 in sovereigns. Yesterday the Bank sold £204,419 gold bars to the Bank of France.

At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week May 1-May 7, inclusive, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of \$82,000, chiefly from Latin America. There were no gold exports and no change in gold earmarked for foreign account. In tabular form the gold movement at the Port of New York for the week ended May 7, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was as follows:

GOLD MOVEMENT AT NEW YORK, MAY 1-MAY 7, INCLUSIVE.

Imports.	Exports.
\$82,000 chiefly from Latin America.	None.
Net Change in Gold Earmarked for Foreign Account. None.	

The Reserve Bank reported that \$3,162,000 gold was received at San Francisco during the week of which \$3,037,000 came from Japan and \$125,000 from China. Canadian exchange moved down sharply this week. On Saturday last Montreal was at 5-16 of 1% discount on Monday and on Tuesday at 5-16; on Wednesday at $\frac{3}{8}$; on Thursday at 13-32, and on Friday at 5-16 of 1% discount. In some quarters the weakness in Canadian exchange is attributed to the transfer of Canadian funds to the New York security market. However, more influence is ascribed to Canada's adverse trade balance. Navigation opened on the St. Lawrence on April 28, but thus far the grain movement has not been large. From now on, however, Canadian bankers expect that Montreal funds will move up. According to compilations of the Royal Bank of Canada, Canadian exports for the twelve months ended with February of this year, amounted to \$1,145,000,000. This is \$211,000,000 below the figure for the previous twelve months. At the same time there was an increase of \$20,000,000 in imports to \$1,270,000,000. Thus the visible balance of trade showed an excess of imports during the past year of \$125,000,000, against an export balance of \$106,000,000 in the previous period. There was a slight improvement in the balance with respect to the United States, exports to this country

increasing somewhat more than imports. The chief factor in the current import balance is the decline in value of agricultural products to Great Britain.

Referring to day-to-day rates sterling exchange on Saturday last was steady in a dull half-day session. Bankers' sight was 4.85 13-16@4.85 15-16; cable transfers, 4.86 1-16@4.86 $\frac{1}{8}$. On Monday the market was dull but steady. The range was 4.85 27-32@4.86 for bankers' sight, and 4.86 3-32@4.86 $\frac{1}{8}$ for cable transfers. On Tuesday sterling was active, though under pressure. The range was 4.85 $\frac{3}{4}$ @4.86 for bankers' sight and 4.85 31-32@4.86 $\frac{1}{8}$ for cable transfers. On Wednesday sterling continued under pressure, although active. The range was 4.85 17-32@4.85 $\frac{3}{4}$ for bankers' sight and 4.85 $\frac{3}{4}$ @4.86 1-16 for cable transfers. On Thursday sterling was slightly firmer in tone. The range was 4.85 11-16@4.85 13-16 for bankers' sight and 4.85 $\frac{7}{8}$ @4.86 1-32 for cable transfers. On Friday the sterling was fractionally easier; the range was 4.85 $\frac{5}{8}$ @4.85 $\frac{3}{4}$ for bankers' sight and 4.85 13-16@4.85 15-16 for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were 4.85 21-32 for demand and 4.85 27-32 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4.85 9-16, sixty-day bills at 4.83 $\frac{5}{8}$, ninety-day bills at 4.82 $\frac{3}{4}$, documents for payment (sixty days) at 4.83 $\frac{5}{8}$ and seven-day grain bills at 4.85. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4.85 9-16.

Exchange on the Continental countries has been irregular and dull, with the major units inclined to ease in sympathy with the lower sterling rate. Bankers say that there is some transfer of French, German and other Continental funds to the New York security markets, but the fractionally lower exchange quotations must be attributed chiefly to the lower money rates and the abundant supply of funds in nearly every European centre. As noted above, French francs have been firm with respect to exchange on London and France has drawn from London during the week approximately \$21,000,000 in gold. It is thought in some quarters that much of this gold taken by France is ultimately intended for shipment to Switzerland. Some bankers are inclined to believe that the gold movement from London to Paris is likely to continue until the opening of subscriptions to the stock of the Bank for International Settlements. According to Paris advices, the Bank of France does not favor the present movement of gold from London to Paris, and advices received in New York state that the Bank of France has informed French banking institutions that such shipments are contrary to its wishes. Money continues easy and abundant in Paris. This week the Bank of France shows a small decrease in its gold holdings—only 792,909 francs, leaving the stock of gold at 42,350,022,448 francs on May 2. This compares with 36,462,083,078 on May 3 1929. The Bank's ratio was up to 49.98%, which compares with 44.35% a year ago and with the legal requirement of 35%. German marks are on balance fractionally easier, but nevertheless firm, although in less demand than usual. Closing quotations for mark cable transfers this week are 23.87, compared with dollar parity of 23.82. The market is surprised that no reduction was made in the Reichsbank rediscount rate this week, but Berlin advices state that bankers there confidently expect such a reduction. The private discount rate in Berlin is now $\frac{1}{8}$ of 1% under the Reichsbank official figure.

This is partly due to waning trade. While the Reichsbank report shows continued dwindling of discounts and increase of gold holdings and foreign exchange, general trade discloses no sign of recovery.

Italian lire, contrary to the general trend of the foreign exchanges, are firmer. Lire have been firm since the reduction in the bank rate to 6% on March 28. Opinion in foreign exchange circles is that the currency difficulties under which Italy has been suffering since the war period are now practically cleared up. It was generally felt at the time of stabilization that the level chosen, 5.26, was unwise, but the exchange situation has subsequently been expertly handled, and it now seems that any difficulties involved in the choice of this level have been definitely resolved. According to the "Wall Street Journal," the fact that Italy has been able to reduce its Bank rate twice this year and that no outflow of gold has resulted, despite the removal of official control, seems a good indication that the post-war adjustment of the currency has been successfully completed.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 123.86 on Friday of this week, against 123.83 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at 3.92 3-16, against 3.92 $\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 3.92 5-16, against 3.92 $\frac{5}{8}$; and commercial sight bills at 3.91 $\frac{7}{8}$, against 3.92 $\frac{1}{4}$. Antwerp belgas finished at 13.94 $\frac{3}{4}$ for checks and at 13.95 $\frac{3}{4}$ for cable transfers, against 13.94 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 13.95 $\frac{1}{2}$. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 23.86 for checks and 23.87 for cable transfers, in comparison with 23.86 $\frac{1}{4}$ and 23.87 $\frac{1}{4}$ a week earlier. Italian lire closed at 5.24 3-16 for bankers sight bills and at 5.24 $\frac{3}{8}$ for cable transfers, against 5.23 15-16 and 5.24 $\frac{1}{8}$ on Friday of last week. Austrian schillings closed at 14 $\frac{1}{4}$, against 14 $\frac{1}{4}$; exchange on Czechoslovakia at 2.96 $\frac{1}{4}$, against 2.96 $\frac{3}{8}$; on Bucharest at 0.60, against 0.60; on Poland at 11.25, against 11.25 and on Finland at 2.52, against 2.52. Greek exchange closed at 1.30 for bankers sight bills and at 1.30 $\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers against 1.30 and 1.30 $\frac{1}{4}$.

Exchange on the countries neutral during the war has been irregular and exceptionally dull in the New York market. Holland guilders are more than ordinarily firm with respect to sterling exchange and fractional weakness shown in the New York market is attributed to some transfers of Dutch funds to American securities. On Monday of this week guilders in London advanced to 12.07 $\frac{3}{4}$ guilders to the pound, a rate which threatens London gold reserves. Money rates in Amsterdam are at the lowest level in 20 years and bankers there seem to expect a further reduction, to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % from the present 3%, the lowest since 1911. The Scandinavian units are inclined to sag. The easier tone in the Scandinavians is due in part to easier money rates in most European centers and to the general retardation in Scandinavian as well as world business. Spanish pesetas have been irregular and are off sharply. The renewal of radical agitation in Spain gave further impetus to bear speculators in the currency abroad, but the peseta market here has been exceptionally quiet.

Bankers sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 40.22 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 40.22 $\frac{3}{4}$ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 40.24, against 40.24 $\frac{1}{4}$ and commercial sight bills at 40.20, against 40.20. Swiss

francs closed at 19.35¼ for bankers sight bills and at 19.36¼ for cable transfers, in comparison with 19.38 and 19.39. Copenhagen checks finished at 26.73½ and cable transfers at 26.75, against 26.76 and 26.77½. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.82 and cable transfers at 26.83½, against 26.86 and 26.87½; while checks on Norway finished at 26.74 and cable transfers at 26.75½, against 26.76 and 26.77½. Spanish pesetas closed at 12.16 for bankers sight bills and at 12.17 for cable transfers, which compares with 12.39½ and 12.40½ a week earlier.

The South American exchanges have been more active than in recent weeks. Argentine exchange displays a tone of firmness for the first time in several weeks. Argentine paper pesos closed at 38 3-16 for checks, as compared with 38 11-16 on Friday of last week, and at 38¼ for cable transfers, against 38¾. Brazilian milreis finished at 11.85 for bankers sight and at 11.90 for cable transfers, against 11.85 and 11.90. Chilean exchange closed at 12.10 for checks and at 12.15 for cable transfers, against 12.10 and 12.15; Peru at 4.00 for checks and at 4.01 for cable transfers, against 4.00 and 4.01.

The Far Eastern exchanges are essentially unchanged from the past few weeks. The silver currencies are somewhat weaker and of course continue to rule low with the lower prices of silver. Due to the Indian revolts, the silver market at Bombay was closed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Nevertheless, Indian rupees continue steady. It is suggested in some quarters that the currency has been pegged, but British bankers in New York in touch with India deny this. The market for rupees in New York is small. The steadiness of the exchange, it is felt, is an expression of confidence that the British Government has complete control of the situation in India. Japanese yen are steady. It is stated that Japan has not yet found it necessary to touch the \$25,000,000 stabilization credit obtained in New York incident to the removal of the gold embargo on Jan. 11. Closing quotations for yen checks yesterday were 49¾@49½, against 49.37@49½. Hong Kong closed at 36¾@36 15-16, against 37½@37¾; Shanghai at 46¼, against 46½@46¾; Manila at 49½, against 49½; Singapore at 56 3-16@56¼, against 56 3-16@56¼; Bombay at 36¼, against 36¼, and Calcutta at 36¼, against 36¼.

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, May 3.	Monday, May 4.	Tuesday, May 6.	Wednesday, May 7.	Thursday, May 8.	Friday, May 9.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 173,000,000	\$ 103,000,000	\$ 196,000,000	\$ 135,000,000	\$ 153,000,000	\$ 156,000,000	Cr \$ 971,000,000

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

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

Banks of	May 7 1930.			May 8 1929.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 164,502,394	£ -----	£ 164,502,394	£ 160,880,419	£ -----	£ 160,880,419
France a	338,800,171	(d) -----	338,800,171	291,696,664	(d) -----	291,696,664
Germany b	120,781,450	c994,600	121,776,050	88,231,220	994,600	89,225,820
Spain	98,773,000	28,545,000	127,318,000	102,394,000	28,780,000	131,174,000
Italy	56,281,000	-----	56,281,000	56,520,000	-----	56,520,000
Netherl'ds.	35,995,000	2,163,000	38,158,000	36,017,000	1,770,000	37,787,000
Nat. Belg.	33,800,000	-----	33,800,000	27,483,000	1,270,000	28,753,000
Switzerl'd.	23,151,000	-----	23,151,000	19,704,000	1,664,000	21,368,000
Sweden	13,555,000	-----	13,555,000	13,040,000	-----	13,040,000
Denmark	9,572,000	414,000	9,986,000	9,593,000	470,000	10,063,000
Norway	8,144,000	-----	8,144,000	8,157,000	-----	8,157,000
Total week	903,335,015	32,116,600	935,451,615	813,721,303	34,948,600	848,669,903
Prev. week	902,565,066	31,029,600	933,594,666	810,390,847	34,869,600	845,260,447

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.

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 passed:

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACTS OF 1922 MAY 3 1930 TO MAY 9 1930 INCLUSIVE

Country and Monetary Unit.	Neon-Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York. Value in United States Money.					
	May 3.	May 5.	May 6.	May 7.	May 8.	May 9.
EUROPE—	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Austria, schilling	.140866	.140854	.140852	.140886	.140867	.140864
Belgium, belga	.139520	.139507	.139515	.139496	.139510	.139513
Bulgaria, lev	.007221	.007213	.007221	.007221	.007218	.007221
Czechoslovakia, krone	.029622	.029622	.029625	.029622	.029623	.029623
Denmark, krone	.267628	.267634	.267622	.257502	.267543	.267492
England, pound sterling	4.860475	4.860842	4.860149	4.857948	4.859489	4.858192
Finland, markka	.025172	.025171	.025170	.025164	.025180	.025173
France, franc	0.39248	0.39247	0.39242	0.39221	0.39228	0.39224
Germany, reichsmark	.238705	.238709	.238698	.238607	.238627	.238597
Greece, drachma	.012960	.012963	.012959	.012963	.012958	.012957
Holland, guilder	.402420	.402556	.402597	.402351	.402430	.402411
Hungary, pengo	.174788	.174791	.174791	.174798	.174789	.174800
Italy, lira	.052409	.052411	.052421	.052428	.052440	.052427
Norway, krone	.267652	.267647	.267633	.267517	.267563	.267526
Poland, zloty	.112036	.112015	.112015	.112059	.112140	.112017
Portugal, escudo	.044900	.044983	.044933	.045058	.045029	.044979
Rumania, leu	.005952	.005956	.005958	.005958	.005955	.005955
Spain, peseta	.123902	.123942	.122151	.122729	.122317	.121904
Sweden, krona	.268642	.268600	.268570	.268351	.268357	.268316
Switzerland, franc	.193835	.193794	.193755	.193725	.193703	.193660
Yugoslavia, dinar	.017681	.017680	.017683	.017683	.017681	.017675
ASIA—						
China—Chefoo tael	.482291	.481875	.480416	.478750	.478958	.476250
Bankow tael	.477031	.477968	.476250	.474531	.475156	.473750
Shanghai tael	.465446	.465982	.464107	.462232	.463482	.460892
Tientsin tael	.489375	.489791	.488333	.486666	.486875	.485703
Hongkong dollar	.369821	.370089	.369464	.368035	.368678	.366428
Mexican dollar	.335000	.335312	.333750	.331875	.333437	.330937
Tientsin or Peiyang dollar	.335416	.335000	.333750	.332916	.332916	.331250
Yuan dollar	.332083	.331666	.330416	.329583	.329583	.328333
India, rupee	.360975	.360860	.360875	.360846	.360750	.360714
Japan, yen	.439631	.439360	.439363	.439543	.439334	.439371
Singapore (S.S.) dollar	.558625	.558525	.558525	.558525	.558625	.558675
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar	.997439	.996033	.996821	.996445	.996106	.996777
Chia, peso	.999937	.999937	1.000156	1.000187	1.000187	1.000341
Mexico, peso	.475425	.475375	.475500	.475500	.475500	.475625
Newfoundland, dollar	.995250	.993720	.994337	.993937	.993512	.994400
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso (gold)	.875217	.881146	.877922	.880817	.886298	.881034
Brazil, milreis	.118485	.118540	.118510	.118577	.118490	.118392
Chile, peso	.120642	.120645	.120758	.120705	.120744	.120733
Uruguay, peso	.922392	.924892	.922767	.924035	.925285	.927047
Colombia, peso	.963900	.963900	.963900	.963900	.963900	.963900

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

The American Economists and the Smoot-Hawley Tariff.

The protest against the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Bill which was presented to President Hoover, Senator Smoot and Representative Hawley last week and made public on Sunday, is a document without a parallel in American history. Never before has a great body of scholarly and expert opinion voluntarily arrayed itself en masse in opposition to a pending piece of national legislation. The signers of the protest, 1,028 in number, include professors

of economics in no less than 179 universities, colleges or other institutions, together with a large number of economists who are not connected with educational institutions but whose work is done with banks, public utilities companies, manufacturing industries, and various merchandising or business concerns. In language which is all the more weighty because of its calm and moderate tone, the economists condemn the Smoot-Hawley measure without qualification as unwise, unscientific, a menace to the welfare of American producers and consumers alike, a blow at American foreign trade and the security of American investments abroad, and a source of bitterness in international relations. They "strongly urge" that the bill should not be passed, or, if passed, that it should be vetoed.

The signers of the protest point out that increased restrictive duties would be a mistake because "they would operate, in general, to increase the prices which domestic consumers would have to pay," and in so doing "would encourage concerns with higher costs to undertake production, thus compelling the consumer to subsidize waste and inefficiency in industry," and at the same time forcing the consumer "to pay higher rates of profit to established firms which enjoyed lower production costs." The consequence would be an enhancement of the cost of living which would injure "the great majority of our citizens," and from which "few people could hope to gain." "Miners, construction, transportation and public utility workers, professional people and those employed in banks, hotels, newspaper offices, in the wholesale and retail trades and scores of other industries would clearly lose, since they produce no products which could be specially favored by tariff barriers." The vast majority of farmers would also be found on the losing side. Tariff duties on the basic commodities which they produce would bring them no benefit, for the reason that "their cotton, pork, lard and wheat are export crops and are sold in the world market," and have "no important competition in the home market." They would lose as consumers through the higher prices that would be exacted for the textile, chemical, iron and steel products which they must buy, and they would lose as producers because their ability to sell their products "would be further restricted by the barriers placed in the way of foreigners who wished to sell manufactured goods to us."

Turning to the export trade, the signers of the protest remind the President and the Chairmen of the Senate and House Committees that countries cannot permanently continue to buy of us unless they are permitted to sell to us, that the difficulties of such exporting industries as copper, automobiles, agricultural machinery and typewriters "are likely to be increased still further if we pass a higher tariff," and that "there are already many evidences that such action would inevitably provoke other countries to pay us back in kind by levying retaliatory duties against our goods." "There are few more ironical spectacles," the protest declares, "than that of the American Government as it seeks, on the one hand, to promote exports through the activity of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, while, on the other, by increasing tariffs it makes exportation ever more difficult." An industrial America which already produces over 96% of the manufactured goods which America consumes, and looks to foreign countries to absorb the excess, does not seem

to these economists to be in need of higher tariff duties. The security of the \$12,555,000,000 to \$14,555,000,000 of American foreign investments, as estimated by the Department of Commerce as of Jan. 1 1929, will, the protest declares, be impaired by higher duties through making it harder for the foreign borrowers to pay interest, while as for unemployment, "we cannot increase employment by restricting trade."

Finally, the protest calls attention to the effect of the pending bill upon American foreign relations. "The United States was ably represented at the world economic conference which was held under the auspices of the League of Nations in 1927. This conference adopted a resolution announcing that 'the time has come to put an end to the increase in tariffs and to move in the opposite direction.' The higher duties proposed in our pending legislation violate the spirit of this agreement and plainly invite other nations to compete with us in raising further barriers to trade. A tariff war does not furnish good soil for the growth of world peace."

All these are serious words. They emphasize the existence of a situation which should never be allowed to develop in any enlightened country, namely, a wide and impassable gulf between a body of informed and expert opinion and the policy of the Government. The fact that the protest contains not a single novel statement or argument, but that everything it offers has been said and pleaded over and over again in the press and in Congress while the Smoot-Hawley Bill has been in progress, shows an almost contemptuous disregard on the part of the party in power for public opinion. Nor can Mr. Hoover be acquitted of a substantial share of responsibility for the situation which the economists indict. Mr. Hoover championed high protection in his campaign speeches, and called upon Congress to revise the Fordney-McCumber tariff in the interest of greater protection for the farmer, unmindful of the fact, as the protest of the economists points out, that while increased duties would inevitably raise the prices of the things the farmer must buy, they could not raise the price of anything he had to sell.

At one point in particular the protest of the economists raises a question to which the President and Congress may well give serious heed. That is the question of foreign retaliation. Never before has such a volume of "representation" and warning from producers and exporters in foreign countries, regarding the adverse effects of the proposed duties, poured in upon the Department of State as has been produced by the Smoot-Hawley Bill. Approximately 30 nations are represented in this chorus of remonstrance, the list containing the names of as diverse countries as France and Persia, Italy and Finland, The Netherlands and Greece, Spain and Turkey, Austria and the Irish Free State, Australia and the British West Indies and Argentina and Central America. The most aggressive action comes from Canada, where the Dominion Government has just put into effect what a Canadian Press dispatch calls "the most drastic and far-reaching customs revision of a century," affecting, it is estimated, some \$300,000,000 of imports from the United States. There have been many evidences of increasing resentment in Canada over the enormities of the Smoot-Hawley Bill, and the general election which Premier Mackenzie King announced on Tuesday would be held this year "at the earliest pos-

sible moment" will unquestionably be fought very largely on the tariff issue. As the Conservatives, who are now in opposition, are strongly opposed to taking American encroachments "lying down," the return of a Conservative Government is easily among the possibilities.

The effect of the protest of the 1,028 economists, of course, is yet to be seen. At the moment the tariff bill is in a jam. On May 3 the House of Representatives, by substantial majorities, voted to reject the Senate amendments which had incorporated the farm debenture scheme and repealed the flexible tariff provision of the existing law. The rejection of the debenture provision was due directly to a communication from Mr. Hoover which was interpreted as conveying a threat of a veto if the provision were retained. On the other hand, Mr. Hoover is as strongly in favor of the flexible provision as he is opposed to debentures. The latest dispatches from Washington indicate that the Senate, while disposed to compromise with the House on other amendments reported by the Conference Committee, is prepared to hold out for debentures and the repeal of the flexible clause. Meantime the bill has gone back to the Conference Committee. If the outcome of the Senate insistence should be the failure of the bill and an early adjournment of Congress, the country, we feel sure, would feel relieved, but such an outcome would only postpone the matter to the next session, and the menace of the Smoot-Hawley duties would still overhang American industry and commerce, American agriculture and American foreign relations. There will be, we think, widespread agreement with the economists that the tariff bill should not be passed, either with the debenture and flexible provisions or without them, and that, if it is passed, Mr. Hoover owes a duty to the country to veto it. It would be better to go on with the Fordney-McCumber tariff, had as that is, than to have a tariff which in about every respect is indefinitely worse.

Business Courage Is Not Bravado.

We have more than once affirmed our belief that the autumn "smash" in stocks was not a killing blow to the country at large. It was a craze for speculation on the part of the people, which, if continued long enough, could only end in the way it did, and, namely, in disaster. Just as the "longest bull market in history" was artificially propagated and maintained on the specious cry of "never sell the United States short," "our prosperity is indigenous and cannot fail," so the "boom" had its legitimate sequence in the "collapse." In like manner, though in lesser degree, the renewed fall in prices through which the Stock Exchange has just passed, and for the same reason, that is, because speculation had again been carried to dangerous extremes, while a most depressing event calculated to unnerve the business man, need not fill the country with dire alarm, though it will, we may be sure, raise doubts anew as to the stability of things.

There is one reason given, however, for this last debacle that should be weighed carefully. It is that conditions in trade and industry are such as to justify the action of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in lowering its rediscount rate to 3%. This last "crash" in stocks occurred at the very time that the President was delivering an address to the Chamber of Commerce of the United States,

bidding business have hope and courage, at the time the Bank rate was reduced, at the time the peace treaty was being brought home and presented to Congress, and at a time when the Federal Farm Board, in answer to criticism, was vaunting its course in buying wheat. Note that we have been talking about unemployment for some weeks. Beyond the debates in Congress and the passage of a few bills for future helps and adjustments, we have not changed the situation. There is a natural increase in employment with the opening of spring. A few months ago there were in Washington at the call of the President numerous gatherings of the leaders in our principal industries, out of which came various promises to provide improvements and extensions to avoid the "depression" said to be probably attendant on the "smash." Some of these have been in evidence; others have not.

Now, "hope" and "courage" are good things. They have been and are now well known attributes of our people. But reason and caution are a part of our business character we cannot dispense with. Is there, then, a dragging condition in trade and industry? Is there need to open the flood-gates of cheap credit to quicken enterprise? Will cheap credit inflate a sagging business? Is it wise to continue to harp on the foundations of our "prosperity" when there is a lull in trade? And if natural conditions of trade and industry are such as to show dullness and doubt, will artificial or psychological promptings urge us to right and rational recoveries? We cannot forever boost and boom. The reaction must come to a puffed-up prosperity. To repeat—the bull market that could not die, but did, is this the means of stabilization we hear so much about? Though stocks are made a symbol of general business, which they are not, they still exert an influence on trade and often mislead us. Must not we look at trade and industry from a standpoint free from these suggestions?

Laying aside, then, for the purpose of our analysis, the stock booms and collapses, is credit cheap because there is a shortened demand for it in legitimate business? If so, is it more than "inflation" to encourage industry and trade to adventure new enterprises solely because we do have the energies and resources? Will forced employment, forced business, forced improvements and extensions, in the long run steady or unsteady business? There is no objection to anything the Government may do as a mere ministration in calling independent conferences. But it ought not to employ itself in carrying out its own theories in economics and commerce at the expense of the taxpayer. Moreover, it ought not to encourage those who in their prescience are promising an easy and quick return to "prosperity," measuring the decline in trade from the autumn slump.

No, the autumn "smash," and the present one—for it is little short of that—are merely signposts or stop-gaps on the road that covers the past 10 years when there was a swift recovery from the big war and its consequences, albeit irregular and uncertain. New inventions, surplus building, reinstated and revised manufactures, an attitude of mind that caused people to seek the temporary satisfactions of games, pleasures, contests, speed, spending, surface indications of a period of good times, all served to indicate a kind of prosperity that in the highest economic sense was false and hollow and had sooner

or later to come to an end. They told us the savings deposits growth told the story. It did. With war wages in peace time there was room in an era of spending for saving. But the spending went on too long and the savings deposits fell down, down, in a single year. Speculation *had* to subside. The recent revival of the speculative spirit had to meet the same fate, though now the "gamblers" seem to be the losers.

Why not accept the truth that the tide has turned, from the false to the true, from swift and excited, to the slower and soberer? Why not turn from luxuries to necessities? Why not begin a new epoch of saving and producing, and learn to live above and independent of the storms of the get-rich-quick promoters? Why not recognize the facts? There is plenty of good, profitable business in normal conditions of life. Why try to make men forget the inevitable reaction to the decade we have been passing through by *encouraging enterprise* faster than it is called for by the more staid elements of our national community life? What has the Government to do with hurrying or slowing down these natural reactions that make demand the chief instrumentality in supply? Once they told us to eat more bread than we needed to sustain life; now they tell us to produce less bread than the farmer get better prices.

We deem it possible to carry encouragement by artifices too far. We feel that "boosting" has its limits. We think Government ought to retire from business, albeit it intends only to *suggest* to our business associations what to do. The more the Government undertakes to lead, the more it will have to prove its right to lead by taking part in the reality of industry and enterprise. Who can tell whether we are entering a depression or not? Who can measure the forces, tangible and intangible, domestic and foreign, that lie behind the so-called cycles? If we are immediately beset by reaction and depression, the results of competing men and competing businesses and competing products, why not recognize the futility of one man's advice or theory, one country's endeavors, one people's energies, to sweep back the tides that must flow and ebb and flow again?

Business that is builded on pretense will sometime come to grief. Business that is builded on bunkum and ballyhoo will blow itself out before it reaches stability. Business that is founded on the eternal laws of supply and demand, and that sees in demand, not froth and fashion, not speed and pleasure, but sober and simple and right living, will weather all the speculative tempests, all the catastrophes of war and the readjustments of peace, and carry on forever for the benefit of the owners and workers and for the blessing of mankind.

The Failure of the Senate to Confirm the Nomination of Judge Parker to the United States Supreme Court.

The action of the Senate in rejecting President Hoover's nomination of Judge John J. Parker to be an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court is most unfortunate. The Supreme Court (and the Federal Judiciary) constitutes one of the three great branches of our Government, and it stands on a different plane from either the Executive or the Legislative divisions. For this reason the

considerations affecting appointments to that body ought to be different. The Supreme Court knows not politics, section or class. It has but one mentor and monitor—the Constitution—which since the beginning it has helped to interpret. It is constituted by *appointment* of the Chief Executive and confirmed by the Senate. The Justices hold tenure for life.

This Supreme Court is by its nature representative of the whole people, and relates all laws made by Congress to the Constitution for their validity and right to exist. These Justices bring in (often by four-to-five vote) majority and minority opinions. The law sustained by the majority opinion becomes the *law of the land*, not that of a section, a class, or a State. Efforts have been made to change this power of the Court, but so far without avail. So high is the Supreme Court in the estimation of the people that it stands out as the chief division of the Government, interpretative of rights and liberties under the Constitution—impartial, non-political, independent, learned.

Obtained through appointments of the President for ability, fitness, knowledge, and wisdom in the fundamentals of law and rule, what part should and must the Senate play in confirmation of the Justices? Surely a Court *confirmed* by partisan Senators, partisan in their advice and consent, cannot well escape being partisan. Therefore the Senate must free itself of all sectional and class influence when it acts to confirm—as indeed must the Executive when he appoints. Now it is consonant with our system of rewards for service that when a Federal Judge of a lower Court in good standing is preferred and named, the *consent* of the Senate should be forthcoming. "Advice," in the common meaning of the term, seems to have disappeared. Consent is to be withheld, for what? Surely not on account of political preference. There are no two nominees for the place before the Senate at the same time. The Senate does not select, it confirms a selection. It is bound to regard the disinterested patriotism of the President even as its own.

Even so, it has become the custom of Presidents to name men from out their own party. There is registered no severe objection to this—since, as well known, there are a large number of men in each party fit to sit in this supreme tribunal. Once in office, however, a Justice of the Supreme Court knows no party. Nor does he know any arbiter save the majority of his own Court. Until in his judicial career he reaches this exalted plane he is bound to follow decision and precedent. At the same time he yields to no section or class. If he *has* been Judge of a lower Federal Court he must have made decisions on controverted questions, *apparently* favorable to one class or section over another, but never contrary to the Constitution as he sees it, and never contrary to the higher interpretation of the Supreme Court above him. He must not be held responsible by *any* defeated or disgruntled class, nor shall he be refused confirmation by the Senate therefor. No man *can* be selected for this office who has not opinions.

Searching the records for failure to be impartial and independent in decisions, or for having expressed political or economic principles outside the court room, as was done in the case of Judge Parker, seems not to be within the province of the Judiciary Committee and Senate, save to discover inability and

dishonesty or, in the case of political freedom of expression, to reveal demagoguery, acrid partisanship, or disloyalty to our institutions and the Government itself. If the Senate, on receipt of an appointment of ability and honesty, is to resolve itself into a political debating society or a lawyers' club we shall probably have, in the course of time, a *Supreme Court selected for sectionalism, and by class rule*. Impartiality is as incumbent on the Senate, sitting as a confirming body, as on the Court sitting on a case. Therefore, a Senator may vote to confirm though in prior case-precedents he may find himself opposed to decisions. He *cannot* refuse to confirm because he differs from a decision or because he is a friend to a class he feels has failed of its rights by virtue of such decision.

Property rights and human rights are not in opposition save in the minds of extremists. But admitting apparent opposition in the minds of good citizens and true patriots, admitting there are two views, under the Constitution—out of one body or the other must come a Supreme Court Justice, who, once in office and true to his oath, *must decide cases independent to his own personal leanings and views*. If, for example, because of his record, he can be defeated by the appeals of union labor or by employers of labor, when he comes up for confirmation, *the Senate can dominate and control the Supreme Court*. And for this there is no warrant in the Constitution itself and no permission in our political polity. A "representative" Republic, founded and sustained by honesty and ability, cannot discard an independent Supreme Court and submit the people to violent class rule. From a high and unbiased standpoint, the rejection of Judge Parker is in every way to be regretted.

Benjamin M. Anderson of Chase National Bank of New York Sees Danger in Comptroller of Currency Pole's Proposal to Extend Branch Banking Through "Trade Areas."

"The adoption of the proposed Federal legislation authorizing National banks to establish branches throughout great "trade areas" as wide as Federal Reserve districts or even in certain cases, wider, would be like the firing of the starter's pistol at a race," according to Benjamin M. Anderson, Jr., Ph.D., Economist of the Chase National Bank of the City of New York. Dr. Anderson spoke thus before the North Carolina Bankers' Association at Pinehurst, N. C., May 8, when he addressed the Association on "Branch Banking Throughout Federal Reserve Districts." The "trade area" proposal, he said, "would initiate one of the fiercest competitive struggles the country has ever seen among the powerful banks in each of the districts for supremacy throughout the district. Many hasty and ill-considered consolidations would be put through. Efficiency would suffer. A great readjustment in the relations of banks and businesses would be necessary. It would mean competitive bidding for the stocks of the banks which would be absorbed into the great branch bank systems. It would mean an orgy of speculation in bank stocks. It would bring into play the vigorous activity of promoters, not necessarily bankers or men with capacity in bank administration, who would buy up or obtain options upon large numbers of banks with a view to selling them to competing great banks." Dr. Anderson added:

Those of us who believe that the primary business of a banker is banking rather than bank-stock jobbing, would not welcome a situation of this sort. Within recent months a great many conservative bankers have been saying that they would dislike very much a competition of this sort, that they hope it will not be forced upon them, but that if it is forced upon them they will of course act to protect their positions. I should think that legislative restraint rather than legislative encouragement would be called for by tendencies like these.

Preceding his remarks quoted above, Dr. Anderson spoke in part as follows:

A Revolutionary Proposal.

The Committee on Banking and Currency of the House of Representatives at Washington has been holding a highly important set of hearings on the subject of group, chain and branch banking. It is giving very special consideration to a proposal that the National Bank Act be amended so that National banks may have the power to extend branches throughout "trade areas" which may overlap State lines, which may be as wide as Federal Reserve districts, and which may even overlap Federal Reserve districts in cases where a city's "trade area" runs beyond a Federal Reserve district. National banks, under this plan, would be empowered to do this whether the States consent or not. National banks located in one State could invade another State whose laws prohibit branches of banks chartered elsewhere. The primary purpose of this proposal is to arrest the failures among small banks in country districts. A secondary purpose is to give the National bank charter such an advantage over State bank charters that the National banking system will grow at the expense of State banking systems. The theory of "parity" between State and National banks is definitely abandoned, and the purpose is to give National banks a definite and great advantage over State banks.

The main emphasis is placed upon the arrest of bank failures. During the 9 year period June 30 1920, to July 1 1929, about 5,000 banks, nearly all of them in agricultural communities, closed their doors and tied up deposits of approximately \$1,500,000. (The average of deposits is thus very small for these failed banks, being only \$300,000). The figures for the year 1929 show no decline in the rate of failures among these small banks.

The proponents of this widespread extension of branch banking outside the city of the head office apparently intend to make use of the recent rapid development of group and chain banking, by adopting legislation to permit the groups and chains to transform themselves into branch systems.

With much sympathy for the main purpose which lies behind these proposals, sincere proposals made by able men who undoubtedly have the good of the country bank at heart and who undoubtedly have a great deal of knowledge of country bank conditions, I am, none the less, obliged to disagree radically both as to their diagnosis and as to their prescription. The causes of the failures of small country banks are to be found in special circumstances which have little to do with the general question of chain, group and branch banking versus unit banking. And the remedy proposed would touch and help very few of the existing country banks which are in a weakened condition.

We do not need to make a revolution in the general banking system of the United States because of conditions in small banks in stricken agricultural regions. Other, much more moderate, proposals may be made which would be much more effective from the standpoint of the goal aimed at.

The Existing Chain, Group and Branch Banking Movement Leaves Out the Small Bank.

At the end of 1929 there were in the United States 24,645 banks and 3,547 branches, or a total of 28,192 banking offices. Of this total of banking offices there were 6,353 banks and branches that belonged to branch banking systems and chain or group banking systems or to both. This leaves 21,839 banking institutions that are definitely "independent unit banks." The overwhelming number of our banks is thus outside of chain-bank, group-bank or branch-bank systems. On the other hand, on the same date, the branch, chain and group banking systems had total loans and investments of approximately 30 billion dollars, leaving 28 billion, 500 millions of loans and investments for the 22,000 independent unit banks.

This figure, 30 billion dollars, however, gives a very exaggerated picture of the extent to which the movement has gone. From the standpoint of the question in hand, we may take out the many billions represented by the great New York banks whose branches are all within the city of New York or else in foreign countries, and the bulk of whose loans and investments are in any case not in branches but in the head offices. A similar reduction can be made for a number of other important cities. Of the banks that belong to chains or groups, but operate no branches, there were on this date 1,984, with total loans and investments of \$4,913,000,000, the average of loans and investments being about \$2,500,000. In addition, there are 119 banks, belonging to chains or groups, that operate branches, with total loans and investments of \$6,264,000,000, or an average of \$52,600,000 per bank.

These figures show the immense disparity in average size between the banks that have gone into chains and groups, and the small country banks that have been failing, with average deposits of \$300,000. The existing chain and group bank movement is primarily a movement which is bringing relatively large banks together. In exceptional cases, it is including some of the small banks which the legislative proposals are designed to help. Even in these cases, it is not taking in those that are weak and failing. I should not know how to draw a constitutional legislative proposal which would compel good bankers to absorb weak and failing banks. Further, from the standpoint of what is administratively possible, the managers of a great group-bank system can contemplate with some equanimity the absorption of 60 million dollars of banking resources in a dozen well organized banks in sizeable cities, when they would very properly shrink from the task of taking over 60 millions of banking resources scattered among 200 banks in very small towns.

The Size of the Failed Banks.

Over 40% of the failed banks were situated in towns and villages having a population of less than 500 persons. Over 60% were in towns of 1,000 people or less. Eighty per cent were in towns of 2,500 people or less. Ninety-two per cent of the failures were in places having less than 10,000 people. Of the remaining 8% of the failures, a high percentage was in very small banks in larger places.

From the standpoint of capitalization, 63% of the failures were among banks having \$25,000 capital or less. Seventy-one per cent were in banks having less than \$50,000 capital, and 88% among banks having less than \$100,000 capital.

During the last nine years there were no failures at all of banks having capital of two millions or more, and there were only four failures among banks having over one million capital.

Practically, it may be said that for cities of 10,000 or more people, and that for banks with \$100,000 capital or more, there has been no problem of sufficient magnitude to justify extraordinary concern, or to call for more than local attention.

Certainly there is nothing in the experience of the past nine years, as revealed in the foregoing figures, to justify a legislative revolution in our banking situation, or to justify the creation of giant branch banking systems, with enormous capital, ranging over "trade areas" which may equal or even exceed Federal Reserve Districts in size. Much more moderate measures would apparently be indicated.

The Causes of Bank Failures in the Past Nine Years.

The first and foremost cause of the large number of bank failures since 1920 is the great boom in agricultural prices and land values before 1920, and the collapse of agricultural prices and land values following 1920, and the

a Branch, Chain and Group Banking, Hearings before the Committee on Banking and Currency. H. R., 1930, Vol. I, Pt. 1, pages 11-12.

adverse conditions in agricultural communities which have since continued. The second great cause is real estate speculation in the period since 1920, in certain important sections of the country, notably Florida and some adjacent States.

This is strikingly evidenced by the geographical distribution of the failures, which are largely centered in four Southeastern States, namely, Florida (123 failures), Georgia (305 failures), South Carolina (191 failures), North Carolina (110 failures), and in a second group of agricultural States, namely, Minnesota (378 failures), Iowa (467 failures), Missouri (246 failures), North Dakota (444 failures), South Dakota (315 failures), Nebraska (307 failures), Kansas (194 failures), Montana (191 failures), Oklahoma (227 failures), Texas (217 failures).

During this same period all of New England had only 26 failures. New York had only 12 failures, and Ohio had only 36. New Jersey had none at all. The failures were concentrated, in other words, in the regions which has been most affected by the agricultural boom and collapse, and by the real estate speculation in Florida and adjacent States. This concentration of the problem in special areas again would raise the question as to whether Federal legislation, affecting banks all over the country, is called for, or whether—in so far as the matter calls for banking legislation at all—it is not a matter for the States most concerned, with such concurrent legislation on the part of the Federal Government as would permit National banks to have the same branch-banking rights that State institutions have in these States.

From the standpoint of the contrast between our unit banking system and the system of branch banking, it may be observed that the same grave sequence of events, namely, the war, the boom of 1919-20 and the collapse of 1920-21, which undermined so many of our small agricultural banks, also undermined great branch-banking systems in many parts of the world. These include a great bank in Denmark, a great bank in Canada with four hundred branches, the Banque Industrielle de Chine in China, with its widespread branches and its power of note issue, and the Banca di Sconto in Italy, with branches spread all over that country. More recent troubles of the same sort, deferred consequences of the same causes, have occurred in Japan and Austria. An incomplete record shows, also, for the United States, that 226 banks, with deposits of \$102,000,000, belonging to chain systems, failed during the period we are considering. And it is further to be observed that in all these American agricultural states the great bulk of the unit banks, measured in resources, survived the shock, and that in every state the majority of the unit banks in number stood intact.

The situation was very greatly aggravated in many of these states by the excessive number of very small banks. "No community can possibly provide adequate resources, competent officers, and experienced directors for one bank to every 750 of its inhabitants as in North Dakota, or to 1,400 as in Iowa. And the situation in these states was not exceptional; on the contrary, an excessive number of banks have been established throughout those sections of the country that are mainly devoted to agriculture."^c

New Jersey's total immunity from bank failures in the past nine years is probably due in part to the fact that New Jersey's banking authorities are not over-ready to grant charters to new banks, unless there is real evidence that a new bank is needed, and that the Federal Comptroller is influenced by the state policy when granting National bank charters in that state.

The situation was complicated further for many small country banks by the withdrawal of an important source of revenue which they had formerly enjoyed, namely, the making of exchange charges on checks drawn against them for which remittance was expected in another place. Their checks, when presented over their counters, they paid at par. But when they were expected to make remittance to other places, they very generally made a liberal (and often excessive) "exchange charge," which was an important source of revenue. The Federal Reserve System of par collection of checks has largely wiped out this source of revenue for very small banks.

Again, the institutions chartered by the Federal Government for making mortgage loans reduced an important source of revenue which many of these small banks had, in acting as intermediary in the making of mortgage loans.

At the same time these Federal farm loan agencies brought into the agricultural communities an unaccustomed volume of funds which were deposited with the local banks at high rates of interest, and which the local banker felt obliged to re-employ at high rates of interest. Many a small town banker, who was a good banker when his loanable resources were somewhat less than the borrowing demands of his good customers, and who could make good loans when he could discriminate among competing borrowers, found himself to be a very poor banker when he faced the unaccustomed problem of employing surplus funds. He was not trained for that.

It may be added that the well meant efforts of the Federal Government to improve the condition of agriculture by multiplying the facilities of agricultural credit have had as their main result a great and excessive increase in the mortgage debt of agriculture, without a commensurate increase in the productiveness of agriculture, and with a consequent narrowing of the margin of free income and the percentage margin of equity in land, on the basis of which the farmer could ask his banker for credit.

Very especially has the position of the very small bank in villages been weakened by the coming of hard roads and automobiles, which, in many places, have largely destroyed the usefulness of the small local village, doing away with the local merchant, the local mill, and the local church, as well as the local banker, making it possible for the people to do their business and seek their social life in the county seat and nearby larger cities. Industrial consolidations, moreover, even where leaving local factories in small places, have very often taken away the banking business which the local factory gave to the local banker, and concentrated it in larger places. The growth of chain stores has had a similar effect. The very small bank has had a difficult time in recent years, and the marvelous thing is, not that so many have gone under, but rather that such an enormous number have stood, and have even prospered, despite these adverse tendencies.

Diversification of Resources Through Correspondent Banks.

One cause assigned for the failures of many small banks is that they have been unable to diversify their resources because located in a one-crop district, whereas a great bank with branches stretching over a whole Federal Reserve district could accomplish this diversification. It is true that many small banks have failed through lack of diversification of their resources, but it is also true that the majority of small banks in the same communities have survived because they have diversified their resources. They have accomplished this diversification by means of their correspondent relations with great banks in great cities. They have refrained from putting all of their resources into local loans, and have placed part of them, through their correspondent bank, into open market commercial paper, or readily marketable bonds, or call loans on the Stock Exchange, or acceptances,

^b Hearings, Vol. I, Pt. 4, page 457.

^c "Recent Economic Changes," Vol. II, page 695.

and deposit balances with their correspondent bank to build up a "borrowing equity." When times of stress have come, they have thus had secondary reserves, and they have been able to borrow from their correspondent banks sums needed to tide them over seasonal needs and emergencies. Good banking and diversification of banking resources is perfectly possible for a small bank in a one-crop community. We do not need branch banking either for the purpose of securing diversification or for the purpose of bringing about a seasonal flow of funds from region to region. The system of correspondent banking relations has accomplished this for many decades, and good bankers everywhere know how to do it.

The Remedies.

I see nothing in all of this to call for a radical change in Federal laws regarding branch banking. The problems do not extend throughout the United States. They are centered in particular States. The problems do not relate to institutions of sufficient size to be beyond the power of each State to deal with for itself.

Radical changes in the banking legislation of a good many States are undoubtedly indicated. The minimum capital required for banking in many States is far too small. There ought to be sweeping consolidation movements among the smallest banks in many States. Many villages which now have two or three struggling banks would be much better off served by one strong bank. State legislation giving the State banking authorities power to guide, and even to compel this in their discretion, would be very desirable in certain States.

A limited extension of branch banking by State law would probably help the situation in a good many States. The National Bank Act should be amended so as to permit National banks to do in this connection what the different States allow their State banks to do.

County-wide branch banking, branch banking in groups of counties, even, in some cases, State-wide branch banking, or branch banking centering about three or four main cities of the State, ought, in certain States, to be permitted and encouraged. There may even be one or two cases where a State will feel itself so much in need of outside banking capital that it will welcome the branches of powerful banks whose head offices are in other States.

Mr. Platt, of the Federal Reserve Board, has made moderate proposals along the line of county-wide branch banking, having especially in mind the very small country banks, which deserve very careful study. Ambassador Charles G. Dawes, when Comptroller of the Currency, in his Annual Report for the year 1898, recommended that branch banking be authorized in communities of less than two thousand inhabitants, since many of such communities were not able to support independent banks. Many such villages would undoubtedly be better served by an inexpensive office of a strong bank, whose head office is in a nearby county seat, than they are by their local independent unit bank which is not making profits and which must charge very high rates for the limited local loans it is able to make.

It is probable that legislation along this line, authorizing banks in larger cities to establish branches in outside communities with ten thousand or less inhabitants, or even with five thousand or less, would accomplish virtually everything, with respect to the prevention of small bank failures, that branch banking could in any case accomplish. At the same time it would avoid the grave evils that would come from the sudden revolution in our general banking system, and from the destruction of local financial independence, that the larger programme now under consideration would involve.

Further, such a limitation would concentrate upon the communities most in need of help the attention of the bankers who are in favor of such developments, but who would be hunting bigger game in larger cities if the whole field were thrown open. Such legislation ought to be drawn in such terms as will encourage the organizers of branch bank systems to take over the existing banks, and to discourage the starting of new branch offices in places where such action would merely increase the difficulties of existing small banks. Permission to establish such new branches, competing with existing banks, ought not to be automatic, but should involve some "certificate of convenience and necessity", to be issued by the authorities only after hearings.

But the problem differs greatly in different States. The different State bankers' associations should take it up and they should carry their proposed legislation to their State capitals, rather than to Washington. The one piece of legislation needed at Washington would seem to be that the National banks be allowed to have branches in a given State on the same terms that the State banks and trust companies in that State are allowed to have them.

State Lines and Local Financial Independence.

We are moving much too fast and too far in the direction of centralization. If an evil arises, we rush to Washington for a remedy which, even if a good remedy for part of the country, is often ill-adapted to the special needs of other parts of the country, and which, if a bad remedy, makes another nation-wide evil. It is far better that we should use the machinery of our 48 States for social and economic experiments. If they work well, other States may adopt them. If they work well in part, other States may modify them in adopting them. If the new measures are good for some States and bad for others, those that find them good may use them. If the remedies are definitely bad, as guaranty of bank deposits proved to be, we develop the fact by a relatively small-scale experiment, and the country as a whole is saved. There is, for example, little danger of Federal legislation for the guaranty of bank deposits, but I should not feel so sure of this if the experience in Oklahoma and Nebraska and elsewhere had not already given us an object lesson upon the point.

I should strongly oppose Federal legislation which would force upon a State which was unwilling to accept it, the branch bank system, and, above all, Federal legislation which would compel a State to admit the branch of a bank chartered in another State against its will and against its laws. Specialists in every field, eager to bring about widespread adoption of their remedies and reforms, are continually going to Congress to secure Congressional legislation covering matters which are properly matters of State concern. Congress is continually giving attention to matters which ought to be handled piecemeal among the 48 States. Congress is overburdened with measures of this kind, and Washington has grown top-heavy with bureaus for administering such legislation.

We need the States. They are a vital part of our political machinery, and we must be content to see them make mistakes occasionally, as part of the price which we must pay for a proper balance between centralization and local self-government. If the choice were between an infallible Congress and fallible State legislatures, the issue might not be so clear, but Congress can also make mistakes, and such mistakes are more serious than those made in a single State. The banker is not merely a banker. He is also, and first of all, a citizen. As a citizen, he may be permitted to attach a higher importance to the preservation of the fundamentals of our Federal system of government than to technical points in banking legislation.

Local Independence and Correspondent Relations.

I believe in the general system of local financial independence. I am opposed to having the bankers of one city dominate the banking of another city. I believe that this country ought to have in every city several strong, independent financial institutions interested in the local community, and dealing as principals with the banks of other cities, rather than acting merely as their agents. I believe that our system of correspondent banks gives us, in general, all the financial interdependence that we need, and that the services which the correspondent bank in a great city performs for the banker in a smaller place make it unnecessary for him to have the elaborate facilities which a great bank has. The unit banking system has gone to extremes with us in many States. There are too many very small banks. But correcting this excess of the system will leave our American banking system, I believe, far better adapted to our needs than the European system of a few great banks with a multitude of branches, with all power centered in a few great financial centers. d

Parity of State and National Banks.

I cannot sympathize with the view that it is necessary to pass unsound legislation for the purpose of giving such supremacy to the National banking system over the State banking systems that banks would be compelled to

d "The Chase Economic Bulletin," Vol. IX, No. 5, "Bank Consolidations in a Period of Speculation," discusses the comparative merits of the American and European systems.

drop their State charters and take out National charters. It is now well demonstrated that the Federal Reserve System does not depend for its success and growth upon the growth of the National banking system. Virtually all of the great State banks are members of the Federal Reserve System. Seventy-five per cent of the commercial banks of the country, measured in volume of loans and investments, are members of the Federal Reserve System. The Federal Reserve System can at any time dominate the money market, which is dependent on Federal Reserve credit for a high percentage of its cash reserves. Through the Federal Reserve System, Federal supervision extends to the great bulk of the banking resources of the country at present.

The original purpose of the National banking system was to supply a uniform bank note issue throughout the country, and to make a market for the Civil War Government bond issues. With the Federal Reserve Act and the Federal Reserve Note, the National Bank Note has become a matter of relatively minor importance. There is no need for artificial support of the Government bond market. The National banking system is important, and it is desirable to maintain it. It has helped set good banking standards throughout the country. The Federal Comptroller's supervision and inspection of banks is better than State supervision and inspection of banks in many States—not in all. But the State banking systems are also good systems, by and large. It is thoroughly undesirable that great issues of banking policy should be settled as a mere incident to a competition between the State and National banking systems.

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, May 9, 1930.

Trade during the week has not improved materially despite warm weather all over the country. Light wearing apparel has sold more readily both here in the East and at the West with temperatures abnormally high. But as regards general business such unseasonable weather has perhaps been detrimental rather than helpful. Certainly the best that can be said is that business on the whole has been on only a fair scale and that many lines have been quiet. The weather has been good for the crops for the warm temperatures have been accompanied by good rains in the grain country as well as in the Southwestern cotton section. To-day the central and eastern parts of the cotton belt had had beneficial rains which were especially helpful in the Atlantic States. There were cloudbursts, however, in some parts of the belt. The cotton trade does not want a wet May, either east or west of the Mississippi River. Meanwhile the state of wholesale and jobbing business in this country cannot be called satisfactory. The demand is mostly to supply temporary wants. This is especially true in the textile trades. Industries as a rule make a none too gratifying showing either as regards iron, steel, textiles or anything else. To be sure unemployment has been reduced somewhat because conditions are more favorable for outside work. But the factories taken as a whole are not busy. Copper has been cut to 12½ cents, though it is said that at the decline trade has improved. To-day, indeed, sales of 9,000,000 lbs. of copper at 12.80c. c.i.f. European ports were reported, the largest business for months past. Non-ferrous metals declined. With the opening of Lake navigation, trade in bituminous coal is reported to be somewhat better. Beneficial rains have fallen on the Pacific Coast and in the Mountain States. Singular to say the weather in such sections of the country have been too cool for the best results in crop growth while the rest of the country has been sweltering particularly here in the East. There has been some reduction in iron and steel production. In steel the feature has been better buying of pipe, and, as some reports state, increased purchases of automobile steel. But taken as a whole there can be no disguising the fact that there is plenty of room for improvement in both the iron and steel trades, even putting the best face upon the matter.

One gratifying circumstance is the gain in the business of chain and mail order concerns. It might perhaps be called the silver lining to the cloud. Sales in April of the chain and mail-order stores showed a gain of 11½% over those for April last year, partly to be sure because of the Easter trade in the second and third week of April. Moreover there are more such stores than there were last year. The total sales of these stores for March and April show a net increase over last year of about 4%. For four months the total sales gained 6¼% over the same period in 1929. In the first two months of the year to be sure the increase over the same period was about 8½%.

Cotton declined less than 10 points on the old crop on talk to the effect that shipments to New York for delivery on July were impending from domestic mill points and also from Havre, Bremen and Liverpool. The next crop advanced slightly on dry weather. It is many weeks to the day

when July notices can be issued. Meanwhile, the New York July premium over Liverpool July has fallen this week from 76 pts. to 35 to-day. The size of shipments to N. Y. for July will of course depend largely on the differences. They have latterly been narrowing. Cotton goods have been quiet and at times lower here. In Manchester trade has remained dull for export with renewed and dangerous outbreaks in India, while the domestic trade has been fairly good and it seems a moderate business with India has been done in yarns. It is said however, that the boycott against foreign cloth has been spreading in India and even some German mills have been informed by their agents in the Far East that it is not advisable to export goods thither. Spot cotton has been as dull as ever and exports continue to make a poor showing.

Wheat declined a couple of cents to the lowest price on the crop with the weather favorable in the United States and Canada, exports sales nothing remarkable and May fell to \$1. Beneficial rains have fallen in the winter wheat belt and also in the Northwest. The Farm Board has it appears been buying to some extent. The crop reports from France and Italy have been less favorable and it is said Italy's crop is 37,000,000 bushels smaller than that of last year. The United States government report to-day put the winter wheat crop in this country at 525,070,000 bushels against 578,336,000 harvested last year. Corn declined partly because wheat did, but the downward turn was not very marked for the country, offerings were not large. Still there was a decline of 2 to 2½c. on some months with supplies liberal enough and the pastures in good condition after recent rains. Also it is said that the farm consumption is below the normal. That is also the case it appears as regards oats. Rye has followed wheat downward without showing any marked weakness. Lard declined with grain and hogs. The receipts of hogs have exceeded expectations and suggest that farm supplies have been underestimated. Coffee has been in the main firmer, Santos rising 30 to 40 points and Rio nearly 25 points with reports that the Defense Committee has been buying here and no one showing any disposition to take the aggressive on the selling side. The absence of May notices has also been a bullish factor. The new crop is nearing the time when frosts or big rains could do harm. There is as usual a certain undercurrent of bearish sentiment and the idea is stressed that on July 1, which by the way, is some distance off, a new policy adverse to government manipulation will be entered upon as a condition of the international loan of \$97,300,000. Sugar declined 5 to 15 points to new lows. Prompt sugar is said to be the lowest in 70 years. The tariff fixed by Congress is 2c. per pound instead of 2.20c. and bulls have been much disappointed. Cuban for May shipment was sold it is stated at 15½c. c & f but later 1½c. was quoted. The stock of sugar in the United States and Cuba is said to be 4,535,700 tons or some 660,000 larger than a year ago. The crops in Porto Rico and Philippines it appears are turning out larger than had been expected. Everybody seems to be bearish on sugar and some Cuban interests are said to have been selling if others bought. But the price is so low that some are looking for a good rally sooner or later especially on the distant months. Rubber has advanced 10 to 20 points on trade buying and talk of more systematic and determined measures looking to a reduction

of output. Hides have declined. Cocoa is 25 to 35 points lower. Silk has been irregular with May 13 points higher.

The stock market during the week had frequent sinking spells on liquidation and other selling which pressed hard despite the cheapness of money. On the 7th inst. they fell 2 to 8 points on many issues but Manhattan Electrical collapsed $34\frac{1}{4}$ points net and Celotex 15%. Trading in Manhattan Electrical was resumed on the 7th inst. after having been unofficially suspended since May 1. No explanation was given either by the Stock Exchange or the company for the week's suspension of business in this stock. It is understood it brought the operation of a pool to a halt. The break in Celotex attracted wide attention. It followed the announcement that a small stockholder had filed a petition in Wilmington asking for the appointment of a receiver for the company. It fell 20 points on this news recovering 8 points later after opening at $42\frac{1}{2}$. B. G. Dahlberg, President of Celotex stated that he did not know the person who filed the petition and that no complaint or criticism had been made to the management. The position of the company is excellent, he said and its business good. To-day stocks made an irregular advance with a perhaps salutary drop in the trading, to about 3,000,000 shares against 3,750,000 yesterday and close to 6,000,000 a week ago. Call money was 3% and four months maturities fell to $3\frac{3}{4}$ %. Brokers loans had fallen off \$200,000,000 for the week. Some stocks advanced 5 to 10 points, but as a rule the rise was confined to one or two points. And some new lows were made in Brake Shoe, American Locomotive, Agwi, Beech Nut, Manhattan Electrical, Punta Alegre, Spiegel, May Stern and Yale & Towne. New highs were made by Borden and Loews, the latter showing heavy trading. Rails were as a rule sluggish. Southern Ry. was not. It was helped upward by the statement of President Harrison that \$8 dividends will continue. Bonds in the presence of increasing money supply and cheap rates were active and higher. Many railroad issues were at new highs for the year. London was firmer but quiet.

A further weakening in commodity prices took place during April, the index number of Bradstreets showing a decline for the seventh consecutive month and falling to the lowest point in nearly nine years. The recession in the wholesale price level was most marked in the provisions, metals and textiles groups of commodities, but all the other groups, with the exception of fruits which advanced slightly, and hides and leather, which remained unchanged, showed decreases for the month. Bradstreets' wholesale price index number for May 1, was \$109,393, a decrease of 2.2% from April 1, and of 12.9% from May 1 1929. The index number has thus touched the lowest mark since July 1 1921, and is only 3% above the post-war low point reached on June 1 of that year. Compared with the record peak for all time reached on Feb. 1 1920, there is a decline of 47.6%.

Fall River, Mass., reported that inquiries for cloth have recently been slightly better but they were mostly for small lots and total sales did not equal production. According to reports received by the Cotton Textile Institute from the Associated Press Industries of America, 65% more style dress manufacturers are making cotton dresses this year than at the corresponding period in 1929. It is stated that the curtailment of production in Southern print cloth and sheeting mills in on in earnest. Official figures showed that 3,200,000 spindles and 38,000 looms are inactive this week and in the weeks to come, this total will be swelled. A number of mills that propose to close six weeks between now and July 19, are endeavoring to readjust their output so that they can make contract deliveries on time. Of this volume of idle spindles about 75%, says the "Journal of Commerce," represent those making print cloth yarns and the remainder yarns for various grades of sheetings. It may fairly be assumed that Southern looms turn out an average of 80 yards daily, or about 3,040,000 for the total loomage represented in the idle columns this week. The curtailment of production of sheetings and print cloths by Southern mills if carried out in full should take not less than 150,000,000 yards of print cloths from the supply before July 19 and more than half that yardage of sheetings, according to the "Journal of Commerce."

Greenville, S. C., wired that many mills closed this week following the new curtailment plan (operating every other week) and a favorable effect is expected in the cotton goods market. Rockhill, S. C., reported that several cotton mills in that vicinity are running full time, while others have curtailed to some extent. Spartanburg, S. C., wired that approximately 675,000 spindles and 67,500 looms in textile

mills of Spartanburg County were idle in the 5th inst. as a result of a decision to adopt an every-other-week schedule in the plant manufacturing print cloths and narrow sheetings. Inactive spindles represent about two-thirds of those in textile plants there. Spartanburg, S. C., wired later that print cloth and narrow sheetings manufacturers of that section of the industrial southeast have heartily entered into the suggestion advanced by the Cotton Textile Institute of a 55-hour week for day work and 50-hour week for night work, in the mills eliminating overtime and unnecessary halts and delays for the noon hour. Even this program is being more drastically increased by some of the mills, shutting down one week and operating the next.

Manchester cabled that price increases ranging from one-half penny to two pence half-penny per pound on Egyptian cotton yarns were made jointly by the Fine Cotton Spinners & Doublers Association, Combined Egyptian Mills and Crosses & Winkworth, Ltd., in order to improve margins. These three groups control one-half of the spindles on Egyptian cotton in Lancashire. Trade in Manchester has been slow for export though the home demand has been steady.

Bombay cabled that numerous outbreaks marked the imprisonment of Gandhi's arrest for civil disobedience. Bloodshed occurred in a dozen cities and the home and Indian governments, with troops and armored cars strengthened the hands of the local police. Bombay cabled the New York "Times" that a reign of terror gripped Sholapur, India on the 8th inst. when Gandhi followers battled for hours with the police. Sholapur is reported to be the second largest textile producing city in India. Fifty persons were killed and 400 wounded; three Mohammedan policemen were burned to death by the mob.

Montgomery Ward & Co.'s sales for April amounted to \$23,776,430, an increase of 10.2% over April, 1929. Sales for the first four months of this year amounted to \$81,145,499 an increase of .2% over the corresponding period last year. The F. W. Woolworth Co.'s sales for April amounted to \$24,368,959 an increase of 10.4% over April, 1929. Sales for the first four months of this year amounted to \$86,292,184 an increase of 2.0% over the corresponding period last year. S. S. Kresge Co.'s sales for April amounted to \$12,724,089, an increase of 11.5% over April, 1929. Sales for the first four months of this year amounted to \$43,279,634, an increase of 1.2% over the corresponding period last year. S. H. Kress & Co. reports that sales for the month of April amounted to \$5,626,538, which represents an increase of 11.1% over the \$5,063,007 reported for the same month a year ago. For the first four months of the current year the company's sales have shown an increase of 4.4% over the corresponding period last year.

Forest fires in 10 States kept firemen busy. The fires raged all along the Atlantic Seaboard and the loss was very heavy from Virginia to New Hampshire. The States included New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Mississippi, Rhode Island Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Delaware, Staten Island had dangerous fires. Fire engines on Staten Island were saved by Army tanks. New York State needs heavy rains as well of course as others. The newspapers gave columns to the particulars of widespread destruction along a vast area on the Eastern edge of the United States.

On the 4th inst. it was some 9 degrees cooler here than it had been in the latter part of last week. The mercury did not go higher than 74 degrees. But on the 5th inst. it rose to 85 degrees at 3 p. m. On the 4th inst. Boston had 60 to 70 degrees; Montreal 52 to 66; Philadelphia 60 to 78; Portland, Me. 50 to 66; Chicago 66 to 82; Cincinnati, 62 to 82; Cleveland, 62 to 68; Detroit, 56 to 76; Louisville, 66 to 88; Milwaukee, 56 to 68; New Orleans, 68 to 84; Kansas City, 68 to 82; St. Paul, 58 to 70; St. Louis, 70 to 86; Denver, 42 to 66; Los Angeles, 48 to 56; Portland, Ore., 41 to 64; San Francisco, 50 to 58; Seattle, 42 to 60. On the 6th it was 88 degrees here and 90 in Boston and little relief was promised. High records for May 6 included such temperatures as 92 at New Haven, Conn; 91 at Springfield, Mass.; 90 at Providence, R. I. and Boston and 88 at Portland, Me. Montreal had 66 to 82; Chicago 70 to 86; Cincinnati, 68 to 88; Cleveland, 70 to 84; Detroit, 66 to 84; Milwaukee, 50 to 80; Western Kansas City, 56 to 72; St. Paul, 60 to 74; St. Louis, 68 to 82; Denver 38 to 60; Helena, 34 to 50; Los Angeles, 52 to 64; Portland, Ore., 38 to 52; San Francisco, 46 to 58; Seattle, 38 to 53.

May 7 marked the seventh day of continuous abnormal heat for this time of year with a temperature of 87 degrees, five persons dying and eight overcome from its effects.

Boston was hotter with a high record of 95 degrees. At Providence, R. I., it was 109 in the sun. In the shade Chicago had 78, Cincinnati 80, Cleveland 84, Milwaukee 74, Kansas City 70, St. Paul and Montreal 72. In vivid contrast with this Visalia, Calif., reported a heavy snow storm over the entire Sierra Nevada Range in Tular County, where "old timers" said they had never before seen snow in May. On the 8th inst. at New York the maximum temperatures were 83, at Chicago 86 and Cincinnati 86, at Detroit and Kansas City 84, at Cleveland and Milwaukee 80, at San Francisco and Seattle 62, at Montreal 56, at Boston and Minneapolis 66, at Winnipeg 52, at St. Louis and Portland, Me., 60, and Portland, Ore., 64. To-day it was 80 degrees here and the forecast was fair weather with moderate temperatures over Saturday. It has been a week of abnormally hot and oppressive weather and may soon be followed by a marked fall in the temperature.

Monthly Indexes of Production, &c. of U. S. Department of Commerce—No Change in Output as Compared With Preceding Month.

The U. S. Department of Commerce, in presenting, May 2, its monthly indexes of production, stocks and unfilled orders says:

Production.

Manufacturing production in March, after adjustments for seasonal changes, showed no change from the preceding month but was considerably below the same period a year ago according to the weighted index of the Federal Reserve Board. The output of minerals in March showed declines from both February, and March, 1929. Industrial production, including both manufacturing and minerals, while slightly less than the preceding month showed a decline of 12.4% when compared with March a year ago.

Commodity Stocks.

The general index of commodity stocks held at the end of March, while below the February level showed a gain over a year ago, the increase over last year being solely due to a gain in the holdings of raw materials. The index of stocks of finished goods in the hands of manufacturers showed a slight increase over February and March of last year.

Unfilled Orders.

Unfilled orders for manufactured goods at the end of March showed a gain over February, but declined from March 1929. Increases were registered over the preceding month in orders for transportation equipment, principally railroad, lumber and iron and steel while a decline occurred in unfilled orders for textiles. In comparison with a year ago, gains in transportation equipment were more than offset by declines in lumber and textiles. Iron and steel showed no change from March 1929.

Index Numbers, 1923-1925=100.	Feb. 1930.	Mar. 1930.	Mar. 1929.
Production—			
Raw materials:			
Animal products.....	84	98	88
Crops.....	63	55	73
Forestry.....	67	73	86
Industrial (compiled by Federal Reserve Board).....	107	105	118
Minerals.....	108	97	107
Total manufactures (adjusted).....	106	106	120
Iron and steel.....	118	112	132
Textiles.....	99	98	116
Food products.....	94	91	96
Paper and printing.....	125	124	125
Lumber.....	---	---	83
Automobiles.....	103	109	159
Leather and shoes.....	95	91	99
Cement, brick and glass.....	110	111	99
Nonferrous metals.....	101	104	129
Petroleum refining.....	168	---	160
Rubber tires.....	107	105	152
Tobacco manufactures.....	133	128	126
Commodity Stocks—			
Total.....	147	141	134
Raw materials.....	164	152	141
Manufactured goods.....	125	126	124
Unfilled Orders—			
Total.....	80	84	86
Textiles.....	54	50	82
Iron and steel.....	89	93	93
Transportation equipment.....	112	123	81
Lumber.....	72	79	82

The Department of Commerce's Weekly Statement of Business Conditions in the United States.

According to the weekly statement of the Department of Commerce, the volume of business for the week ended May 3, as indicated by the volume of check payments, was greater than the week of April 26 but below the same week in 1929. Operations in steel plants during the latest reported week were slightly less than the activity for the preceding week and still below the level of the corresponding week in 1929.

The value of building contracts showed a gain of 7% over last week and 6% over a year ago.

The general index of wholesale prices showed a slight decline from a week ago and were more than 7% lower than last year. Composite iron and steel price showed a slight decline from the preceding week and was 7% lower than a year ago.

Bank loans and discounts at the end of the week, while showing no change from the preceding week, were more than 3% above those for a year ago. Prices for stocks were

about 5% lower than last week and 9% below what they were in 1929.

WEEKLY BUSINESS INDICATORS.
(Weeks Ended Saturday. Average 1923-25=100.)

	1930.				1929.			
	May 3.	Apr. 26.	Apr. 19.	Apr. 12.	May 4.	Apr. 27.	Apr. 20.	Apr. 13.
Steel operations.....	101.3	102.6	100.0	---	127.6	132.9	128.9	126.3
Bituminous coal production.....	84.1	83.2	84.7	---	90.1	93.6	88.8	84.6
Petroleum produc'n (daily average).....	124.3	122.9	122.9	---	126.3	127.3	128.3	125.5
Freight car loadings.....	---	93.1	95.0	---	109.5	109.7	104.7	101.4
a Lumber production.....	107.0	105.4	108.3	---	---	120.8	119.8	121.0
Building contracts, 37 States (daily average).....	131.0	121.7	104.0	118.1	122.9	141.2	122.2	195.1
Wheat receipts.....	---	51.3	29.4	32.7	48.3	46.1	44.7	51.8
Cotton receipts.....	36.9	36.2	33.8	43.8	34.6	50.0	52.3	54.2
Hog receipts.....	---	74.7	66.8	73.1	85.6	86.4	83.9	72.2
Cattle receipts.....	---	73.5	76.3	76.4	85.7	82.4	82.1	73.5
Price No. 2 wheat.....	---	76.0	78.3	82.9	82.9	82.9	87.6	88.4
Price cotton middling.....	61.0	59.9	59.6	61.0	72.8	72.8	74.6	76.1
Price iron and steel, composite.....	82.8	83.1	83.2	83.4	89.5	89.5	88.9	88.9
Copper, electrolytic, price.....	---	100.0	100.0	129.0	129.0	129.0	129.0	133.3
Fisher's Index (1926=100).....	---	90.2	90.7	91.3	96.7	96.7	96.7	97.3
Check payments.....	120.4	116.1	129.6	121.2	136.0	125.6	140.7	128.2
Bank loans and discounts.....	135.7	135.7	134.8	134.7	131.6	131.1	131.5	131.7
Interest rates, call money.....	92.1	97.0	97.0	97.0	269.7	200.0	190.9	197.0
Business failures.....	116.0	134.4	120.6	121.4	103.4	110.3	119.9	116.7
Stock prices.....	233.0	244.5	249.0	248.8	257.2	253.2	249.1	246.9
Bond prices.....	106.0	105.9	106.1	106.4	106.0	106.2	105.8	105.3
Interest rates, time money.....	97.0	100.0	102.9	102.9	197.1	194.3	200.0	205.7
Federal Reserve ratio.....	106.4	105.5	103.9	105.2	94.6	95.9	94.6	95.2
b Detroit employment.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	137.3

* Revised. a Relative to weekly average 1927-1929 for week shown. b Data available semi-monthly only.

Annalist Weekly Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices.

The Annalist Weekly Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices stands at 131.9, a decline of 0.4 point from the preceding week (132.3), and compares with 143.0, the index on the same date last year. In presenting its index the "Annalist" also says:

The decline this week, bringing the composite index to the lowest post-war point, is due to sharp declines in metals and textiles, together with minor declines in the farm products, fuels, building materials and miscellaneous groups.

Finished steel, copper, lead, tin and zinc made new declines during the week, copper going to 12½ cents a pound, the lowest in more than six years. The textile index went to a new post-war low because of fresh declines in spot silk (a lag from the declines in futures during recent weeks and in spite of firming of future prices this week), and renewed declines in worsted yarns. In the farm products group a sharp drop in steers and eggs is balanced by advances in hogs, lambs, barley and oats. Prices in the food products group also are mixed; in the fuel group, gasoline has advanced further, but crude petroleum has dropped sharply; declines in lumber and rubber account for the lowered building materials and miscellaneous indexes.

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

	May 6 1930.	April 29 1930.	May 7 1929.
Farm products.....	125.1	125.2	138.6
Food products.....	134.5	134.4	143.6
Textile products.....	126.4	128.3	150.6
Fuels.....	156.8	157.0	161.2
Metals.....	113.1	115.2	128.3
Building materials.....	149.8	149.9	154.0
Chemicals.....	130.8	130.8	135.2
Miscellaneous.....	115.7	115.8	122.2
All commodities.....	131.9	132.3	143.0

J. G. Lonsdale Finds Readjustment of Business Conditions Proceeding in Orderly Manner.

Comparison of business conditions for the first quarter of 1930 with those for the corresponding period of 1929 was termed "unjustified" by John G. Lonsdale, President of the American Bankers' Association, in a statement issued this week. Mr. Lonsdale declared that in the first three months of 1929 a new high level for the general run of business and record figures for many of our more important industries and trades were experienced and that when 1928 and earlier years are recalled the general level of business is favorable. He continued:

"The readjustment in 1930 is moving forward in an orderly manner, without credit stringency. Recovery is in progress, slow in some lines and in some sections, faster in others. Progressive adjustment of production to current consumption is now well under way.

"Our banking position is favorable to support fully all conservative demands for credit. Rates have eased considerably and a diffusion of credit into the smaller centers is beginning to be noticeable. Individual bank transactions, outside of the larger centers, indicate a weekly average only slightly less than a year ago, but larger than in the first quarter of 1928. There are no insuperable difficulties in the banking field or in the money market generally, and prudent undertakings are generally assured of banking support. Indications are that if money becomes much cheaper it will not remain so for long, and I expect a firm tendency, due to increased demand, will be manifested within a period of months."

Trend of Business as Viewed by Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago—Price Trend May Continue Downward 1930-1934.

In the view of the Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago, "lower money rates the world over will tend to stabilize prices and perhaps even to strengthen them." The bank adds however, that "the probable current

effect of cheap money scarcely seems to warrant the conclusion that the 1923-29 trend of commodity prices will be completely reversed for the entire period 1930-34." This statement is made by the bank in discussing "The Trend of Business" under date of May 5,—its present comments supplementing previous views by the bank on the subject alluded to in our issue of May 3, page 3067—In its latest edict on the trend of business the bank says in part:

Lower commodity prices apparently have supplanted last year's stock crash as a present cause of business pessimism. In particular, the prices of such commodities as wheat, copper, rubber, coffee, silk, wool, sugar, cotton seem to be causing the most concern.

In view of this unsettled state of business sentiment, no apology is needed for placing a discussion of prices at the beginning of this, the second, number of a series of special studies having to do with business trends during the period 1923-29.

As a summary of the price discussion in succeeding paragraphs, may we enumerate the following points: The level of all commodity prices has been working lower, but the average for the past seven years was 50% higher than the prewar average. A decline of such proportions as would restore prewar prices seems altogether improbable. Prices of agricultural products have been holding above the price average of non-agricultural products. Those commodity prices which have been most disturbing are established in international markets. Foreign products rather than domestic seem to have borne the brunt of the price decline. In the case of several of the commodities mentioned, attempts to control supply and price have contributed to the unsettlement of prices. The general average of domestic prices should become firmer when business expands, and easy money, the world over, should help to stabilize international prices.

What Is "Normal" for Commodity Prices?

American business has expanded so rapidly at various times since the war that a natural feeling prevails to consider "normal" an unbroken succession of yearly increases. But so far as prices are concerned, normal has been an average decrease of 9% a year in the period 1923-29. This trend is shown in Chart III, (this we omitted) and it is against this downward trend that price fluctuations during the period should be measured.

The price trend of non-agricultural commodities during the past seven years was an average annual decline of 1.3% almost four times as much as the 36% average yearly decline in agricultural prices. Since the first quarter of 1927, prices of agricultural products have been above and have helped to sustain the average of all prices.

Also, a recent study of prices by a Chicago investment house shows that commodities of foreign origin have declined much more in price than domestic products.

Current Price Decline Should Presently Be Checked.

The general price level in March was lower than at any time during the past seven years and was 4.6% subnormal, compared with a 5.4% total decline from normal in 1924 and 4.5% in 1927. But with improvement in business, the decline in the general price average should at least be checked.

Prices Declining From High Level but Profits Not Eliminated.

While prices in the United States were drifting lower during the past seven years, the production trend was upward and profits were rising rapidly. Moreover, in spite of the downward trend of prices, the average for the entire period was 50% higher than the 1913, or prewar, level—which means that a reduction in prices three-fourths as large as the 1920-21 deflation would be necessary to restore the prewar price average. Even if the price trend should continue downward during the next five years, no such deflation is in prospect, for commodity prices have not been inflated since 1920.

Price Trend May Continue Downward During 1930-34.

Lower money rates, the world over, will tend to stabilize commodity prices and perhaps even to strengthen them, particularly those prices that are determined in international markets. But the probable current effect of cheap money scarcely seems to warrant the conclusion that the 1923-29 trend of commodity prices will be completely reversed for the entire period 1930-34.

We are not alarmed by statements that a decline in gold production will bring about an immediate, drastic decline in prices.

The present stock of monetary gold in the United States is very large and any outflow could be offset for a time by Federal Reserve Bank policy. Moreover, even greater efficiency is possible in the use of gold as a credit base. And if the time should come when the world's need of gold is in excess of the annual increase in the production of new gold, much could be done to avoid price reduction by cooperative action on the part of the central banks of the leading gold standard countries.

All told, then, the worst that we can foresee is that the gold outlook does not indicate a rising trend of prices during the next five years. The price trend may continue downward at some such rate as during the past seven years. The average annual decline may possibly be greater, but not of drastic proportions.

This opinion refers, of course, to the general level of American prices. To analyze or forecast fluctuations in the prices of particular commodities will continue to call for study of changing supply and demand conditions in the case of each commodity.

Professor Garfield of University of Chicago Finds Foundation Is Being Laid For Sustained Business Recovery During Latter Part of Year.

The foundation is being laid for sound and sustained recovery of business during the latter part of 1930, according to Professor Garfield V. Cox of the School of Commerce and Administration of the University of Chicago. Professor Cox made that prediction on April 25 in his talk on "Forecasting Business Fluctuations," at the Art Institute in Chicago. Professor Cox finds that all the well known indices of industrial activity are running considerably below estimated

normal, but there is increasing evidence that consumption has not shrunk correspondingly and that the readjustments necessitated by the over-expansion of 1929 are being rapidly completed. Two generalizations, he says, are worth keeping in mind in an attempt to forecast cyclical fluctuations of industrial production, the economist declared. One is the striking tendency since 1900 for industrial cycles to last between three and four years. The other is that the first step in predicting the course of industrial activity is to estimate its current volume in terms of its relation to a normal trend, because the rate of consumption of basic goods in this country tends to move forward at a remarkably uniform rate. Professor Cox said:

"For forecasting there is no adequate substitute for constant study of the changing forces at work in the business situation. But the two generalizations provide a sound basis for forecasting. The theory of the periodicity of industrial cycles has been belittled by economists. But the fact remains that if during the last 30 years one had based his successive predictions upon the assumption that each cycle, in turn, would run about three and one-half years, he would seldom have been wrong.

"This theory would have been slightly misleading during the period dominated by the war, but no more seriously than any one of several more highly regarded methods of forecasting would have done.

"The forecaster, basing his expectations upon periodicity, would have increased his accuracy slightly by expecting major advances of production to precede those of production by from five to ten months, and would have been more dependable than the latter, for stock prices have made a number of false starts.

"It is possible to predict the rate of consumption of basic goods into the immediate future with a considerable degree of confidence. If current production is far above the projected rate, it is not likely to be maintained there for long unless there is at work in the situation some unusual factor which careful search should enable one to identify and appraise.

"Similarly, if production is seriously behind the normal rate, it will not continue long depressed unless restrained by unusual factors such as the business analyst should be able to discover. To predict the length to which a recovery from depression or a recession from prosperity will carry, one must estimate the net strength of the forces behind the particular movement.

"An analysis of present industrial conditions in terms of relation to normal trend suggests recovery of business at an earlier date than does the theory of a 40 months' cycle, and where the two bases give conflicting indications, the former is the more convincing. At present all of the well-known indexes of industrial activity are running considerably below estimated normal.

"Evidence continues to accumulate that consumption has not shrunk correspondingly, and that the readjustments necessitated by the overexpansion of 1929 are being rapidly completed. Meantime no new depressants of major significance seem likely to appear. The foundation is therefore being laid for sound and sustained recovery of business during the latter part of the current year."

National Fertilizer Association Reports Commodity Prices at New Low Level.

Commodity prices declined six-tenths of 1% during the week ended May 3, according to the wholesale price index of the National Fertilizer Association, which under date of May 5 says:

Nine groups declined and not a single one advanced, which has not occurred since the week of Feb. 22. Forty-eight items declined and only thirteen advanced. The thirteen items included such important commodities as cotton, cottonseed, cottonseed meal, cottonseed oil and hogs. Most other sensitive items declined, such as fats, other foods, grains, feeds, livestock, petroleum, coffee and rubber. The declines in fertilizer materials, butter and eggs were seasonal, and those of metals were in conformity with customary lag.

Based on 1926-1928 as 100 and on 474 quotations, the index stood at 91.0 for the week ended May 3; at 91.6 for April 26, and at 92.0 for April 19.

Farm Prices Recover Slightly—In Period From March 15 to April 15—Still Below Last Year However.

Some evidence that the downward course of farm prices the last seven months has been checked is seen by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in a report which says that prices of all farm products except meat animals and wool advanced from March 15 to April 15. The Bureau's index of farm prices is reported at 127% of the pre-war level on April 15, which is one point higher than on March 15, but 11 points below April 15 a year ago. From March 15 to April 15 this year prices of fruits and vegetables advanced 18 points, cotton and cottonseed 7 points, grains 3 points, and poultry and poultry products 2 points. There was a 5 point decline in farm prices of meat animals, and the index for dairy products showed no change. The Bureau in an announcement April 29 likewise says:

Compared with a year ago, the April 15 index of prices of cotton and cottonseed was down 32 points, meat animals down 18 points, dairy products down 16 points, and grains and poultry products down 10 points each. Prices of fruits and vegetables were up 77 points, the only group to show an advance over a year ago.

Farm prices of hogs declined approximately 4% from March 15 to April 15, and brought hog prices to a level about 10% below a year ago. Coming at a time when market receipts of hogs were decreasing, the lower farm price was apparently a reflection of a much weaker demand situation. As a result of the decline in hog prices and advancing farm prices of corn, the corn-hog ratio for the United States declined from 12.8 on March 15 to

11.7 on April 15. During the same period, the Iowa ratio declined 2 points to 13.3.

Farm price of sheep and lambs declined under pressure of heavy marketing. Although market receipts did not increase at a much faster rate during this period than in 1929, the much higher level of supply has exerted a depressing influence on sheep and lamb prices during the past two months. Farm prices of sheep declined 2% and farm prices of lambs, 6% from March 15 to April 15, when sheep prices were 23% and lamb prices 32% lower than a year ago.

The farm price of corn was approximately 5% higher on April 15 than on March 15, but despite this upturn, corn prices on April 15 were about 10% below a year ago. Farm prices of corn advanced generally throughout the country during the month except in the North Atlantic States, where no change occurred. Commercial corn stocks in store in principal United States markets decreased at a somewhat faster rate from March 15 to April 12 than during the same period a year ago.

The United States average farm price of wheat advanced approximately 1.5% from March 15 to April 15, and at 93.4 cents per bushel on the latter date, the farm price of wheat is still about 6.5% below a year ago, 28% below April 15, 1928, and the lowest April figure recorded since 1914. The advance in the farm price from March 15 to April 15 was accompanied by indications that the 1930 winter wheat crop came out of the winter in slightly worse than average condition.

Adverse weather conditions in the Southeast apparently favored the advance for the month of about 7% in the United States average farm price of potatoes. In this period farm prices advanced about 13% in the North Atlantic States, 7% in the East North Central States, 6% in the Far West and 4% in West North Central and South Central States. Farm prices declined about 1% in South Atlantic States, however, as shipments of new potatoes from Florida continued to increase. Recent reports indicate that unusually heavy March rains have resulted in greatly reduced early crop yields in Florida.

The United States average farm price of cotton, after declining for six successive months, advanced approximately 6.5% from March 15 to April 15. On the latter date, the farm price of cotton was about 21% below a year ago. Recent price advances have been accompanied by some increase in the volume of trade in both raw cotton and cotton textiles.

The United States average farm price of wool has declined every month since March 1929 and reached a new low point of 21.4 cents per pound on April 15. At that time, wool prices were approximately 37% below a year ago, 40% below April 15, 1928, and at the lowest April figure in the past nine years. A continuation of the decline in consumption and indications of a record clip of domestic wool this spring accompanied the 10% decline in the farm price from March 15 to April 15.

Corporation Statements, End of 1929, Show Improvement, According to Analysis by Ernst & Ernst.

Published financial statements of nearly 1,000 corporations, both in the aggregate and classified by 30 lines, show improvement in financial structure at the close of 1929 as compared with the two preceding years, which in themselves were record years, according to an analysis made by Ernst & Ernst, accountants. But certain backward tendencies are reflected in 1929, it is said. Inventories increased and the cash position declined. The inventory situation at the year-end, it is pointed out, was no doubt due partly to the late arrival of the business reversal which checked stock clearing and partly to sub-normal crop conditions which necessitated the carrying over of larger stocks in certain lines. Comparative summaries of the composite study, 1929 with 1928 and 1929 with 1927, show the following:

Increases—	1929 Compared with 1928.		1928 Compared with 1927.	
	No. of Cos.*	Per Cent Increase.	No. of Cos.*	Per Cent Increase.
In sales.....	396	9.00%	494	8.16%
In Earnings.....	794	18.73%	815	20.49%
In working capital.....	950	4.37%	914	8.86%
In cash and securities.....	950	(decrease) 4.72%	914	19.09%
In inventories.....	950	9.36%	762	3.89%
In permanent assets.....	950	6.60%	914	4.60%

Ratios.	
Current assets to current liabilities.....	950 companies, 1929, 4.58:1 950 companies, 1928, 4.61:1 914 companies, 1927, 4.74:1
Inventories to working capital.....	950 companies, 1929, 61:1 950 companies, 1928, 58:1

*Number of companies depends on reports available at time of study; sales figures are not included in many published reports.

The analysis states that a previous study covering a more limited number of companies that at the close of 1920 inventories actually exceeded the amount of net working capital for the group as a whole. Information supplied in the present study follows:

By the end of 1926 the situation was improved to the extent that for these same companies inventories then represented approximately 63% of the net working capital, while current assets had increased to 4.64 times the current liabilities from a ratio of 2.85:1 at the end of 1920. At the close of 1929 inventories for the 950 companies included in the study averaged 61% of the net working capital, still relatively a little lower than the 1926 ratio, notwithstanding the year-end slump in business and the consequent increase in inventories in 1929 over 1928 of 9.36%. This seems to be concrete evidence of the careful attention being accorded inventories on the part of management generally, to the end that production be regulated to consumption and excess inventories avoided wherever possible.

This study seems to indicate that cash and readily convertible assets available at the end of 1928 permitted corporations to carry increased inventories on their own resources instead of borrowing for this purpose to any great extent. This is supported by the fact that the ratio of current assets to current liabilities declined very little, 1928 to 1929.

While permanent assets increased 6.60% during the year, net working capital increased 4.37% and the current ratio position was not materially affected by the increases in permanent assets and inventories.

Allowances should be made in these comparisons for the undeterminable influences of expansion of business, acquisition of additional companies through mergers, commodity price changes, differences in composition of groups, &c. Items have been excluded from this tabulation in cases where it was apparent that late 1929 occurrences were such as to distort the comparison for any particular company.

COMPARATIVE STUDY OF INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION.

As compiled from published financial statements, years 1929-1928.

Classification.	No. of Cos.	Per Cent Increase—1929 Over 1928.			
		Cash and Securities	Inventories.	Working Capital	Plants and Property's
Aeronautics.....	5	*49.95%		*4.99%	33.12%
Amusement companies.....	9	*21.33%		*34.12%	37.89%
Automobile and truck.....	18	*31.21%	*4.12%	*9.30%	10.61%
Auto parts and accessories.....	49	*3.84%	9.27%	6.48%	22.08%
Bakeries.....	16	4.47%	4.03%	*4.87%	6.63%
Beverages and confections.....	22	*22.40%	50.92%	5.94%	4.29%
Brass and copper products.....	13	10.85%	6.81%	7.72%	7.45%
Building supplies.....	62	*9.84%	7.17%	2.75%	5.54%
Business equipment.....	11	*13.82%	9.21%	*1.84%	8.41%
Chemicals.....	20	3.92%	22.38%	9.47%	17.70%
Clothing manufacturers.....	34	3.37%	1.19%	*1.13%	8.07%
Coal mining.....	13	3.27%	3.61%	*6.1%	3.27%
Drugs.....	17	*3.85%	9.91%	*2.35%	15.55%
Electric household equipment.....	12	*17.61%	9.42%	4.46%	5.41%
Food products—Miscellaneous.....	41	*3.69%	*8.65%	6.56%	8.14%
Iron and steel.....	30	*3.55%	13.60%	3.50%	*1.94%
Machinery and tools.....	76	*26.34%	19.83%	3.41%	5.94%
Meat packers.....	15	*8.01%	1.83%	14%	7.6%
Merchandising.....	53	3.63%	14.02%	10.25%	18.07%
Metal products—Sundry.....	76	9.48%	9.10%	6.09%	8.31%
Mining and smelting.....	34	3.04%	19.27%	7.58%	*1.14%
Oil producers, refiners.....	58	7.39%	15.69%	11.79%	8.28%
Paper products.....	24	*2.87%	2.76%	5.03%	5.75%
Printers and publishers.....	17	26.84%	2.67%	7.06%	4.36%
Railroad equipment.....	16	*10.42%	19.61%	.56%	*7.75%
Restaurant chains.....	6	10.48%		*6.60%	5.23%
Shoe manufacturers.....	13	34.86%	*11.82%	3.00%	.59%
Textiles.....	42	10.29%	*17.28%	*6.58%	.88%
Tire and rubber.....	14	9.46%	.91%	7.2%	12.43%
Tobacco products.....	22	10.78%	6.33%	7.11%	5.55%
Unclassified manufacturing and trade.....	112	6.76%	13.89%	14.08%	11.89%
Total.....	950	*4.72%	9.36%	4.37%	6.60%

Classification.	Ratio Current Assets to Current Liabilities.				Ratio Inventories to Working Capital.		Sales.		
	1929.		1928.		1929.		1928.		
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.	No. of Cos.	% Incr. '29 Over '28.			
Aeronautics.....	6.67:1	4.61:1		.1	.1	3	23.90%		
Amusement companies.....	1.89	3.25				6	14.68%		
Automobile and truck.....	3.16	2.78	.70	.66	12	1.83%			
Auto parts and accessories.....	4.69	3.84	.53	.52	9	10.89%			
Bakeries.....	3.31	3.36	.44	.40	4	8.58%			
Beverages and confections.....	7.09	6.50	.54	.38	13	7.37%			
Brass and copper products.....	6.32	5.32	.57	.58	4	18.11%			
Building supplies.....	5.15	5.02	.51	.49	20	5.90%			
Business equipment.....	6.04	6.97	.44	.40	4	17.10%			
Chemicals.....	7.77	7.49	.33	.29	10	15.41%			
Clothing manufacturers.....	4.72	5.65	.59	.58	12	3.77%			
Coal mining.....	3.11	3.60	.64	.62	8	4.11%			
Drugs.....	3.87	4.59	.62	.55	8	11.48%			
Electric household equipment.....	5.28	6.20	.40	.39	9	17.66%			
Food products—Miscellaneous.....	4.21	4.01	.54	.53	22	20.20%			
Iron and steel.....	4.90	5.20	.63	.68	14	10.81%			
Machinery and tools.....	4.82	5.23	.50	.43	21	18.23%			
Meat packers.....	4.19	4.48	.78	.77	10	3.75%			
Merchandising.....	4.23	4.19	.72	.69	32	12.37%			
Metal products—Sundry.....	5.92	5.84	.51	.50	17	15.10%			
Mining and smelting.....	4.27	4.31	.61	.55	23	5.69%			
Oil producers, refiners.....	4.47	4.45	.67	.65	35	10.89%			
Paper products.....	3.23	3.11	.80	.82	7	7.98%			
Printers and publishers.....	3.11	3.41	.44	.46	11	6.36%			
Railroad equipment.....	5.63	7.38	.31	.26					
Restaurant chains.....	1.82	2.12			5	6.09%			
Shoe manufacturers.....	7.36	7.15	.48	.56	7	4.86%			
Textiles.....	6.19	5.80	.63	.71	10	3.61%			
Tire and rubber.....	4.50	4.71	.64	.64	10	*3.4%			
Tobacco products.....	11.42	9.44	.80	.80					
Unclassified manufacturing and trade.....	3.88	4.15	.55	.55	43	22.11%			
Total.....	4.58:1	4.61:1	.61:1	.58	3396	9.00%			

* Decrease.
x Sales figures are not included in many published reports.

Production of Electric Power in the United States in March 1930 About 2% Ahead of That for the Corresponding Month Last Year.

According to the Division of Power Resources, Geological Survey, the output of electric power by public utility plants in the United States for the month of March, 1930, amounted to approximately 8,164,080,000 k.w.h., an increase of about 2% over the same month last year, when production totaled around 7,992,000,000 k.w.h. Of the total for March of this year, 4,904,227,000 k.w.h. were produced by fuels and 3,259,853,000 k.w.h. by water power. The Survey's statement shows:

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

Division.	Total by Water Power and Fuels.			Change in Output from Previous Year.	
	January.	February.	March.	February.	March.
	New England.....	591,742,000	529,548,000	553,944,000	0%
Middle Atlantic.....	2,283,059,000	2,003,090,000	2,097,394,000	+5%	+6%
East North Central.....	2,071,103,000	1,820,155,000	1,940,304,000	-2%	-2%
West North Central.....	508,393,000	446,923,000	484,020,000	+5%	+11%
South Atlantic.....	1,110,907,000	964,607,000	1,089,437,000	+7%	+2%
East South Central.....	326,372,000	281,351,000	307,144,000	-3%	+4%
West South Central.....	410,190,000	378,251,000	397,336,000	+4%	+6%
Mountain.....	320,298,000	277,399,000	302,023,000	-3%	-6%
Pacific.....	1,029,730,000	921,639,000	992,478,000	+7%	+1%
Total for U. S.....	8,651,794,000	7,622,963,000	8,164,080,000	+3%	+2%

The average daily production of electricity by public-utility power plants in the United States for March was 263,400,000 k.w.h., about 3% less than the average for February. This reduction is the normal reduction from February to March as indicated by the records from 1920 to 1929. The total output for March of this year was about 2% larger than for March 1929.

The production of electricity by the use of water power in March showed a marked increase over that for February, being 40% of the total production in March as compared with 35% in February. The production of electricity by the use of water power is still considerably below normal, and if normal precipitation occurs throughout the country the output by the use of water power will tend to increase further.

TOTAL MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF ELECTRICITY BY PUBLIC UTILITY POWER PLANTS IN 1929 AND 1930.

Table with columns for months (January to December), production in 1929 and 1930, and percentage increases. Includes a total row at the bottom.

a Revised. b Based on output for 28 days.

The quantities given in the tables are based on the operation of all power plants producing 10,000 k.w.h. or more per month...

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

Chain Store Sales in April Offset Loss Reported in March.

Sales of 29 of the leading chain store companies of the country for April indicate that the loss reported in sales during March was more than offset by the gains reported in April...

Sales of 29 leading systems reporting for April aggregate \$247,329,966, an increase of \$22,389,852, compared with total sales of \$224,940,114 reported for April 1929...

For the four months ended April 1930 sales of these 29 companies aggregated \$911,009,348, an increase of \$38,-579,298, or 4.3%...

Table comparing monthly sales for April 1930 and four months ended April 30. Columns include 1930, 1929, % change, and 1930, 1929, % change for the four-month period.

a Four weeks ended April 23. b Four weeks ended April 25. c Jan. 2 to April 23. d Jan. 1 to April 25. e Decrease.

Dun's Price Index.

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

Table showing price index trends for various commodity groups like Breadstuffs, Meat, Dairy, etc., from May 1930 to May 1927.

Dun's Report of Failures in April.

The insolvency record for the United States continues to reflect the readjustments through which business is passing,

each succeeding monthly report revealing a commercial mortality appreciably above the seasonal average. Data compiled by R. G. Dun & Co. place the number of April failures, exclusive of banking and other fiduciary suspensions, at 2,198...

As with the number of insolvencies, the April indebtedness was considerably above the monthly average. The \$49,059,308 now reported by R. G. Dun & Co., while materially smaller than the amount for March, contrasts with \$35,269,702 for April 1929...

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

Table showing monthly and quarterly failures by number and liabilities for 1930, 1929, and 1928.

FAILURES BY BRANCHES OF BUSINESS—APRIL 1930.

Detailed table of failures by business branches (Manufacturers, Traders, etc.) for April 1930, showing number and liabilities.

Loading of Railroad Revenue Freight Continues Low.

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended on April 26 totaled 907,174 cars, the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association announced on May 6. This was an increase of 14,293 cars above the preceding week but a reduction of 144,711 cars below the same week in 1929. It also was a reduction of 55,833 cars under the same week in 1928. Details follow:

Miscellaneous freight loading for the week of April 26 totaled 370,089 cars, 46,712 cars below the same week in 1929 and 15,252 cars below the corresponding week in 1928.

Loading of merchandise less-than-carload-lot freight amounted to 247,354 cars, a reduction of 16,704 cars under the same week last year and 12,038 cars under the same week two years ago.

Coal loading amounted to 139,611 cars, a decrease of 25,050 cars under the same week in 1929 and 17,055 cars below the same week in 1928.

Forests products loading amounted to 58,669 cars, 12,923 cars below the same week last year and 5,221 cars under the corresponding week in 1928.

Ore loading amounted to 15,371 cars, a decrease of 38,755 cars under the same week in 1929 but 1,313 cars above the corresponding week two years ago.

Coke loading amounted to 9,929 cars, a decrease of 2,776 cars under the corresponding week last year and 576 cars below the same week in 1928.

Grain and grain products loading for the week totaled 38,768 cars, an increase of 1,890 cars above the corresponding week in 1929 by 4,488 cars below the same week in 1928. In the western districts alone, grain and grain products loading amounted to 25,142 cars, an increase of 1,464 cars above the same week in 1929.

Livestock loading totaled 27,383 cars, 3,681 cars below the same week in 1929 and 2,516 cars below the corresponding week in 1928. In the western districts alone, livestock loading amounted to 22,455 cars, a decrease of 3,041 cars compared with the same week last year.

All districts reported reductions in the total loading of all commodities compared with the same week in 1929, while all except the Southwestern reported reductions under the same week in 1928.

Loading of revenue freight in 1930 compared with the two previous years follows:

	1930.	1929.	1928.
Four weeks in January.....	3,349,424	3,571,455	3,448,895
Four weeks in February.....	3,505,962	3,766,136	3,590,742
Five weeks in March.....	4,414,625	4,815,937	4,752,559
Four weeks in April.....	3,619,293	3,989,142	3,740,307
Total.....	14,889,304	16,142,670	15,532,503

Detroit Employment Gains.

The following from Detroit May 5 is taken from the "Wall Street News:"

Steady improvement in employment in metropolitan Detroit is shown in employment index as computed by the Board of Commerce, as of April 30 index was 110.5 as compared with 109 on April 15, and 108.5 for the latter part of March, index as of April 30 1929 as 136.

Willys-Overland Co. Introduces New Models.

The Willys-Overland Co. introduced in New York this week the new Willys Straight Eight line offered in four models, including a Standard coupe at \$1,245, a Standard sedan at \$1,295, a De Luxe coupe at \$1,345, and a De Luxe sedan at \$1,395. The new models have a wheelbase of 120 inches and are powered by straight eight engines developing 80 horsepower.

Rubber Output Curtailed by British and Dutch Rubber Growers—Also Agree to Cut Tea Production.

A cablegram from The Hague May 3 to the New York "Times" said:

The Association of Dutch Rubber Growers announces 111 Dutch, 313 British, 30 Continental and 58 Dutch-Indian companies have decided to cease tapping during May. For scientific purposes tapping is allowed on 290 hectares (about 725 acres).

The British Indian and Ceylon Tea Growers' Association, Dutch tea plantation owners and the tea section of the British Chamber of Commerce for Dutch East Indies have definitely agreed to reduce tea production by almost \$48,500,000.

From London yesterday (May 9) the New York "Sun" reported the following:

H. J. Welch, Chairman of the Rubber Trusts, at the annual meeting said that the present scheme for the cessation of rubber tapping for one month might prove to be sufficient, but that in case it shouldn't, he suggested a further restriction scheme for ceasing tapping for seven consecutive specified days in every month following any month during which the average spot price in London of standard quality smoked sheet didn't exceed nine pence a pound. He was hopeful that another agreement covering a period of 12 months might be negotiated between all countries along safe economic lines.

Further Decline in New York State Factory Employment.

Representative New York State factories continued to reduce forces in April to the extent of between 1½ and 2%, according to Industrial Commissioner Frances Perkins. A loss is usual from March to April and the drop this year was only a little larger than the average loss at this season. However, it did not follow spring gains as in previous years, but a steady decline since October, says the Commissioner's survey, issued May 7. It continues:

The index number of employment stood at 90 in April 1930, one point below the low figure for July 1928. At that time the trend of factory

employment had been downward for more than two years. From the summer of 1928 to the fall of 1929 the trend was mostly upward. The net gain for the 15 months from July 1928 to October 1929 has been more than offset by the drop of over 10% in the last six months.

Employees in the representative factories numbered 9% less in April than a year ago and 3% less than two years ago. These statements are based upon reports from about 1,700 manufacturing firms reporting monthly to the Bureau of Statistics and Information of the Department of Labor. The factories were chosen to represent the various industries located in the State and employ approximately one-third of all factory workers.

Decreases were reported by the majority of industries in April. Of the 11 main industry groups where the industries are classified according to the major raw material used in production, the food, clothing and leather groups made the largest reductions. Declines occurred in all of the other main groups except stone, clay and glass.

Movements in New York City corresponded generally with those for the State as a whole, although the total loss was slightly greater. General seasonal reductions were reported in the clothing trades and in the food industries.

General losses in most of the metals in April caused the group to decline for the seventh month, although some firms making automobiles and parts, iron and steel, and boats and ships reported more workers employed than in March. Small changes occurred in brass, copper and aluminum firms, and firearms, tools and cutlery concerns, but the other metals cut forces more usually over 1%. Reductions were especially large among cooking, heating and apparatus firms.

Seasonal declines of 5% and over were reported by three large clothing industries, men's clothing, men's furnishings, and women's apparel. Related industries, millinery, shoes, knit goods and gloves and bags, also made reductions. General gains occurred in cotton goods factories and fur shops.

The canneries were generally beginning to take on workers and some firms in the meat and dairy products and beverage industries also reported improvement. Many producers of sugar and other groceries and candy directed forces noticeably.

The chemical group moved downward irregularly with general losses in drugs and industrial chemicals. Paper, paper goods and printing all reported decreases. With the exception of the saw and planing mills, which recorded further good improvement, the wood industries could not hold their March gains. The upward movement continued in the stone, clay and glass group. Good seasonal gains were reported in the lime, cement and plaster and brick, tile and pottery industries.

Statistics furnished by the Commissioner follow:

FACTORY EMPLOYMENT IN NEW YORK STATE APRIL 1930 (PRELIMINARY).

Industry.	Percentage Change Mar. 1930 to Apr. 1930.	
	Total State.	New York City.
Stone, clay and glass products.....	+2.41	+5.12
Miscellaneous stone and mineral products.....	-0.75	+1.87
Lime, cement and plaster.....	+11.02	+16.43
Brick, tile and pottery.....	+2.99	+18.14
Glass.....	-0.39	-0.31
Metals, machinery and conveyances.....	-0.52	-0.70
Gold, silver and precious stones.....	-2.51	-2.67
Brass, copper, aluminum, &c.....	-0.49	-0.54
Pig iron and rolling mill products.....	+1.41
Structural and architectural iron work.....	-3.39	-1.76
Sheet metal work and hardware.....	-1.40	-2.22
Firearms, tools and cutlery.....	-0.10	+13.16
Cooking, heating and ventilating apparatus.....	-2.55	+1.95
Machinery (including electrical apparatus).....	-2.35	-4.45
Automobiles, carriages and aeroplanes.....	+3.28	-1.42
Cars, locomotives and railway repair shops.....	-0.69	+1.17
Boat and ship building.....	+7.29	+8.25
Instruments and appliances.....	-0.79	-1.03
Wood manufactures.....	-1.16	-1.42
Saw mill and planing mill products.....	+4.68	+0.64
Furniture and cabinet work.....	-3.66	-1.73
Pianos, organs and other musical instruments.....	-0.84	-3.28
Miscellaneous wood and allied products.....	-2.17	-0.91
Furs, Leathers and Rubber Goods.....	-2.10	-2.60
Leather.....	-4.25
Furs and fur goods.....	+14.82	+14.82
Boots and shoes.....	-3.37	-10.01
Miscellaneous leather and canvas goods.....	-1.22	-1.94
Rubber and gutta percha goods.....	-4.27	-9.27
Pearl, horn, bone, celluloid, hair, &c.....	+2.43	+5.06
Chemicals, oil, paints, &c.....	-0.01	-1.06
Drugs and chemicals.....	-0.69	-4.52
Paints, dyes and colors.....	+1.22	+2.14
Animal and mineral oil products.....	-1.90	-1.81
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	+1.42	+3.36
Paper.....	-2.99	-1.14
Printing and paper goods.....	-2.99	-0.78
Paper boxes and tubes.....	-1.04	+1.92
Miscellaneous paper goods.....	-1.82	-1.29
Printing and book making.....	-0.68	-0.88
Textiles.....	+1.84	-0.62
Silk and silk goods.....	+1.06	+2.39
Wool manufactures.....	-0.26	No change
Cotton goods.....	+0.62
Cotton and woolen hosiery and knit goods.....	-4.57	-8.60
Other textiles and allied products.....	-3.18	-5.14
Clothing, millinery, laundering, &c.....	-5.06	-4.46
Men's clothing.....	-7.78	-5.07
Men's shirts and furnishings.....	-4.62	-5.53
Women's clothing.....	-6.47	-5.88
Women's underwear and furnishings.....	-4.18	-4.06
Women's headwear.....	-2.59	-2.59
Miscellaneous sewing.....	+2.02	-0.58
Laundering, cleaning, dyeing, &c.....	+1.24	-0.13
Food, beverages and tobacco.....	-2.31	-2.73
Flour, feed and other cereal products.....	-11.62	-53.67
Fruit and vegetables, canning and preserving.....	+2.03	-5.09
Groceries not elsewhere classified.....	-3.53	-3.32
Meat and dairy products.....	No change	-0.12
Bread and other bakery products.....	-1.55	-1.26
Confectionery and ice cream.....	-5.76	-6.23
Beverages.....	+0.79	+0.53
Cigars and other tobacco products.....	-1.63	-0.73
Water, light and power.....	-0.82	-1.65
Total.....	-1.59	-2.19

Business Conditions in Cleveland Federal Reserve District—Downward Movement Regarded As Checked—Wholesale and Retail Trade Conditions.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland in its "Monthly Business Review," dated May 1, says that "although the extent of business recovery from the low point has not been

particularly impressive, the fact that the general downward movement appears at least to have been stopped is encouraging."

The Bank also has the following to say regarding business conditions:

During the first quarter in the Fourth [Cleveland] District most production figures have shown an expansion from month to month, but the March records (the latest complete ones available), in all cases except building, indicate that the growth during the first quarter from the low point of December was no greater and in some cases even less than seasonal. Steel production declined in March and coal output was down more than is usual for that time of year. Retail and wholesale distribution was in smaller volume and employment showed little change from February. On the other hand, automobile output showed practically the same increase from February as was reported in 1929, and March building contracts awarded exhibited more than the usual seasonal expansion. They are, however, still well below the level of other recent years. Bank debits also increased more than seasonally.

The second quarter seems to have opened in a slightly more favorable manner. Industrialists in many parts of the district state that the trend of general business is now definitely upward, though the rate of improvement is still quite slow. Substantiating this, might be mentioned the increase in steel mill operations, particularly at Cleveland, where they averaged 86% of capacity in the latter part of April compared with 60-70% in March. Automobile producers, especially those of small cars, have expanded schedules in response to increased demand. This resulted in a distribution of parts orders throughout the district and increased operations at many factories. Tire production schedules were considerably larger in April than a month earlier, and inventories of both dealers and manufacturers are smaller than one year ago. Coal production has been increasing in preparation for Lake shipments. Department store sales were reported in good volume, although still under last year, and car loadings increased more than seasonally in early April.

The employment situation was improved in April by expanding industrial activity and the commencement of outdoor work such as construction and farming. Credit conditions are practically unchanged from one month ago and are favorable to continued improvement.

While improved retail trade in the Cleveland Federal Reserve District is reported by the Bank, a falling off in wholesale trade is shown in the Bank's survey, which we give herewith:

Retail Trade.

Retail buying showed some improvement in April compared with March, but was still slightly below the level of the pre-Easter volume of other recent years.

In comparing department store sales in March with the corresponding month of last year, which is the usual procedure, allowance must be made for the occurrence of Easter if any fair conclusion as to the present state of retail trade is to be reached. In 1929, Easter occurred on the last day of March, so that nearly all Easter buying fell in the third month. This year, with Easter in the latter part of April, buying, which always increases prior to that date, occurred mostly in the fourth month. Until April figures have been received, the true condition of retail trade in the Fourth District cannot be definitely ascertained.

March sales of 58 large department stores were 16% below last year, and sales in the first quarter were 11% below the corresponding period of 1929. This latter figure will no doubt be somewhat modified by the April reports.

The stock figures are slightly more significant. On Mar. 31 1930, which marked the beginning of the Easter sales, stocks of department stores were 5% lower than at the close of March last year after all Easter buying had been done. This clearly indicates that retail stores, in this District at least, are carrying smaller inventories than one year ago.

Wholesale Trade.

Wholesale trade in general in the Fourth District has been showing a downward tendency since last fall. As shown on the chart, for more than a year following August 1928, wholesale trade exhibited gradual improvement, but the high point was reached in October and since that time it has receded rather sharply. March sales were larger than those of February; the increase, however, was less than seasonal and the March volume was below that of any other recent year. The decline in commodity prices has been the cause of part of this falling-off, but the greater part of it is probably a reflection of the retailer's policy of keeping stocks at a minimum, which has been adhered to during the past few months. Little or no forward buying has been done.

Of all reporting wholesale lines, groceries made the best showing. March sales were only slightly below the same month of 1929 and first quarter business was down 0.5% from last year. Accounts receivable were 3% larger, but collections were 3% smaller than in the corresponding month of 1929.

Wholesale drug sales in March declined 6% and were 10% smaller in the first quarter compared with corresponding periods of 1929. Accounts receivable were considerably larger, but collections were smaller than one year ago.

All reporting wholesale dry goods firms experienced a smaller demand for merchandise during March as compared with the same month of 1929. Sales for the month and the first quarter were 16 and 14% below the corresponding periods of last year. Accounts receivable were down 11% and collections 15%.

Hardware sales also showed sizeable declines both in March and the first quarter, being 19 and 13% below the same intervals of 1929. Stocks were slightly larger and accounts receivable and collections somewhat smaller than a year ago.

Moderate Improvement in Business Reported by Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

In its Monthly Review April 30 the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis states that "due mainly to seasonal influences, business in this District during the past thirty days developed moderate improvement as contrasted with the similar period just preceding." The Bank further reports as follows:

As compared with a year ago, however, the volume of trade and industry in March and early April showed a considerable decrease. In virtually all

lines investigated by this bank, March sales were smaller than during the same month in 1929, also below the average of the corresponding period during the past half decade. Such lines as reported gains from March to April were affected by the usual seasonal considerations, and the percentage of increase was smaller than in recent years. A number of industries which ordinarily increase their activities at this season failed to show any upward trend. Among these were certain iron and steel lines, building materials, clothing, automobiles and millinery.

Unfavorable weather during March and the lateness of Easter had a tendency to hold down retail trade, both in the large cities and the country. These same causes also reacted adversely against the volume of wholesale distribution, particularly of merchandise for ordinary consumption. The most important factor in the curtailment of business, according to the reporting interests, was the general disposition on the part of buyers to purchase conservatively and almost exclusively on a necessity basis. While retail stocks are universally small, merchants are slow to replenish and fill out assortments. Manufacturers, in turn, are making up very little merchandise for which they have not actual orders booked or in fairly certain prospect.

The average rate of operations at iron and steel plants in the district showed little variation from the preceding thirty days. The estimated melt of pig iron and scrap in March was approximately the same as in February, though measurably below the total in March last year. Certain specialty makers, notably of stoves and implements, increased their operations, while curtailment was reported by other plants. The general employment situation was also spotted, and showed no marked change as a whole from the month before. Outdoor work reduced the number of idle common laborers, while the average number of unemployed factory and building workers remained about stationary. There was an increase in the surplus of clerical help and miscellaneous workers. In all states of the district the supply of farm help is adequate, with an overplus reported in scattered localities.

As reflected by sales of department stores in the principal cities in March, the volume of retail trade was 10.7% smaller than for the same month a year ago. Combined sales of all wholesale lines investigated showed a decrease of 8.3% in March under the same month in 1929. Debits to checking accounts in March as reported by the large centers were larger by 12.9% than in February, but 12.9% smaller than in March a year ago. The amount of savings deposits increased 0.9% between March 5 and April 2 and on the latter date reached the highest figure this year. The total, however, was 4.9% below that on April 3, 1929.

Aside from a slight pickup in demand for domestic sizes, occasioned by the cold snap in late March, the bituminous coal market continued quiet. There was a decline in production in all the chief fields of the district, despite which fact mine operators experienced difficulty in placing their full current output. Due to smaller production of prepared sizes, however, screenings were stronger than heretofore, though demand for steaming fuel failed to increase in volume. Contracting for future requirements, which at this time of year is usually an important factor in the market was much less in evidence than during past seasons. As has been the case in recent months, industrial users and retailers are satisfied to deal in the open market, and there was little disposition to augment storage stocks. Absence of labor troubles in the industry, coupled with efficient transportation service, tended to hold down future commitments to a minimum. Such contracting as was reported was at a reduction in prices, except in the case of steaming coal. For the country as a whole, production of bituminous coal during the present calendar year to April 5, approximately 81 working days, amounted to 131,726,000 tons, against 145,762,000 tons for the corresponding period in 1929, and 135,156,000 tons in 1928.

Reports relative to collections reflect generally less satisfactory conditions than existed earlier this year, and during the corresponding period a year and two years ago. Retailers in both the large cities and the country complain of backwardness in payments. In the case of country stores the slowness was accounted for partly by preoccupation of farmers with spring work and inclement weather during March. City retail merchants report collections on deferred payment accounts backward. Wholesalers in the large centers reported March settlements generally below estimates. Boot and shoe and dry goods wholesaling interests, with whom April is an important collection month, report payments to April 15 in measurably smaller volume than a year ago. There has been further good liquidation in the tobacco and rice areas, following marketing of those crops. Manufacturers and distributors of building materials continue to complain of backward collections. Answers to questionnaires addressed to representative interests in the several lines scattered through the district showed the following results:

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
March, 1930	1.4%	14.1%	59.2%	25.3%
February, 1930	1.5	15.0	56.2	27.3
March, 1929	4.1	30.6	50.0	15.3

Commercial failures in the Eighth Federal Reserve District in March, according to Dun's, numbered 133, involving liabilities of \$2,419,565, against 102 failures in February with liabilities of \$6,029,700, and 123 failures for a total of \$1,897,665 in March, 1929.

March Trade in Richmond Federal Reserve District Not up to That of Year Ago—Conditions in Wholesale and Department Store Trade.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond reports that March trade in its District "was in seasonal volume in comparison with recent months, but on the whole was not up to the level of trade in March 1929." In its "Monthly Review" April 30, the Bank further surveys conditions in its District as follows:

Deposits in reporting member banks increased during the past month, both demand and time deposits registering gains. At the same time the member banks failed to increase their commercial and agricultural loans as they have usually done at this time of the year. In consequence, they were able to reduce their rediscounts at the Federal Reserve Bank, contrary to the seasonal trend. At the end of March savings deposits in Baltimore savings banks were at the highest figure on record, and time deposits in reporting member banks on April 9 were above deposits of that character on the corresponding date a year earlier. Debits to individual accounts figures, representing payments by check, were seasonally larger during the four weeks ended April 9 than during the preceding four weeks, ended March 12, and were only 5.7% lower than aggregate debits during the four weeks ended April 10 1929, in spite of the decline in stock trading and a generally lower level of wholesale prices this year. Business failures in the Fifth District were fewer in number in March 1930 than in March

last year, in contrast with an increase for the United States, and although aggregate liabilities involved in March 1930 failures were larger in the Fifth District than the liabilities last year, the increase was much less in percentage than the average increase in the nation. Labor conditions appear to have improved during March and early April, chiefly due to seasonal increase in construction work. Coal production in March was less than in either February this year or March last year, and West Virginia dropped into second place in production of bituminous coal last month. No improvement occurred in the textile manufacturing field last month, and the consumption of cotton by Fifth District mills was materially less than consumption in March 1929, but the percentage of National consumption attained by Fifth district mills was higher in March than in either Feb. 1930 or March 1929, indicating that the mills of the Carolinas and Virginia are doing somewhat better than mills in some other sections. Retail trade in department stores declined greatly last month in comparison with trade in March 1929, but most of this decrease was due to the difference in the dates of Easter in the two years, and indications are that the loss will at least be cut down materially if not entirely overcome by the April figures. Wholesale trade in March registered seasonal gains over February trade, but fell behind March 1929 trade in nearly all lines. Building permits issued last month in 32 leading cities of the Fifth District were somewhat less in aggregate valuation than permits issued in March last year, but nevertheless represented a large volume of work, and contracts actually awarded for construction work in the district totaled nearly a third more than contracts awarded in March 1929. Apparently the general situation in the Fifth District is fairly good except in certain sections dependent upon cotton, and to a less degree in tobacco sections. The tobacco farmers realized fairly good prices for their 1929 crop, and for the present they are much more favorably situated than cotton growers, but official figures indicate a probable increase in tobacco acreage this year in the face of perhaps the largest carry-over of the flue-cured or bright tobacco on record.

Department store and wholesale trade in the Richmond Reserve District is indicated in the following which we quote from the Bank's Review:

Department store sales in the Fifth Reserve District in March 1930 averaged 15.4% less than sales in March 1929, according to reports received from 35 stores. The decrease was due largely to the lateness of Easter this year, which fell on April 20 in comparison with March 31 last year. The weather in March this year was also less favorable for early spring trade, cool weather continuing through the entire month on contrast with a week of mild, balmy weather at the end of March 1929. Although January and February sales this year exceeded sales in the first two months of 1929, the decrease in March sales wiped out the gain of the earlier months, and average sales for the first quarter of 1930 fell 5.2% behind sales in the first quarter of 1929.

Stocks increased seasonally in the reporting stores last month with the receipt of merchandise for the pre-Easter season, and at the end of March were at about the same level as on March 31 1929. Baltimore and other cities stores reported slightly smaller stocks this year, but Washington stores averaged larger stocks. The rate of stock turnover was seasonally higher in March than in February, but was slower than in March 1929, due to the heavy Easter sales last year. The average rate of turnover from Jan. 1 to March 31 was .740 times this year and .765 times in 1929.

The percentage of collections in March 1930 to total accounts receivable on March 1 was lower by 1.4% than the percentage for March 1929, but was slightly higher than the Feb. 1930 percentage.

Sixty-nine wholesale firms, representing five important lines of trade, sent reports on their March business to the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. March sales of groceries, dry goods, shoes and hardware were less than March 1929 sales, but drug sales were larger in the 1930 month. March sales showed seasonal increases over February sales in all lines except dry goods, in which there was a decrease of less than $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1%. Total sales in the first quarter of 1930 in groceries and shoes were larger than sales in the corresponding three months of 1929, but dry goods, hardware and drug sales were lower this year, the decline in drugs being due in large part to unusually large sales in Jan. 1929 as a result of a mild epidemic of influenza.

Stocks on the shelves of the reporting firms declined seasonally in all lines during March, and at the end of the month were lower than on March 31 1929, in dry goods and hardware. Grocery and shoe stocks were larger on the 1930 date.

Collections in all five lines were better in March than in February this year, the percentage of collections during the month to receivables outstanding on March 1 being larger than the percentages for the earlier month. Dry goods and drug collection percentages in March 1930 were also higher than those for March 1929, but the percentages of collections in groceries, shoes and hardware were lower last month than in the corresponding month a year ago.

Seasonal Expansion in Department Store Trade in Dallas Federal Reserve District—Wholesale Trade Declined.

From the "Monthly Business Review," May 1, of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, we take the following:

District Summary.

Statistical indices of business and industry in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District reflected varied trends during March. Seasonal expansion was noted in department store sales, debits to individual accounts, the valuation of building permits issued at principal cities, the production and shipments of lumber, and cotton consumption, but in each instance there was a substantial decline as compared to the corresponding month a year ago. The production and shipments of cement during the month showed a large increase over both February 1930 and March 1929. On the other hand, the distribution of merchandise at wholesale failed to reflect the usual seasonal expansion and was materially less than a year ago. The reduced demand for merchandise at wholesale may be accounted for in part by the smaller volume of purchasing power of the rural population and in part by the desire of retailers to keep stocks at a low level and to hold purchases at a minimum until raw material prices show a greater degree of stabilization.

Agricultural operations in most sections of the district have proceeded normally, with the advancement of crops well in line with previous years. The persistence of cool nights over a large area has hindered seed germination, has retarded plant growth, and, in some instances, has necessitated considerable replanting of cotton. The severe drought which is affecting a considerable portion of the western half of Texas is seriously retarding plant growth and seeding operations in that area. The small grain crops have made fair to good progress in most sections, but the crops in portions of West Texas are being affected by the dry weather. While the physical

condition of the district's ranges and livestock showed some improvement during the past six weeks, it is still considerably below a year ago. Considerable feeding was necessary throughout March and livestock in some sections have been slow in recuperating from the effects of the severe winter. Trading on the ranges has been slow and prices reflected a further decline.

The business mortality rate turned upward in March, there being a considerable increase in the number of defaults as compared to both the previous month and the same month last year. The indebtedness of insolvent firms, while substantially larger than a year ago, reflected a heavy decline from the previous month.

With regard to wholesale and retail trade, the Bank says:

Wholesale Trade.

A substantial recession in the distribution of merchandise at wholesale was in evidence during March. While a seasonal expansion usually occurs at this season, it failed to materialize this year and sales were considerably below those for the corresponding month last year. The decline in business at wholesale was due in part to the reduced consumer demand and in part to the conservative buying policy of retailers. Reports indicate that retailers are not disposed to make purchases beyond actual needs, as they are desirous of keeping stocks as low as possible. Furthermore, they are deferring commitments to await the outcome of the unsettlement in raw material prices. Collections during the month were generally satisfactory.

The demand for dry goods at wholesale reflected a decline of 11.5% as compared to the previous month, and was 27.2% less than in the corresponding month last year. Sales during the first quarter of 1930 averaged 24.3% below those in the same period of 1929. The decline during March was accentuated somewhat because of the lateness of Easter this year. Furthermore, merchants are operating on a very conservative basis and are holding commitments to a minimum. Collections showed a considerable increase over the previous month.

The sales of reporting wholesale farm implement firms showed a further decline of 15.3% from the previous month and were 32.0% less than in March 1929. The decline was general throughout the district. Due to the reduced purchasing power and the uncertainty of the agricultural outlook, farmers are making as few replacements as possible this year. Collections during March reflected a large increase over February but were slightly smaller than a year ago.

For the fifth consecutive month the sales of reporting wholesale drug firms reflected a decline as compared to both the previous month and the corresponding month of the preceding year. March sales were 0.3% less than in February and 16.2% below those of March 1929. Reports indicate that business was somewhat spotty, being generally good in some sections but poor in others. Collections were slightly smaller than in the previous month.

The March distribution of hardware at wholesale evidenced a further seasonal expansion of 4.6% as compared to February, but was 20.3% below that in March 1929. Business appears to be fairly good in those sections where conditions are favorable, but poor in other sections. Collections were approximately the same as in the previous month.

The sales of reporting wholesale grocery firms during March were 3.4% less than in February and 2.5% below those in March 1929. Distribution during the first quarter was only 0.5% less than in the same period last year. Prices reflected a downward trend. Collections were slightly lower than in February.

Retail Trade.

While the distribution of merchandise at department stores in larger cities in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District reflected a seasonal increase of 16.2% as compared to the previous month, it was 15.2% smaller than in the corresponding month last year. Sales during the first quarter of 1930 averaged 10.0% less than in the same period of 1929. The large decline in March business as compared to a year ago was due in part to the heavy pre-Easter buying in March last year when Easter came at the end of that month, whereas, it came three weeks later this year. The warm weather since the beginning of April, together with the approach of Easter, has stimulated the demand for spring merchandise.

Stocks on hand at the end of March reflected a seasonal increase of 6.5% as compared to those a month earlier, but they were 3.7% less than at the close of March 1929. The rate of stock turnover during the first quarter of 1930 was .65 as against .70 during the same period last year.

Collections showed some improvement in March. The ratio of March collections to accounts outstanding on Mar. 1 was 35.1% as compared to 34.0% in February and 37.0% in March 1929.

Improved Business Conditions in Atlanta Federal Reserve District.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta reports, in its District summary April 30, that "business statistics for March show increases over earlier months of the year in the volume of retail and wholesale distribution of merchandise, in prospective building and construction activity as indicated by both permits issued at reporting cities and statistics of contracts awarded in the District, in output of reporting cotton cloth and yarn mills, and in the production of pig iron in Alabama." The Bank in its "Monthly Review" also says:

The amount of Federal Reserve Bank credit outstanding in this District declined further between March 12 and April 9, and holdings of discounted bills on that date were smaller than for any other weekly report date in five years. Loans to customers by weekly reporting member banks in the District increased slightly between March 12 and April 9, and investment holdings of these banks also increased, but borrowings by these banks from the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta were smaller than for any other report date in recent years.

Retail trade in March increased 12.3% over February, but this is much less than the usual gain at this time of the year, and this may be attributed partly to the fact that Easter was three weeks later this year than last. Department store sales averaged 12.1% less than in March last year. Wholesale trade increased in March over the preceding month for the first time since November, but averaged 9.2% less than in March 1929. Failures in the District increased both in number and liabilities over February and over March last year. Building permits issued at 20 reporting cities increased 95% in March over February, and contracts awarded in the District as a whole increased 7%, but both building permits and contract awards averaged about 18% less than for March 1929. The output of cotton cloth mills in the District which report to the Federal Reserve Bank was 6.4% greater than in February, but 12.9% less than in March last year, and production of cotton yarn increased 5.1% over February and was

6.3% greater than in March 1929. Output of bituminous coal in Alabama and Tennessee averaged smaller in March than in earlier months of this year, or in March of last year, and production of pig iron in Alabama increased over February but was somewhat less than in March a year ago.

Savings deposits of reporting banks located throughout the District increased 0.5% in March over February, and averaged 0.6% greater than for March 1929. Debits to individual accounts at 26 reporting cities of the District increased 6.2% over February, but averaged 13.3% less than in March of last year.

Wholesale and retail trade is reviewed as follows by the Bank.

Wholesale Trade.

Following a decline each month since last October, combined sales of reporting wholesale firms in the Sixth District increased 5.3% in March over February, but averaged 9.2% less than in March 1929, and were smaller than in March of any other year since 1922. March sales increased over those in February in all of the 8 reporting lines of trade, the increases ranging from 0.3% in hardware to 24.8% in shoes. Compared with March 1929 sales of electrical supplies and of drugs show increases, but decreases were shown in the other six lines, ranging from 6.3% in groceries and stationery to 20.5% in dry goods. Combined stocks of all reporting firms increased 0.2% over February, but were smaller than at the same time a year ago. Accounts receivable declined compared with February, but were 1.7% larger than for March 1929, and collections in March increased 4.6% over those in February but averaged 1.5% smaller than in March a year ago.

Retail Trade.

The distribution of merchandise by department stores located throughout the Sixth District reporting to the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta increased further in March, in comparison with the earlier months of the year, but continued in smaller volume than for the corresponding month a year ago. Stocks of merchandise increased slightly at the end of March, over the month before, but were smaller than at the same time last year, and the rate of stock turnover was slightly less for the month, and for the first quarter of the year, compared with the same periods last year.

Department store sales in March, reported by 42 firms in 22 cities of the District, increased 12.3% over the preceding month, but averaged 17.4% less than in March 1929. An important factor for which allowance must be made in considering this comparison is the fact that in 1929 Easter came on March 31, so that the effect of Easter buying on department store trade was largely in that month, while this year, with Easter falling on April 20, it may reasonably be considered that a considerable amount of Easter buying will fall in April. Another fact supporting this view is that the increase in department store sales in March over February is only about half as large this year as the average increase at this time during the preceding 10 years. For the first quarter of the year sales by these reporting firms have averaged 12.1% smaller than during the first quarter of 1929.

Stocks of merchandise on hand at the end of March declined at Birmingham but increased at other points, and averaged 2.8% larger than for February, but were 8.6% smaller than at the end of March 1929. The rate of stock turnover in March was the same at Atlanta as in March last year, but was less at other reporting cities. For the first quarter, the rate at Atlanta was larger than a year ago, but smaller at other points, so that the average for the District is below that for the first quarter of 1929.

Accounts receivable at the end of March declined 1.9% compared with February, and were 4.0% smaller than a year earlier, and collections during the month decreased 4% compared with those in February, and were 3.9% less than in March last year. The ratio of collections during March to accounts receivable and due at the beginning of the month for 32 firms was 30.7%; for February this ratio was 30.5%, and for March last year 32.3%. For March the ratio of collections against regular accounts for 32 firms was 32.8%, and the ratio of collections against instalment accounts for 9 firms was 16.3%.

Increased Activity in Building Operations in Atlanta Federal Reserve District.

Conditions in the building industry in the Atlanta Federal Reserve District are indicated in the following from the April 30 Monthly Review of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta:

Building permit statistics reported to this bank from 20 cities located throughout the district, and statistics of contracts awarded in the district as a whole compiled by the F. W. Dodge Corp., indicate increased activity in the building and construction industry in March as compared with preceding months, although current figures continue below those for the corresponding period a year ago.

Permits issued at 20 cities in the district in March amounted to \$6,532,715 and show an increase of 95% over the total of \$3,352,568 for these same cities for February, but a decrease of 17.9% compared with March of last year. Increases over March 1929 were reported by eight of these regularly reporting cities—Atlanta, Chattanooga, Knoxville, Tampa, Macon, Columbus, Alexandria and Johnson City—but decreases for the other 12 more than outweighed these increases in the district average. The March total for the district is larger than for other months since August of last year.

Contract awards in the Sixth District as a whole during March amounted to \$20,898,493, an increase of 7% compared with the total of \$19,526,450 for February, but were 17.7% less than the total of \$25,398,000 for March 1929. Figures for the individual States show increases in Alabama, Mississippi and east Tennessee in March over February, and there were increases over March last year shown for Louisiana, Mississippi and east Tennessee. Parts of Louisiana and Mississippi figures, however, apply to other Federal Reserve districts. State totals compiled by the F. W. Dodge Corp. are shown comparatively in the table:

	March 1930.	February 1930.	Percentage Change.	March 1929.	Percentage Change.
Alabama	\$3,930,800	\$1,740,600	+125.8	\$7,740,100	-49.2
Florida	2,388,500	2,395,600	-0.3	3,580,800	-33.3
Georgia	3,805,900	6,626,300	-42.6	7,069,600	-46.2
Louisiana	6,144,800	6,285,000	-2.2	5,296,500	+16.0
Mississippi	2,280,000	1,266,000	+80.1	1,701,400	+34.0
Tennessee (Sixth District)	5,120,500	3,496,200	+46.5	2,116,700	+141.9

These Dodge statistics also contain figures for ten individual cities in the Sixth District, and of these increase were shown over February for New Orleans, Birmingham, Knoxville, Tampa, Palm Beach, St. Petersburg and Miami, with decreases for Atlanta, Jacksonville and Nashville. Compared with March of last year, increases are shown for Nashville, Tampa, Palm Beach and Miami, but decreases for the other six cities.

For the 37 States east of the Rocky Mountains March contract awards amounted to \$456,119,000, an increase of 43.9% over the February total

and only 5.9% smaller than for March last year. March contracts were larger than for other months since August. The total for the first quarter of 1929 amounts to \$1,097,147,200, approximately 12% less than for the first three months of 1928. In March \$105,349,800, or 23% of the total, was for public works and utilities, \$101,491,600, or 22%, was for residential building, \$77,001,500, or 17%, was for commercial building, and \$74,332,600, or 16%, was for industrial construction.

In the table are shown building permit statistics for reporting cities of this district:

	March 1930.		March 1929.		Percentage Change in Value.
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	
Alabama—Anniston	19	\$10,575	29	\$31,250	-66.2
Birmingham	315	381,910	407	746,795	-48.9
Mobile	42	59,126	86	166,041	-64.4
Montgomery	142	108,985	233	291,857	-62.7
Florida—Jacksonville	303	289,410	353	419,534	-31.0
Miami	320	168,400	238	262,854	-35.9
Orlando	52	27,895	69	59,280	-52.9
Pensacola	89	33,910	115	48,209	-29.7
Tampa	229	243,095	265	88,865	+174.1
*Lakeland	8	7,225	4	850	+750.0
*Miami Beach	25	210,950	53	859,600	-75.5
Georgia—Atlanta	317	2,115,848	270	1,772,214	+19.4
Augusta	163	60,143	211	112,357	-46.5
Columbus	41	125,860	43	94,089	+33.8
Macon	258	249,217	135	39,533	+530.4
Savannah	19	32,970	23	100,805	-67.3
Louisiana—New Orleans	120	847,063	208	1,989,919	-57.4
Alexandria	79	91,500	97	79,903	+14.5
Tennessee—Chattanooga	331	452,245	287	198,932	+127.3
Johnson City	19	189,953	30	96,650	+96.5
Knoxville	75	1,044,610	142	847,812	+23.2
Nashville	162	500,903	271	509,696	-1.7
Total 20 cities	3,095	\$6,532,715	3,512	\$7,956,515	-17.9
Index Number		58.1		70.7	

* Not included in totals or index numbers.

Canadian Pulp and Paper Exports in March Valued at \$18,166,294—Gain of \$4,618,361 Over February, But Decline of \$1,090,660 as Compared with March Last Year.

Canada's exports of pulp and paper in March were valued at \$18,166,294, according to a report issued by the Canadian Pulp & Paper Association. There was an increase in the value of these exports of \$4,618,361 over the February total, but a decline of \$1,090,660 from the total for March 1929. We quote from the Montreal "Gazette" of May 3, which further reports as follows:

Exports of wood-pulp for the month were valued at \$4,704,595 and exports of paper at \$13,461,699 as compared with \$3,567,070 and \$9,980,863 respectively in the previous month.

Details of the various grades of pulp and paper are as follows:

	March 1930.		March 1929.	
	Tons.	\$	Tons.	\$
<i>Pulp—</i>				
Mechanical	18,645	550,439	13,090	346,150
Sulphite bleached	32,606	2,411,067	25,254	1,811,072
Sulphite unbleached	20,749	1,041,300	16,160	812,617
Sulphate	11,416	646,978	14,654	881,210
Screenings	2,786	54,811	5,727	63,244
Total	86,202	4,704,595	74,985	4,014,293
<i>Paper—</i>				
Newsprint	225,252	12,918,086	244,167	14,612,542
Wrapping	1,065	111,792	1,569	168,332
Book, cwts	3,286	36,639	9,930	84,002
Writing, cwts	154	1,038	1,242	10,558
All other		394,144		367,283
Total		13,461,699		15,242,661

For the first three months of the year the exports of pulp and paper were valued at \$47,720,569 as compared with \$49,793,094 in the first quarter of 1929, a decline for the current year of \$2,073,525.

Wood pulp exports for the first three months were valued at \$12,195,249 and exports of paper at \$35,525,320 as against \$10,858,275 and \$38,934,819 respectively in the corresponding months of 1929.

Details of the exports for the first quarter of 1930 and 1929 are as follows:

	Three Months 1930.		Three Months 1929.	
	Tons.	\$	Tons.	\$
<i>Pulp—</i>				
Mechanical	55,240	1,636,261	39,788	1,060,545
Sulphite bleached	79,041	5,908,479	69,340	5,283,358
Sulphite unbleached	55,742	2,786,071	45,177	2,257,785
Sulphate	30,466	1,725,276	25,642	2,139,463
Screenings	7,534	139,162	5,827	117,124
Total	228,023	12,195,249	85,774	10,858,275
<i>Paper—</i>				
Newsprint	588,229	33,946,754	613,683	37,201,883
Wrapping	3,698	391,109	4,432	488,932
Book, cwts	11,367	106,967	23,391	192,587
Writing, cwts	475	4,839	1,242	10,552
All other		1,075,651		1,040,865
Total		35,525,320		38,934,819

Exports of pulpwood for the three months amounted to 391,963 cords valued at \$3,608,359 as compared with 341,266 cords valued at \$3,062,388 exported in the first three months of 1929.

Softwood Lumber Shows Improved Order-Production Ratio.

Considerable improvement over recent weeks in softwood lumber demand as compared with production is indicated in reports of 609 softwood mills for the week ended May 3 1930, to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association. For the same week, however, 294 hardwood mills report new business less than three-fourths of the cut. Combined reports of 888 hardwood and softwood mills for the week give

combined new business 9% less and shipments 8% less than production, which amounted to 374,271,000 feet. A week earlier 892 mills reported orders 16% less and shipments 13% less than a total production of 393,299,000 feet. Unfilled softwood orders at 496 mills on May 3 were the equivalent of 19 days' production, the same equivalent reported at the end of the previous week by 513 mills. As compared with last year, 468 identical softwood mills gave production 13% less, shipments 21% less and orders 15% less than for the week a year ago; for hardwoods, 209 identical mills gave production 12% less, shipments 32% less and orders 25% under the volume for the same week last year.

Lumber orders reported for the week ended May 3 1930, by 609 softwood mills totaled 307,694,000 feet, or 7% below the production of the same mills. Shipments as reported for the same week were 307,608,000 feet, or 7% below production. Production was 330,748,000 feet.

Reports from 294 hardwood mills give new business as 31,850,000 feet, or 27% below production. Shipments as reported for the same week were 37,657,000 feet, or 13% below production. Production was 43,525,000 feet. The Association's statement further shows:

Unfilled Orders.

Reports from 496 softwood mills give unfilled orders of 947,256,000 feet on May 3 1930, or the equivalent of 19 days' production. This is based upon production of latest calendar year—300-day year—and may be compared with unfilled orders of 513 softwood mills on April 26 1930, of 998,171,000 feet, the equivalent of 19 days' production.

The 355 identical softwood mills report unfilled orders as 861,303,000 feet, on May 3 1930, as compared with 1,215,154,000 feet for the same week a year ago. Last week's production of 468 identical softwood mills was 303,726,000 feet, and a year ago it was 347,645,000 feet; shipments were respectively 282,095,000 feet, and 356,747,000; and orders received 286,003,000 feet and 335,918,000 feet. In the case of hardwoods, 209 identical mills reported production last week and a year ago 35,272,000 feet and 40,046,000; shipments 30,250,000 feet and 44,745,000; and orders 25,725,000 feet and 39,822,000 feet.

West Coast Movement.

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wired from Seattle that new business for the 213 mills reporting for the week ended May 3 totaled 175,245,000 feet, of which 53,248,000 feet was for domestic cargo delivery, and 38,890,000 feet export. New business by rail amounted to 63,625,000 feet. Shipments totaled 177,974,000 feet, of which 55,184,000 feet moved coastwise and intercoastal, and 36,375,000 feet export. Rail shipments totaled 66,933,000 feet, and local deliveries 19,482,000 feet. Unshipped orders totaled 577,041,000 feet, of which domestic cargo orders totaled 211,895,000 feet, foreign 210,045,000 feet and rail trade 155,101,000 feet. Weekly capacity of these mills is 245,961,000 feet. For the 17 weeks ended April 26, 139 identical mills reported orders 6.9% below production, and shipments were 5.8% below production. The same mills showed an increase in inventories of 9% on April 26 as compared with Jan. 1.

Southern Pine Reports.

The Southern Pine Association reported from New Orleans that for 141 mills reporting, shipments were 5% below production, and orders 7% below production and 2% below shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 57,939,000 feet, (previous week 58,427,000 at 148 mills); shipments 58,884,000 feet, (previous week 58,464,000); and production 62,130,000 feet, (previous week 65,994,000). The three-year average production of these 141 mills is 70,236,000 feet. Orders on hand at the end of the week at 109 mills were 154,098,000 feet. The 120 identical mills reported a decrease in production of 8%, and in new business a decrease of 2%, as compared with the same week a year ago.

The Western Pine Manufacturers Association, of Portland, Ore., reported production from 86 mills as 53,528,000 feet, shipments 34,923,000 and new business 35,833,000 feet. Sixty-three identical mills reported production 2% less and new business 29% less than for the same period last year.

The California White & Sugar Pine Manufacturers Assn., San Francisco, reported production from 17 mills as 12,049,000 feet, shipments 14,275,000 and orders 18,920,000 feet. The same number of mills reported a 49% decrease in production and a 10% increase in orders compared with 1929.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers Association, of Minneapolis, Minn., reported production from 8 mills as 6,918,000 feet, shipments 4,635,000 and new business 4,930,000. The same number of mills reported an 11% decrease in production and a 47% decrease in orders compared with the same period last year.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Assn., of Oshkosh, Wis., reported production from 15 mills as 1,878,000 feet, shipments 1,040,000 and orders 997,000. The same number of mills reported an increase of 2% in production and a decrease of 29% in new business compared with 1929.

The North Carolina Pine Association, of Norfolk, Va., reported production from 117 mills as 8,979,000 feet, shipments 9,869,000 and new business 9,735,000. Forty-eight identical mills reported production 17% less and new business 34% less compared with the same period in 1929.

The California Redwood Association, of San Francisco, reported production from 12 mills as 6,815,000 feet, shipments 6,008,000 and orders 4,095,000. The same number of mills reported production 10% less and orders 53% less than last year.

Hardwood Reports.

The Hardwood Manufacturers Institute, of Memphis, Tenn., reported production from 279 mills as 39,448,000 feet, shipments 35,101,000 and new business 30,156,000. One-hundred-and-ninety-four identical mills reported an 11% decrease in production and a 36% decrease in new business, compared with 1929.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association, of Oshkosh, Wis., reported production from 15 mills as 4,075,000 feet, shipments, 2,556,000 and orders 1,694,000. The same number of mills reported a 17% decrease in production and a 33% decrease in new business as compared with last year.

CURRENT RELATIONSHIP OF SHIPMENTS AND ORDERS TO PRODUCTION FOR THE WEEK ENDED MAY 3 1930 AND FOR 18 WEEKS TO DATE.

Association.	Production M Ft.	Shipments M Ft.	P. C. of Prod.	Orders M Ft.	P. C. of Prod.
Southern Pine—					
Week—141 mill reports	62,130	58,884	95	57,939	93
18 weeks—2,564 mill reports	1,099,091	1,020,159	93	1,028,487	94
West Coast Lumbermen's—					
Week—213 mill reports	178,451	177,974	100	175,245	98
18 weeks—3,848 mill reports	2,903,663	2,683,609	92	2,734,598	94
Western Pine Manufacturers—					
Week—86 mill reports	53,528	34,923	65	35,833	67
18 weeks—1,514 mill reports	637,514	609,093	96	610,584	96
California White & Sugar Pine—					
Week—17 mill reports	12,049	14,275	118	18,920	157
18 weeks—456 mill reports	191,489	365,168	191	383,853	200
Northern Pine Manufacturers—					
Week—8 mill reports	6,918	4,635	67	4,930	71
18 weeks—149 mill reports	50,961	75,085	147	71,698	141
N. Hemlock & Hardwood (softwoods)					
Week—15 mill reports	1,878	1,040	55	997	53
18 weeks—574 mill reports	64,379	36,718	57	39,886	62
North Carolina Pine—					
Week—117 mill reports	8,979	9,869	110	9,735	108
18 weeks—1,999 mill reports	180,704	166,565	92	144,177	80
California Redwood—					
Week—12 mill reports	6,815	6,008	88	4,095	60
18 weeks—264 mill reports	137,430	120,641	88	123,839	90
Softwood total—					
Week—609 mill reports	330,748	307,608	93	307,694	93
18 weeks—11,368 mill reports	5,265,231	5,077,038	96	5,137,122	98
Hardwood Manufacturers Institute—					
Week—279 mill reports	39,448	35,101	89	30,156	76
18 weeks—4,465 mill reports	648,908	593,296	91	589,847	91
No. Hemlock & Hardwood—					
Week—15 mill reports	4,075	2,556	63	1,694	41
18 weeks—574 mill reports	163,034	93,525	57	86,197	53
Hardwoods total—					
Week—294 mill reports	43,523	37,657	87	31,850	73
18 weeks—4,465 mill reports	811,942	686,821	85	676,044	83
Grand total—					
Week—888 mill reports	374,271	345,265	92	339,544	91
18 weeks—15,833 mill reports	6,077,173	5,763,859	95	5,813,166	96

Review of Cotton Mill Situation By New York Cotton Exchange Service—Lancashire Outlook Uncertain—Trade in Japan Slow.

The New York Cotton Exchange Service on May 6 issued the following bulletin on the foreign mill situation in Europe and Japan:

The foreign mill situation continues satisfactory, on the whole, with considerable irregularity as to conditions within individual countries. English spinners and weavers are finding the demand very poor and are moving much less than their curtailed output. The outlook for Lancashire is regarded as very uncertain, with trade depressed by the Indian disturbances; further reduction in mill activity is probable.

On the Continent the situation appears to have taken a slight turn for the better in Germany and France. German spinners are still operating at about 70% of regular full normal, but are now finding business sufficient to just about move their production. With spinners hesitant to accumulate stocks, no increase in German mill activity is expected unless business improves further. French spinners and weavers are enjoying improved demand and better margins. Spinners are booking orders through to August and are well sold until July; weavers are taking orders through to September and are well sold until August.

Italian spinners, on the other hand, are finding it difficult to move their recently curtailed output, and stocks of yarn are increasing. Japan advises that business continues slow with spinners not moving their restricted output and with margins showing no profit.

Silk Hosiery Mills Curtail Operations Business in 1930 Unsatisfactory With Lower Prices and Shorter Working Hours.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of May 5 we take the following:

Business in silk hosiery so far this year has been unsatisfactory, with mills continuing to curtail operations and offer goods at concessions. One of the large mills has reduced operations from 50 hours weekly to 30 hours weekly, with the prospect of a further curtailment unless business improves in the near future. Full fashioned silk hose is being offered by some mills as low as \$1.25, which is close to cost, against \$1.45, usual price.

As a result, earnings of the silk hosiery manufacturers are likely to show a considerable decline in the first half of this year in spite of the fact that they are operating on the lowest cost raw material in years.

The principal problem that the industry is facing is the same as some years ago, excess capacity. The amount of full fashioned and other silk hosiery machinery has been greatly increased in the last year or so, and a number of smaller manufacturers operating on a limited amount of capital have sprung up in competition with the producers of the better known trade marked lines. As a result, hosiery manufacturers who, for a while, were able to maintain a fairly stable price on trade marked lines, have found themselves in the same position as the rest of the textile industry, obliged to do business entirely on a price basis with a buyers' market prevailing.

Although Easter business stimulated the trade somewhat, volume still is subnormal, and, as a result, inventories have increased. They are not large enough to cause any alarm in the trade, however, and practically all of the larger manufacturers have kept their stocks in shape by cutting production in accordance with demand.

Review of Meat Packing Industry By Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago—Falling off in Production and Employment.

Surveying the meat-packing industry, the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, in its "Monthly Business Conditions' Report" April 30 said:

A reduction of more than 6% from February was recorded in production at slaughtering establishments in the United States during March, with operations continuing below the level of a year ago. Employment trended

downward as in the preceding month, and showed a decline at the end of the period of 6% in number of workers, 3% in hours worked, and of 5% in payrolls, as compared with February. Demand was affected to some extent by unemployment conditions and by the usual observance of Lent. Trade in domestic markets averaged fair for lard, fresh pork, and lamb; was good for dry salt pork, and remained rather sluggish for beef and veal. The inquiry for smoked meats improved. Sales billed to domestic and foreign customers decreased 5½% in March from February and were 10½% below the corresponding period of 1929. Prices for the majority of packing-house products averaged less than in the preceding month; quotations on fresh beef held barely steady, while those on beef rounds, lamb saddles, pork loins, and mutton advanced. Inventories at packing plants and cold-storage warehouses in the United States were reduced slightly on April 1 from a month earlier, aggregating less than a year ago and the 1925-29 average for April 1; holdings of beef and lamb increased in the two latter comparisons. Domestic demand was reported as fair at the beginning of April. March shipments for export were indicated as being somewhat lighter than in February; a few reporting firms experienced an increase. Foreign demand remained quiet during the entire period. Prices in European countries were fairly well in line with Chicago parity.

New Grain Tariffs Demanded in Austria as Prices Drop.

Under the above head the New York "Times" in a cablegram from Vienna May 2 stated:

The fall in grain prices is providing a fresh cause for uneasiness in the tariff policies of Central Europe. In Austria, where the index for wholesale prices as a whole stands at 121, the wheat index is 85 to 88. There is widespread demand for revision or notice in the matter for commercial treaties with agrarian countries.

Harvest prospects in Central Europe are favorable, but owing to the smallness of stocks prices are as yet declining only slightly.

1929 French Wheat Crop Exceeds Country's Needs.

Paris accounts April 25 to the New York "Times" said:

It has now been demonstrated that the crop of wheat raised in France last season was more than sufficient to cover this year's requirements for the country's home consumption. In fact, there is a law now under discussion which would allow the State to place part of the surplus crop in stock.

During the first quarter of 1930 French imports of wheat did not exceed 150,000 tons. They were 265,000 in the same three months of 1929 and 213,000 in 1928.

New Minimum Specified in British Wheat Flour.

The New York "Evening Post" of April 30 in Associated Press advices from London said:

The agricultural correspondent of the "Daily Express" says that the British Government has definitely decided to establish regulations requiring a minimum percentage of British wheat flour in every loaf milled in Britain. The newspaper says the minimum will be varying, not a fixed figure, and that the Government's policy will shortly be published in the form of a Governmental "white paper."

"I am told by a reliable authority that an entirely new method for fixing the minimum of English wheat in a loaf will be introduced," says the newspaper's correspondent. "It will be based on a system of vouchers which will be officially issued to millers when they purchase English wheat at the different markets. By these vouchers it will be possible to check the percentage of home-grown wheat in relation to imported wheat the millers have handled.

"The compulsory minimum percentage will vary each year according to the conditions and supplies of English wheat, and I understand that something between 6% and 15% is contemplated."

Swiss Cut Price of Flour—Society of Millers Decides on Move With Wheat Home Grown.

The Swiss Society of Millers has decided to reduce the price of flour throughout the country according to copyright advices April 15 from Basle to the New York "Evening Post," which added that much of the wheat is home grown.

Liverpool Could Ship Cotton Back Here Without Loss.

The following is from the New York "Times" of May 3:

An unusual situation developed on the New York Cotton Exchange yesterday when a sharp decline in Liverpool carried the differences in prices between the two markets so far from their normal relations that it became possible to bring cotton from Liverpool back to New York without loss.

Instead of Liverpool quotations running at the general average of \$4 to \$5 a bale over New York, the July delivery sold here \$2 a bale above the foreign prices in the first hour.

Raw Silk Imports Continue to Fall Off—April Deliveries to American Mills Reach New Low Figures.

According to the Silk Association of America, Inc., imports of raw silk again fell off during the month of April, amounting to 37,515 bales. This compares with 47,762 bales in the same month last year and 39,990 bales in March 1930. Approximate deliveries to American mills in April 1930 amounted to 41,584 bales as against 50,863 bales in the preceding month and 53,855 bales in April 1929. Stocks of raw silk at May 1 1930 totaled 53,704 bales, as compared with 57,773 bales at April 1 1930 and 39,125 bales at May 1 1929. The Association's statement follows:

RAW SILK IN STORAGE MAY 1 1930.

[As reported by the principal warehouses in New York City and Hoboken.]				
(Figures in Bales.)	European.	Japan.	All Other.	Total.
Stocks, April 1 1930.....	1,045	44,260	12,468	57,773
Imports, month of April 1930 x.....	2,341	27,339	7,835	37,515
Total available during April.....	3,386	71,599	20,303	95,288
Stocks May 1 1930 z.....	1,327	39,704	12,673	53,704
Approximate deliveries to American mills during April 1930 y.....	2,059	31,895	7,630	41,584

SUMMARY.

	Imports During the Month			Storage at End of Month.z		
	1930.	1929.	1928.	1930.	1929.	1928.
January.....	43,175	58,384	46,408	76,264	49,943	47,528
February.....	42,234	43,278	44,528	68,646	46,993	41,677
March.....	39,990	48,103	50,520	57,773	45,218	40,186
April.....	37,515	47,762	36,555	53,704	39,125	35,483
May.....	49,894	48,994	52,972	---	39,898	42,088
June.....	54,031	45,090	---	---	47,425	41,127
July.....	46,795	38,670	---	---	42,596	38,866
August.....	65,516	62,930	---	---	48,408	50,975
September.....	59,970	47,286	---	---	55,104	50,464
October.....	66,514	48,857	---	---	64,129	49,381
November.....	62,885	48,134	---	---	76,452	49,806
December.....	58,479	44,128	---	---	90,772	48,908
Total.....	125,399	661,611	566,378	---	---	---
Average monthly.....	41,800	55,134	47,198	67,661	53,330	44,707

	Approximate Deliveries to American Mills.y			Approximate Amount of Japan Silk in Transit Between Japan and New York End of Month.		
	1930.	1929.	1928.	1930.	1929.	1928.
January.....	57,033	57,349	52,420	37,000	31,000	25,000
February.....	49,852	46,228	50,679	24,000	30,000	23,500
March.....	50,863	49,878	52,011	17,800	29,000	19,200
April.....	41,584	53,855	41,258	8,000	30,700	28,500
May.....	49,121	46,367	---	---	28,000	24,000
June.....	46,504	46,051	---	---	21,200	17,600
July.....	51,624	40,931	---	---	34,100	32,300
August.....	59,704	50,821	---	---	41,600	27,500
September.....	53,274	47,797	---	---	39,000	26,600
October.....	57,459	49,940	---	---	49,000	31,200
November.....	50,562	47,709	---	---	41,000	22,800
December.....	44,159	45,026	---	---	38,000	42,500
Total.....	158,398	619,747	571,010	---	---	---
Average monthly.....	52,799	51,646	47,584	26,267	34,383	26,642

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 72 to 98, inclusive). y Includes re-exports. z Includes 1,762 bales held at railroad terminals at end of month. Stocks in warehouses include National Raw Silk Exchange certified stocks, 4,470 bales.

Petroleum and Its Products—Pennsylvania Crude Price Cut Brought by Over-Production Only—Long Beach, Cal., Curtailment Program Endangered by Recalcitrants—Nation's Production Holds Fairly Unchanged.

The cut in Pennsylvania crude prices, amounting to 25c. per barrel, announced here last week, was brought about solely by over-production, as then stated, and not by competition. This is emphasized in a statement issued by Forrest D. Dorn, President of the Pennsylvania Grade Crude Oil Association. Mr. Dorn's statement, in part, follows:

"At no time have reductions in the prices of Pennsylvania oil represented any attempt at price adjustment to meet competition from any mid-continent oil, as asserted in published statements. Pennsylvania oil is in a class by itself. It has a definite market, since it is the richest in lubricant content of any oils produced, and it is used by refiners interested in the manufacture of the highest grade motor oils. Mid-continent and other crudes are primarily gasoline oils, with a relatively low content of lubricants.

"As a result of the sensational rejuvenation of the Pennsylvania field tremendous investments of capital have been attracted to this section. During the past year or so there has been an activity in drilling comparable to the periods of 1880 and 1881 when the field reached its era of greatest production. The work started at that time has reaped a harvest of over-production which has exceeded even the increased demand for the Pennsylvania product. This is a situation which evidence at hand shows will adjust itself and result in an upward trend in the market price of Pennsylvania crude in the near future. The peak period of over-production will have been passed by June. Drilling operations for the present year are only about 50% of those under way last year. This means a decreased production for the coming 12 months. Since the Pennsylvania field is all proved territory, it will be possible in view of the past year's experience for producers to so regulate their flooding operations as to keep a reasonable balance between supply and demand."

The situation in California approaches another crisis as Long Beach operators face the problem of overcoming the opposition of about 25% of the operators in that field who have refused to join the curtailment agreement, which was to have become effective May 1 and continue for three months.

The operators were summoned to meet in the Los Angeles City Hall, Friday, May 9, by Neil Anderson, field pro-rata umpire, who urged upon them the necessity of immediate action if a complete breakdown of the agreement is to be avoided. The recalcitrant 25% represent only about 25,000 barrels daily average production, but their position threatens to disrupt the entire field's agreement. Mr. Anderson, in his telegram to the operators, warned them that unless they agreed to do their share he would officially

release from their agreement those operators who had signed, and the field would thus be thrown wide open. Mr. Anderson, as well as Umpire H. P. Grimm of the Santa Fe Springs field, are both insisting upon signed agreements as the most certain means of holding operators to their allotted production.

Rumors that the Pacific Coast crude price structure would be revised to a higher level as soon as production was cut sufficiently have given impetus to the state-wide conservation movement this week. The research committee, headed by Earl W. Eagy, has formulated a program which, if effective, would reduce daily average crude production in California to 550,000 barrels daily, necessitating a daily withdrawal from stocks of 65,000 barrels. However, more conservative petroleum factors are aiming at a 575,000 barrel per day level, and, barring unforeseen difficulties, expect to succeed in this program before the expiration of May.

Production of crude in the United States for the week ending May 3 showed an increase of only 5,100 per day, or a total average daily output of 2,595,200 barrels. Crude oil imports in the same period declined 16,855 daily average, meaning a total new crude supply of 11,755 barrels daily less than the week previous.

Hundreds of thousands of crude oil were destroyed by fire which swept the Bayonne, N. J., plant of the Gulf Refining Co. this week, but it is not thought that the loss will have any noticeable effect on the general market in this territory. A fire earlier in the week damaged the Long Island City bulk distributing terminal of Richfield Oil Corp., but there will be no interruption in that company's gasoline distribution, stated C. A. Woodman, President.

There were no crude price changes this week.

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

Bradford, Pa.	\$2.55	Smackover, Ark., 24 and over	\$.90
Corning, Ohio	1.75	Smackover, Ark., below 2	.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
Corseana, Texas, heavy	.80	Artesia, N. M.	1.08
Hutchinson, Texas, 35	.87	Santa Fe Springs, Calif., 33	1.45
Luling, Texas	1.00	Midway-Sunset, Calif., 22	1.05
Spindletop, Texas, grade A	1.20	Huntington, Calif., 26	1.34
Spindletop, Texas, below 25	1.05	Ventura, Calif., 30	1.13
Winkler, Texas	.65	Petrolia, Canada	1.90

REFINED PRODUCTS—STANDARD OF NEW JERSEY ADVANCES TANKCAR TO 9c. LEVEL—CONSUMPTION SHOWS HEAVY INCREASE—MARKET STRONG—BUNKER FUEL OIL WELL MAINTAINED AT \$1.15—KEROSENE CONTINUES QUIET.

With the announcement of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey increasing tank car U. S. Motor gasoline to 9c. per gallon the market here became firmly entrenched on the higher basis. The Standard made its price change on Friday, May 9. During the week two other companies had taken similar action. Colonial Beacon Oil Co. and Continental Oil Co. The market now ranges from 9c. to 10c. per gallon. Rapidly increasing consumption as the warmer weather persists, and moderate success in cutting down production, brought about the stronger tone. Jobbers are placing business freely, and indications are that the spring and summer season will set new high records for gasoline consumption throughout the country, despite reports of business depression in different sections.

Although export demand has not shown any great activity during the past week, there is evidence that large European buyers are ready to act in the near future. Prices in the Gulf markets are holding firmly.

Bunker fuel oil consumption is being continued on the same large scale and sales are being made in good volume on the \$1.15 per barrel basis, established a short time ago. Diesel oil holds steady at \$2 per barrel at refinery.

Kerosene still rules quiet, with quotations ranging from 7¼ to 7¾c. per gallon. Consumption has proved disappointing.

The price changes of the week follow:

- May 9: Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey increases tankcar U. S. Motor gasoline ½c. per gallon to 9c. per gallon.
- May 8: Continental Oil Co. increases U. S. Motor gasoline ½c. per gallon to 9c. per gallon.
- May 7: Colonial Beacon Oil Co. increases tankcar gasoline ½c. per gallon to 9c. per gallon.

Gasoline, U. S. Motor, Tank Car Lots, F.O.B. Refinery.

NY (Bayon) \$.09 @ .10	Beacon Oil	.09	Los Angeles, export	.07 ½	
Stand Oil, N. J.	.09	Carson Pet.	.09 ½	Gulf Coast, export	.08 ½
Stand Oil, N. Y.	.10	Crew Levick	.09	North Louisiana	.07 ½
Tide Water Oil Co.	.09	West Texas	.06 ½	North Texas	.06 ½
Richfield Oil Co.	.10	Chicago	.09 ¾	Oklahoma	.08
Warner-Quinn Co.	.10	New Orleans	.07 ¾	Pennsylvania	.09 ¾
Pan-Am Pet. Co.	.09 ½	Arkansas	.06 ½		
Shell Eastern Pet.	.10	California	.08 ¾		

Gasoline, Service Station, Tax Included.

New York	\$.183	Cincinnati	\$.19	Minneapolis	\$.182
Atlanta	.21	Denver	.16	New Orleans	.195
Baltimore	.22	Detroit	.188	Philadelphia	.21
Boston	.20	Houston	.18	San Francisco	.251
Buffalo	.15	Jacksonville	.24	Spokane	.195
Chicago	.15	Kansas City	.179	St. Louis	.16

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

NY (Bayonne) .07 ¼ @ .07 ¾	Chicago	\$.05 ¾	New Orleans	\$.07 ¾	
North Texas	.05 ¾	Los Angeles, export	.05 ¾	Tulsa	.08 ¾

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

New York (Bayonne) \$1.15	Los Angeles	\$.85	Gulf Coast	\$.75	
Diesel	2.00	New Orleans	.95	Chicago	.55

Gas Oil, 32-34 Degree, F. O. B. Refinery or Terminal.

N. Y. (Bayonne)	\$.05 ¾	Chicago	\$.03	Tulsa	\$.03
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Crude Oil Output in United States Slightly Higher.

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States, for the week ended May 3 1930, was 2,595,200 barrels, as compared with 2,590,100 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 5,100 barrels. Compared with the output for the week ended May 4 1929, of 2,629,850 barrels per day, the current figure represents a decrease of 34,650 barrels per day. The daily average production east of California for the week ended May 3 1930 was 1,962,100 barrels, as compared with 1,959,300 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 2,800 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production, by districts:

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION (FIGURES IN BARRELS).

Weeks Ended—	May 3 '30.	Apr. 26 '30.	Apr. 19 '30.	May 4 '29.
Oklahoma	658,800	662,050	658,100	676,100
Kansas	125,450	125,900	117,050	111,650
Panhandle Texas	103,550	95,300	93,600	60,350
North Texas	79,900	79,800	79,350	84,150
West Central Texas	59,250	61,550	54,150	51,350
West Texas	318,300	318,800	313,950	353,100
East Central Texas	36,700	36,400	34,250	18,400
Southwest Texas	63,500	60,550	58,800	71,800
North Louisiana	40,900	42,000	41,750	35,450
Arkansas	58,050	57,900	57,800	72,550
Coastal Texas	179,000	183,050	185,700	139,850
Coastal Louisiana	22,100	20,850	21,650	20,700
Eastern (not including Michigan)	128,000	129,000	128,000	106,300
Michigan	11,400	11,900	11,700	5,700
Wyoming	52,300	50,550	50,700	52,900
Montana	9,200	8,700	10,450	10,450
Colorado	4,550	4,400	4,550	6,300
New Mexico	11,150	10,600	11,450	1,550
California	633,100	630,800	627,900	751,200
Total	2,595,200	2,590,100	2,560,900	2,629,850

The estimated daily average gross production for the Mid-Continent Field, including Oklahoma, Kansas, Panhandle, North, West Central, West, East Central and Southwest Texas, North Louisiana and Arkansas, for the week ended May 3, was 1,544,400 barrels, as compared with 1,540,250 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 4,150 barrels. The Mid-Continent production, excluding Smackover (Arkansas) heavy oil, was 1,504,150 barrels, as compared with 1,499,950 barrels, an increase of 4,200 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—	May 3.	Apr. 26.	East Central Texas—	May 3.	Apr. 26.
Oklahoma—			Corseana-Powell	6,000	6,100
Allen Dome	19,500	19,150	Southwest Texas—	20,000	17,000
Bowlegs	19,000	20,250	Darst Creek	9,650	9,700
Bristow-Silek	16,150	16,200	Luling	21,250	20,850
Burbank	16,600	16,500	Salt Flat		
Carr City	8,700	8,750	North Louisiana—	4,450	4,500
Earlsboro	40,000	40,000	Haynesville	5,200	5,200
East Earlsboro	36,100	41,450	Urania		
Little River	37,800	38,850	Arkansas	4,600	4,600
East Little River	18,550	17,400	Champagnolle	5,250	5,300
Maud	5,500	5,600	Smackover, light	40,250	40,300
Mission	12,600	12,600	Smackover, heavy		
Oklahoma City	116,450	109,200	Coastal Texas—	19,600	22,200
St. Louis	36,600	36,850	Barbers Hill	9,050	10,500
Saskawa	10,500	11,000	Pierce Junction	10,100	10,200
Searlight	10,000	11,000	Racon Bend	17,100	16,550
Seminole	19,600	19,900	Spindletop	10,200	10,200
East Seminole	3,500	3,750	Sugarland		
Kansas—			Coastal Louisiana—	2,300	2,500
Sedgwick County	21,000	21,000	East Hackberry	1,300	1,300
Voshell	19,350	19,700	Old Hackberry	5,800	4,300
Panhandle Texas—			Sulphur Dome		
Gray County	70,900	63,000	Wyoming	31,750	30,050
Hutchinson County	22,150	22,300	Salt Creek		
North Texas—			Montana—	5,600	5,600
Archer County	18,100	18,000	Sunburst		
Wilbarger County	24,100	24,000	California—		
West Central Texas—			Dominguez	9,800	9,800
Brown County	7,600	7,600	Elwood-Goleta	47,800	47,700
Schackelford County	6,550	6,550	Huntington Beach	28,200	28,200
Young County	18,550	20,800	Inglewood	17,200	17,600
West Texas—			Kettleman Hills	15,300	15,600
Crane & Upton Counties	42,000	44,000	Long Beach	98,900	99,000
Howard County	39,050	40,000	Midway-Sunset	69,000	70,000
Reagan County	16,600	17,350	Santa Fe Springs	133,200	130,700
Winkler County	78,450	79,100	Seal Beach	24,000	24,000
Yates	115,000	114,800	Bal. Pecos County	4,600	4,750
Bal. Pecos County	4,600	4,750	Ventura Avenue	47,700	46,200

Weekly Refinery Statistics for the United States.

According to the American Petroleum Institute, companies aggregating 3,518,400 barrels, or 95.6% of the 3,678,900 barrel estimated daily potential refining capacity of the plants operating in the United States during the week ended May 3 1930, report that the crude runs to stills for the week show that these companies operated to 73.4% of their total capacity. Figures published last week show that companies aggregating 3,518,400 barrels, or 95.6% of the 3,678,900 barrels estimated daily potential refining

capacity of all plants operating in the United States during that week, but which operated to only 76.7% of their total capacity, contributed to that report. The report for the week ended May 5 1930 follows:

CRUDE RUNS TO STILLs, GASOLINE AND GAS AND FUEL OIL STOCKS
WEEK ENDED MAY 3 1930.
 (Figures in Barrels of 42 Gallons.)

District.	Per Cent Potential Capacity Report- ing.	Crude Runs to Still- s.	Per Cent Oper. of Total Capac- y Report.	Gasoline Stock- s.	Gas and Fuel Oil Stock- s.
East Coast.....	100.0	3,470,700	81.9	9,621,000	6,679,000
Appalachian.....	91.0	618,300	75.8	1,829,000	762,000
Indiana, Illinois, Kent'ky.	99.5	2,265,300	86.1	8,589,000	3,626,000
Okl., Kansas, Missouri.....	89.1	2,112,800	73.3	4,399,000	4,123,000
Texas.....	90.8	3,869,500	77.2	8,025,000	9,624,000
Louisiana-Arkansas.....	96.8	1,169,700	63.8	2,664,000	1,942,000
Rocky Mountain.....	93.6	398,500	40.9	2,817,000	1,097,000
California.....	99.3	4,168,700	66.8	15,882,000	108,162,000
Total week May 3.....	95.6	18,073,500	73.4	53,826,000	136,015,000
Daily average.....		2,581,900			
Total week April 26.....	95.6	18,897,300	76.7	53,561,000	136,685,000
Daily average.....		2,699,600			
Texas Gulf Coast.....	100.0	2,966,600	80.5	6,948,000	6,984,000
Louisiana Gulf Coast.....	100.0	765,300	74.1	2,282,000	1,065,000

x Revised due to the omission of 249,000 barrels by an East Coast company in reporting last week's stocks.

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.

Oil Situation in California as Viewed by Research Department of Los Angeles Stock Exchange.

A report on "The Oil Situation in California," prepared by the Research Department of the Los Angeles Stock Exchange, says in part:

The Price Situation in California.

Crude oil prices have been supported by the major companies at levels which permit the reasonably efficient producer to make a profit, and hence may be considered fair. It appears to be the policy of the major companies to conserve their own properties by buying a large proportion of their crudes, in this era of relatively cheap oil.

The price of gasoline has been consistently unstable. Most of the time the major companies have been able to maintain gasoline prices at profitable levels, by tacit understanding; and several of the major companies have from time to time bought the surplus of the "independent" small refiners, to prevent its breaking the market. However, frequent occasions of heavy over-production and storage have resulted in cut price "gasoline wars" during which all companies sell gasoline at or below cost.

The 1930 gasoline war was variously attributed to (1) and excessive amount of refining, particularly by certain "independents"; (2) heavy storage of gasoline, which forced the major companies to cease-buying; (3) price cutting on the part of independent refiners; (4) a surplus of natural gasoline, which permitted the "gasoline bootlegger" to make and sell an inferior product at cut rate prices, and (5) a disagreement among the major oil companies. Gasoline storage was a particularly annoying problem, because of the rapid rate of deterioration. At Jan. 1 1929 there were 10,766,000 barrels, or 15 days' supply, of stored gasoline in California; and on April 1 1930 there were 18,373,397 barrels, or 25 days' supply. Five weeks' supply of natural gasoline was also in storage.

At present the outlook is better. The limitations on the production of crude oil, agreements among the companies to limit refinery output, a declining surplus of natural gasoline, and a disposition among the companies to co-operate, are all helping to achieve the desired end. The major companies have agreed on a "wholesale" price of 12½c. per gallon for the Los Angeles area, and although rebating and bootlegging still persist, it appears that the situation will soon be stabilized. The Standard Oil Co. of California has announced that it will buy gasoline delivered in cargo lots at Los Angeles Harbor at 6½c. per gallon for a U. S. Motor Test product, and other qualities at prices to be determined as offered. Other major companies will no doubt follow suit, and the California surplus will thus be collected and shipped to the East or to foreign ports.

Estimates from various sources indicate that to most companies the cost of producing a gallon of gasoline is between eight and nine cents. Adding 1½c. as a local delivery cost, three cents tax, and from three to five cents as a dealer differential, it will be seen that, after advertising, sales, and collection costs, the average oil company will not show a reasonable profit on a retail price much less than the normal 19½c. However, the costs decline somewhat as the refineries are worked more nearly to capacity, a factor which makes possible the shipping of a surplus to the East to sell there at nine cents per gallon wholesale.

The Outlook.

Thus the outlook for the California oil companies is mixed. If the Lyons gas conservation law becomes a positive force restricting oil output, a fair Pacific Coast market seems assured; if it fails, the burden will remain on the companies. As long as there is a market for California gasoline at a fair price in the East, which will continue unless the Texas and Oklahoma fields run wild, the California surplus should cause no trouble. If the Pacific Coast price restoration is permanent, and the Eastern market maintains its recent increase of one cent per gallon, the California companies should have a good year in 1930. The refining and marketing companies would then hold a slight edge on the units which do a producing business only, and whose output is restricted; but the latter are receiving a fair price, and should be able to show profits also.

It is worth noting that a cessation of drilling and a limitation of production will greatly reduce the operating and depletion charges of the companies, particularly those which charge their drilling costs to current operations.

It would seem that mild optimism is now justified. The situation appears to be better controlled than at any time in 18 months. The smaller operators are co-operating more willingly. Governmental assistance is being lent in some instances, and a definite program seems to be developing.

It is stated that the statistics in the report are largely derived from the reports of the American Petroleum Institute.

March Production of Natural Gasoline Higher Than a Year Ago—Inventories Increase.

According to the U. S. Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, the production of natural gasoline during March 1930 amounted to 192,200,000 gallons, a daily average of 6,200,000 gallons. This represents a decline from the February daily average of 170,000 gallons, or 3%, but is 6% above a year ago. The major portion of the decline in daily average output in March occurred in California. Production in the Oklahoma City field amounted to 2,200,000 gallons, or 71,000 gallons daily. Stocks of natural gasoline held at the plants on March 31 amounted to 28,281,000 gallons, an increase of 4,248,000 gallons over the February stocks. The Bureau's statement also shows:

PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GASOLINE (THOUSANDS OF GALLONS).

	Production.				Stocks End of Mo.	
	March 1930.	Feb. 1930.	March 1929.	Jan.-March 1930.	March 1930.	Feb. 1930.
Appalachian.....	9,800	9,200	9,300	29,900	4,462	3,235
Illinois, Kentucky, &c.....	1,300	1,300	1,200	4,000	493	431
Oklahoma.....	53,500	47,300	57,000	150,800	11,291	10,089
Kansas.....	2,800	2,800	2,900	8,200	999	816
Texas.....	40,200	36,700	33,900	114,100	7,583	6,116
Louisiana.....	7,500	6,000	5,100	21,200	986	839
Arkansas.....	2,700	2,400	2,700	7,500	291	247
Rocky Mountain.....	4,400	3,800	3,700	11,400	630	569
California.....	70,000	68,900	65,800	208,700	1,546	1,721
Total.....	192,200	178,400	181,600	555,800	28,281	24,033
Daily average.....	6,200	6,370	5,860	6,180	---	---
Total (thousands of bbls.).....	4,576	4,248	4,324	13,234	673	572
Daily average.....	148	152	139	147	---	---

Price of Copper Drops to 12½ Cents.

Following the reduction, April 15, of four cents in the price of copper, bringing it down from 18 cents to 14 cents per pound, two cuts in the price this week lowered the price to 12½ cents. The action of April 15 was referred to in these columns April 19 (page 2673). With the cut on May 5, the New York "Times" said:

The second reduction in the price of copper within a month took place yesterday, when several leading domestic producers of electrolytic copper cut their quotations to 13 cents a pound, delivered in the Connecticut Valley. This is the lowest price established in this country since 1927, when copper touched 12½ cents.

Reduction Only on Domestic Sales.

Yesterday's price cutting was confined to domestic users. No action was taken by the Copper Export Association, which fixes the price of copper for export. It was learned, however, that the export price will be lowered to 13 cents to-day.

At the new level several high-cost producing companies which made large profits on 18-cent copper will find their earnings reduced to the vanishing point. Several large units have an average production cost of close to 11 cents a pound and the mining activities of these companies are expected to be sharply curtailed.

In its issue of May 7 the "Times" stated:

On the heels of the reduction on Monday of 1 cent a pound in domestic copper prices, bringing the quotation to 13 cents, custom smelters and some producers offered the metal yesterday at 12½ cents, the lowest price in more than six years. Despite the reduced figures, copper buying remained dull, and predictions of a 12-cent level this week were made by producers.

The Copper Exporters Association yesterday reduced the price of copper abroad 1 cent a pound to 13.30 cents a pound, c. i. f. European base ports. The reduction brought the foreign price in line with the 13-cent domestic price. Foreign sales of copper, which were negligible on Monday, rose yesterday to 1,000,000 pounds.

Stocks of blister and refined copper at the end of March amounted to more than 500,000 short tons.

The price of 12½ cents compares with the 18-cent level at which copper was pegged for a year. The slashes since April 15 have wiped out the margin of profit on which many high-cost producers of copper have been operating, it was pointed out. Numerous large companies have a production cost of 12 cents a pound, and as the price of copper approaches this level it becomes necessary for these producers to close some of their mines.

Three Mines in Utah Closed.

The United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Co. has closed three of its mines in Utah in the last few days, and other producers are believed to have taken or will take similar action. With production curtailed and sales gradually expanding, producers believe a balance between demand and supply will be reached soon.

Utah Copper Wages Cut—Reduction of 20 to 25 Cents a Day, Effective May 10, Result of Price Drop.

The following Salt Lake City advices are from the "Wall Street Journal" of May 6:

Utah Copper Co. has posted notices that on May 10 wages will be reduced 20 to 25 cents a day, as result of the recent 4-cent a pound drop in the price of copper. Workers receiving \$4.75 and over a day get the 25-cent cut, and all below that figure the 20 cents a day reduction.

Copper Sells at 12c.—Price Off 6 Cents Since April 15—Lead Quiet—Tin Weak.

With the sale of a substantial tonnage of copper at 12@ 12½ cents, delivered Valley, in yesterday's market, a 1½ to 2 cent decline from Saturday's price, a level was reached at which many prominent consumers have declared their intention of coming into the market in a big way, "Metal and

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 \$200,000,000, bringing the total of these loans on May 7 down to \$4,074,000,000 as compared with \$5,551,000,000 on May 8 1929. The present week's decrease of \$200,000,000, however, follows an increase since Feb. 26 1930 of no less than \$785,000,000. The loans "for own account" decreased during the week from \$1,695,000,000 to \$1,611,000,000; the loans "for account of out-of-town banks" from \$1,183,000,000 to \$1,123,000,000, and the loans "for account of others" from \$1,397,000,000 to \$1,341,000,000.

CONDITION OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN CENTRAL RESERVE CITIES.

New York.			
	May 7 1930.	Apr. 30 1930.	May 8 1929.
	\$	\$	\$
Loans and investments—total.....	7,840,000,000	7,947,000,000	7,165,000,000
Loans—total.....	5,870,000,000	5,969,000,000	5,314,000,000
On securities.....	3,409,000,000	3,511,000,000	2,647,000,000
All other.....	2,461,000,000	2,458,000,000	2,667,000,000
Investments—total.....	1,971,000,000	1,977,000,000	1,852,000,000
U. S. Government securities.....	1,099,000,000	1,112,000,000	1,075,000,000
Other securities.....	872,000,000	866,000,000	777,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	741,000,000	782,000,000	724,000,000
Cash in vault.....	47,000,000	47,000,000	55,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	5,384,000,000	5,625,000,000	5,146,000,000
Time deposits.....	1,370,000,000	1,344,000,000	1,157,000,000
Government deposits.....	18,000,000	33,000,000	46,000,000
Due from banks.....	141,000,000	147,000,000	79,000,000
Due to banks.....	949,000,000	1,030,000,000	806,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank.....	28,000,000	12,000,000	189,000,000
Loans on secur. to brokers & dealers:			
For own account.....	1,611,000,000	1,695,000,000	864,000,000
For account of out-of-town banks.....	1,123,000,000	1,183,000,000	1,734,000,000
For account of others.....	1,341,000,000	1,397,000,000	2,953,000,000
Total.....	4,074,000,000	4,274,000,000	5,551,000,000
On demand.....	3,450,000,000	3,697,000,000	5,182,000,000
On time.....	623,000,000	577,000,000	369,000,000

Chicago.			
	May 7 1930.	Apr. 30 1930.	May 8 1929.
	\$	\$	\$
Loans and investments—total.....	1,866,000,000	1,863,000,000	1,865,000,000
Loans—total.....	1,493,000,000	1,492,000,000	1,503,000,000
On securities.....	879,000,000	890,000,000	831,000,000
All other.....	614,000,000	601,000,000	672,000,000
Investments—total.....	373,000,000	372,000,000	363,000,000
U. S. Government securities.....	161,000,000	163,000,000	155,000,000
Other securities.....	213,000,000	209,000,000	207,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	175,000,000	192,000,000	168,000,000
Cash in vault.....	13,000,000	13,000,000	14,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	1,246,000,000	1,258,000,000	1,184,000,000
Time deposits.....	539,000,000	538,000,000	533,000,000
Government deposits.....	2,000,000	3,000,000	12,000,000
Due from banks.....	115,000,000	116,000,000	113,000,000
Due to banks.....	334,000,000	323,000,000	318,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank.....			18,000,000

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

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

In the following will be found the comments of the Federal Reserve Board respecting the returns of the entire body of reporting member banks of the Federal Reserve System for the week ended with the close of business April 30:

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of weekly reporting member banks in leading cities on April 30 shows increases for the week of \$9,000,000 in loans and investments, \$126,000,000 in net demand deposits, \$21,000,000 in time deposits, and \$16,000,000 in borrowings from Federal Reserve Banks and a decrease of \$12,000,000 in Government deposits.

Loans on securities increased \$55,000,000 at all reporting banks, \$104,000,000 in the New York district and \$6,000,000 in the Minneapolis district, and declined \$21,000,000 in the Chicago district, \$20,000,000 in the Boston district, \$9,000,000 in the Cleveland district and \$6,000,000 in the Philadelphia district. "All other" loans declined \$46,000,000 at all reporting banks and in the New York district, and increased \$10,000,000 in the San Francisco district.

Holdings of U. S. Government securities declined \$11,000,000 in the Minneapolis district, \$10,000,000 in the New York district and \$21,000,000 at all reporting banks, while holdings of other securities increased \$14,000,000 in the New York district, and \$23,000,000 at all reporting banks.

The principal changes in borrowings from the Federal Reserve Banks for the week were increases of \$5,000,000 each at the Federal Reserve Banks of New York and San Francisco.

A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of weekly reporting member banks, together with changes during the week and the year ended April 30 1930, follows:

	April 30 1930.	Increase (+) or Decrease (—)	
		Since April 23 1930.	May 1 1929.
	\$	\$	\$
Loans and investments—total.....	22,755,000,000	+9,000,000	+4442,000,000
Loans—total.....	16,964,000,000	+9,000,000	+526,000,000
On securities.....	8,381,000,000	+55,000,000	+1,010,000,000
All other.....	8,583,000,000	-46,000,000	-484,000,000
Investments—total.....	5,791,000,000		-84,000,000
U. S. Government securities.....	2,852,000,000	-21,000,000	-145,000,000
Other securities.....	2,940,000,000	+23,000,000	+62,000,000
Reserve with Federal Res've banks.....	1,774,000,000	+48,000,000	+72,000,000
Cash in vault.....	214,000,000	-7,000,000	-9,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	13,581,000,000	+126,000,000	+347,000,000
Time deposits.....	7,055,000,000	+21,000,000	+235,000,000
Government deposits.....	96,000,000	-12,000,000	-47,000,000
Due from banks.....	1,188,000,000	+33,000,000	+31,000,000
Due to banks.....	2,930,000,000	+133,000,000	+213,000,000
Borrowings from Fed. Res. banks.....	74,000,000	+16,000,000	-629,000,000

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 May 10 the following summary of market conditions abroad, based on advices by cable and radio:

ARGENTINA.

Business for the week ended May 2 was again adversely affected by the new weakness of the peso exchange, but the improved borrowing rates prevailing in London and New York and the persistent rumors that the Government is about to float a loan eased the situation somewhat. The National Minister of Finance has reported that as compared with the corresponding period of the previous year, the internal tax revenue from Jan. 1 to April 20 1930, increased by 20,000,000 paper pesos, and that while the deposits of the principal banks for the first quarter have increased their cash holdings discount operations have declined. Despite the May Day demonstrations labor was tranquil. Exports continue to be heavy and the weather is favorable to the agricultural and livestock industries. The new officers of the Government of the Province of Buenos Aires were installed on May 1 and it is expected that their installation will result in increased activities at least in so far as the financing of public works is concerned.

BRAZIL.

The general business situation in Brazil is showing signs of improvement which, though largely psychological, are actually in evidence in some lines. This optimistic feeling is engendered by the quiet political situation, by the anticipated flotation of the £20,000,000 loan recently arranged, and by the firmness of exchange. Basic conditions, however, are little changed, but there is a feeling of hopefulness that the loan will considerably relieve the present difficult position of the Sao Paulo industry. Latest official trade statistics indicate that the value of exports this year is considerably reduced as compared with the corresponding period of last year, despite the larger export volume in 1930. Manufacturing industries show no improvement with the exception of the knitting mills which are increasing their activities. Construction is still comparatively inactive with price levels generally downward, and the labor situation unimproved in Rio de Janeiro and the north, but somewhat better in Sao Paulo and the south.

BRITISH MALAYA.

It is reported that 30% of the European estates and a small proportion of medium sized native holdings entered into the plan calling for cessation of rubber tapping throughout Malaya and the Netherland East Indies. An increase in Malayan rice production has been urged in recent speeches by the Governor of the Straits Settlements. It is understood that the Malayan Government is considering the practicability of irrigation works in the non-federated Malay States of Kelantan.

CHINA.

Maritime Customs collections at Shanghai during the first four months of the year, on the basis of the old tariff of 5%, totaled 12,972,000 haikwan taels, compared with 12,285,000 in that period last year. (Haikwan tael worth approximately \$0.64 in 1929, and \$0.51 in 1930.) Import collections in this year's period totaled 9,606,000 haikwan taels, against 9,854,000 in the similar period of last year, and export collections totaled 2,966,000 haikwan taels, compared with 1,979,000 in last year's period. The increase in import collections was largely as a result of withdrawals from bond, rather than new import business. Political manoeuvres still hamper the trading situation in North China. Through railway traffic has ceased on the Tientsin-Pukow, Peking-Hankow, and Lunghai lines, all of which are occupied chiefly in military transport, although limited local services are maintained on sections controlled by each group. Business in Manchuria is showing gradual improvement.

The Mukden Government is arranging for a conference of Chinese bankers aiming to assist merchants by extending loans. Enforcement is reported of the recent order prohibiting the export of grains and beans, and the appointment of commissioners to regulate grain movements in order to forestall shortages in some districts. Provisions are being made for heavy immigration this season.

COLOMBIA.

Business continues dull throughout Colombia, imports of automobiles are lower, and sales of foreign foodstuffs and textiles are quiet. Collections are bad and the number and volume of protested drafts is still high. Imports from the United States fell off 50% during February. Additional public works have been suspended. However, coffee prices are profitable on account of lower wages and cost of transportation. A new cabinet was appointed by the President on April 14. The Government arranged a six months loan of \$5,000,000, the proceeds to be used to retire bankers short-time loans of the same amount. At the request of the Government, the Andian National Corporation, operators of the pipeline from the oil fields to the coast, will pay 500,000 pesos on account of the disputed income tax of 1926, as a gesture of goodwill.

DENMARK.

The current business situation in Denmark remains favorable, but a pessimistic undertone is noted due to the recent decline in prices on agricultural products, reduced earnings and unsatisfactory outlook for shipping, and depression in certain foreign markets. These factors, however, appear to be somewhat exaggerated locally as the present position of the money

market and the industrial situation unquestionably are as satisfactory as a year ago. Practically all branches of Danish industry are satisfactorily employed. Building remains especially active. The fisheries also report good yields. Agricultural exports continue at a high level, but prices on eggs and butter show a downward tendency. Shipping is somewhat depressed with the amount of idle tonnage estimated at 153,000 dead-weight tons at the close of April against 103,000 tons at the end of March. The labor market is promising, as many wage agreements already have been renewed and others are expected to be renewed soon. The number of unemployed is gradually being reduced and towards the end of April was estimated at 40,000 compared with 53,000 a month ago. Prices continue to decline with the official wholesale index recorded at 136 for March, a drop of 8 points during the month. There is plenty of available money, but rates of interest remain relatively high and the banks are very cautious in their extensions of credit.

INDIA.

The continuance of disturbances throughout India, attended by boycotts on various lines of foreign merchandise, is making forward import business highly speculative and uncertain. Until the situation has cleared extreme caution should be exercised in making shipments to India.

JAPAN.

Shrinking industrial profits, commercial inactivity and the seriousness of the silk situation is reflected in declining prices on the stock exchange. Volume of selling recently caused the Tokyo exchange to close for the second time this year and since the re-opening there has been no improvement in market sentiment. Security prices are still falling. Preliminary returns of trade for April indicate a recession from March figures. Exports totaled 114,908,000 yen against 135,600,000 yen in March and April imports aggregated 137,272,000 yen compared with 182,400,000 yen in the previous month. (1 yen averaged \$0.4933 in March and \$0.4936 in April.)

NEW ZEALAND.

Practically all lines of business activity throughout New Zealand have been quiet during the past six weeks due to poor butter and cheese prices which have reached the lowest levels in many months and to depression in the wool industry. Reports from overseas markets indicate advances may be expected in dairy produce prices and this, coupled with favorable weather conditions, is making the trading outlook brighter than at this time last month. In spite of depressed conditions in New Zealand, business continues at a higher level than had been anticipated. Motor registrations during the first quarter of the year were higher than for the same period of 1929 but for the whole year it is estimated that sales will decline approximately 25%. The building trade and all allied industries are off approximately 40%. The unemployment position is not acute. Reports that New Zealand has turned to the dole system are erroneous as such a plan has not been contemplated by the Government. A financial review of the year ended March 31 reveals a federal surplus of £500,000 more than had been estimated.

NORWAY.

Annual statements published recently by leading industrial concerns reveal a general improvement in Norwegian industry, although present activity is perhaps slightly below normal. The outlook for the immediate future is encouraging, but the prospects for permanent improvement depend somewhat on political developments as the coming fall election is causing some hesitancy for new commitments. There was practically no change in the amount of idle tonnage during April, but freight rates are slightly firmer and further improvement is anticipated. The latest reports from all fishing districts indicate satisfactory returns for the season. The whaling fleet has left the Antarctic and is returning with full cargo. The demand for lumber is brisk, with exports slightly above the level of last year, although somewhat retarded by the turnover in broken stocks. Prices are stable. Sales of mechanical pulp are being well maintained, but paper exports are below normal and production shows some curtailment. The mining and electro-chemical industries continue to exceed previous records. Unemployment is gradually being reduced. March imports and exports were higher than in February and also higher than during the corresponding month of 1929. Imports were valued at 92,000,000 crowns against 78,100,000 crowns during February, while exports reached a total value of 63,700,000 crowns, compared with 58,100,000 crowns for the previous month.

SWEDEN.

Swedish industries and trade, on the whole, are as yet affected to only a limited extent by the current depression of certain foreign markets and by declining commodity prices. A small number of workers have been laid off in certain iron works and machinery plants. Future developments depend largely upon changes in the business situation of the principal Swedish foreign markets; however, a further slowing up is generally expected. The Riksdag recently abolished the gold import restriction which has been effective since 1924, while the Riksbank has requested authority to increase the amount of 125,000,000 crowns to 250,000,000 crowns, thereby obtaining a better control of the fiscal situation. The lumber market is weaker than last year because of Russian competition and decreased British buying. It is estimated that the year's production of lumber will fall 15% below the level of 1929. Advance sales were estimated at 500,000 standards (990,000,000 board feet) at the end of March, as compared with 575,000 standards (1,138,500 board feet) on April 15 1929. The chemical pulp market is characterized by declining prices and lower purchases by the United States, particularly of sulphate pulp. The iron and steel market underwent no marked changes during the quarter and prices remain about the same, although orders were reduced and slight unemployment occurred. The machinery industry reports a decline of foreign orders. The general price level is following the decline abroad and creating a feeling of uncertainty in some lines. Automobile dealers are more optimistic regarding sales during the next quarter.

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

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

While general business conditions remain unchanged, the business community is adopting a more optimistic attitude with regard to outlook. The textile market is dull and featureless.

PORTO RICO.

The Legislature of Porto Rico ended the year's session on April 17, having passed the budget for the coming fiscal year 1930-31 and enacted several important and constructive measures. The budget called for expenditures of \$10,451,000 during the next fiscal period, against an estimated revenue of \$10,500,000. The more important of the legislative measures enacted included the establishment of an Insular Department of Commerce, the reorganization of the judiciary system and a uniform negotiable instruments law.

This Week's Conference in Paris To Complete Arrangements For Floating Bonds to Be Issued Under Young Reparation Plan—Great Britain's Share to Be \$50,000,000.

The Paris Conference of Treasury officials of the countries interested in the Young Reparations Plan was brought under way on May 5 as a sequel to the Brussels bankers' conference of last week, which has assured the bringing out of the mobilization loan. A Paris cablegram to the New York "Journal of Commerce" from which we quote added:

The French willingness to take over from \$80,000,000 to \$100,000,000 of the issue has greatly facilitated the negotiations. The American delegates have evinced an unwillingness to take over a participation in the loan as large as that of the French, which the latter desire.

Quesnay Reports.

At the Treasury Conference were present representatives of France, England, Italy, Japan, Yugoslavia, Portugal and Germany. Dr. Quesnay, managing head of the Bank for International Settlements, reported on the results of the Brussels Conference. He requested the power to act for the nations present in conferences to be held with the bankers who will handle the reparations bond issue in the various countries.

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The conference of Treasury officials will also have to reach an agreement on the method whereby Germany will provide interest payments on her own share of the annuity loan, since the Hague protocols are concerned only with service on the \$200,000,000 of the issue which goes to the creditor nations.

It has been decided that the Credit Lyonnais will head the French syndicate handling the issue because of its widespread organization and experience, with Lazard Freres closely associated. Numerous inquiries from customers have been received by the French bankers, and several of those who will join the syndicate report they have already placed their participations in the issue.

London has again indicated that it wishes to take over only that portion of the issue which will correspond to its share in the proceeds.

The European bankers hope that the Morgan representatives will agree to the 5½% coupon rate, despite the fact that the latter are opposed to a heavy discount from par in the sale of bonds.

With the conclusion of the deliberations May 8 the New York "Times" in a Paris cablegram said:

The Treasury experts of the former Allied nations which are to share the non-German portion of the first Young plan annuity loan completed their labors this afternoon in connection with the arrangements for the flotation of the \$300,000,000 issue.

In a general way it may be said the Treasury representatives reached agreement upon the outlines of the proposals submitted to them by the investment bankers of the nine countries which are to participate in the operation, but several questions still remain to be settled. These will be considered by the Board of the Bank for International Settlements at its meeting at Basle on Monday.

The investment bankers will be summoned to the headquarters of the World Bank at the end of next week, or not later than Monday, May 19. Although they will not be in session with the bankers, the Treasury agents will also come to Basle so as to be available for consultation on the final details of the loan.

At the concluding meeting the bankers will determine the price the bankers shall pay for the bonds and the offering price to the public. It is also likely the fixing of the yield of the bonds will have to be left to the decision of the bankers' session, although in principle it has been decided the bonds will run 35 years and will be offered to the investors of the world on a 5½% basis at a price sufficiently below par to assure a return of 6%. Unless some unforeseen development occurs the first Young plan loan will be floated about May 30 or June 20.

Experts of the German Finance Ministry have been meeting with the allied experts, as also have Gates W. McGarrath, Leon Fraser and Pierre Quesnay, the chief officials of the world bank.

Among the issues yet undetermined is the method by which the bonds shall be redeemed. However, a mass of details has been disposed of during the 4-day meeting here, and all the remaining questions will be settled at next week's meetings.

So far as the prospects of the success of the flotation are concerned, banking circles appear to entertain the greatest optimism. It is the impression that the unusually high yield for such a strong investment is certain to make a powerful appeal to the public.

Under date of May 7 the Paris advices to the "Times" had the following to say:

Representatives of the Treasuries of the former allies, who are meeting here this week to put the final touches to the preparations for the issue of the first German annuity loan under the Young Plan, decided this evening to increase the British share in the proceeds of the \$300,000,000 flotation from \$26,000,000 to \$50,000,000. This automatically reduces the French portion by \$24,000,000 to a total of \$132,000,000.

However, it also increases the amount the British banking group will absorb from the original figure of \$26,000,000 to \$50,000,000.

The extent to which Britain would participate in the selling of the issue has been a subject of keen debate among the Treasury experts here. The British took the position, which reflects the attitude of Philip Snowden, that they should not be required to purchase more than the British Government was to obtain under the terms of the loan, namely \$25,000,000.

French Accept Reduction.

As such a relatively small share for an important market might have had an unfortunate effect upon the flotation, the Treasury agents, with the approval of the French representatives, agreed to increase the British share in the proceeds to \$50,000,000. This decision, and many other of a technical nature, was reached to-day in the course of two lengthy sessions. A final plenary meeting will be held to-morrow, after which an adjournment will be taken to permit Gates W. McGarrath, Leon Fraser and Pierre—officials of the Bank for International Settlements—to return to Basle and prepare for Monday's meeting of the world bank, which is to give final consent to the loan.

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Hope for High Yield.

Though the interest rate has not been finally settled, it is understood the American bankers hope it may be possible to offer an even higher yield than 6%.

Owing to the immense amount of detail remaining to be disposed of, it is not likely the loan will be floated before the last days of May or of

first week of June. By that time the American bankers feel it may be possible to issue the loan in more favorable circumstances.

With Britain taking \$50,000,000 and France and the United States, taking about \$90,000,000 each, only \$70,000,000 remains to be divided between the other European markets. Sweden will take \$25,000,000 of this amount, Germany \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000, Switzerland \$15,000,000, Italy \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000, and Belgium \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000.

Since France will receive the lion's share of the non-German portion of the loan proceeds, it is likely the French part of the flotation will exceed that taken by the American group.

In our issue of a week ago (page 3087) we referred to the Brussels Meeting of May 1; a further session was held at Brussels May 2, as to which a cablegram to the New York "Times" said in part:

The first German annuity loan of \$300,000,000—the largest International financial operation since the War—took definite form here this evening when investment bankers of nine nations reached an agreement upon the essential details of the Young Plan flotation. Several of the decisions are of a tentative character, pending the meeting of the representatives of the Treasury Departments of the countries which will share the proceeds but during their meeting, held yesterday and to-day, the bankers were able to smooth out nearly all the difficulties in the path of the loan.

The American bonds will be in denominations of \$500 and \$1,000 each. The Bank for International Settlements will act as trustee for the bondholders.

Gates W. McGarrah, President of the Bank for International Settlements, who was detained in Berlin because of the meeting of the Reichsbank, reached Brussels at noon to-day and presided over the final session of the bankers' meeting. Leon Fraser, American secretary of the World Bank, took the place of his chief at the earlier meetings.

Thomas W. Lamont, partner in the J. P. Morgan Co., left for London this evening after taking an active part in the discussions here. He will sail for New York within a few days and will direct the flotation of the American share of the bond issue.

Protocol Making Effective Young Reparations Plan Signed at Paris.

A protocol putting into effect the Young Reparations Plan was signed at Paris May 9 at the French Foreign Office by Premier Briand and the foreign ministers of Great Britain, Italy and Belgium. Associated Press cablegrams from Paris yesterday reported this and added:

The signing took place at 5.45 p.m.

The last minute arrival of the necessary documents from Great Britain and Italy and their deposit in the French foreign office made the signing to-day possible.

Premier Briand was the host of Arthur Henderson, British Foreign Minister at luncheon. The diplomats discussed questions concerning the forthcoming Geneva Council session, and announced afterward that they were in complete accord.

Loans to Nations Forced Into War Urged at Geneva By Committee of League of Nations—Smaller States Press Plan.

A cablegram (copyright) from Geneva, May 5, to the New York "Herald Tribune" says:

The Arbitration and Security Committee of the League of Nations began and ended to-day debate on its draft treaty for financial assistance in time of war, following the same road traveled last week by that body's discussion of its convention for lessening chances of war. Now, as then, everything depends upon a possible compromise in the Drafting Committee between the countries favoring specific instructions for action by the League's Council in each conceivable contingency and the countries that favor leaving the Council the widest possible latitude for its decisions.

The treaty proposed provides that, should one of its signatories become a victim of aggression, the other signatories, at the Council's recommendation, shall, each in its allotted degree, guarantee a loan to the victim. The measure is pressed by smaller nations as supplementary to disarmament. They argue that, whereas disarmed great powers rapidly regain adequate military efficiency if attacked, minor countries obviously would be worse off for lack of the sinews of war, and that, moreover, the projected loans would have a strong moral effect on aggressively minded powers.

But how a decision can be made between two disputants, each calling one another the aggressor, whether or not the Council must be unanimous, and whether the money is to be forthcoming only in case of war or upon the threat of war also—these matters must be decided by that drafting committee which meets to-morrow.

Meanwhile the corridors of the League's Secretariat are agitated by the rumor that, because of the London Naval Conference results—not to mention Italy's shipbuilding program—the Preparatory Disarmament Commission might be called together this summer to further advance the plans for a world disarmament congress. Jonkheer J. Loudon, Chairman of the Commission, arrived last night to discuss privately during the week this topic with members of the Arbitration and Security Committee, who are also members of his commission.

Reijiro Wakatsuki, who was head of the Japanese delegation to the London Naval Conference, is due this evening or to-morrow, but his visit is described as wholly non-political.

Germany and Scandinavia, with some British and Italian support, are urging the early meeting of the commission. It is understood here, however, that Washington believes the time is not ripe, and France and all other allies hold the same opinion. Paris is believed to be waiting to see how far Italy can afford to go with its announced naval construction program—how far, if at all, the Italians are to bluff to secure proffers of Mediterranean parity. On the whole, the best informed opinion postpones the next session of the Preliminary Disarmament Commission to October or November.

Italy Ratifies Young Reparations Plan.

On May 7 Italy ratified the Young Plan as evolved by the two Hague reparations conferences in 1929, says Associated

Press advices from Rome to the New York "Herald Tribune," which added:

The ratification is effective as of May 5, 1930. With Italy's approval registered all the nations but Great Britain involved in the reparations question have accepted the Young Plan. When Great Britain has approved, the post-war problem of Germany's indebtedness will have been formally settled.

The Bank for International Settlements will then be able to go forward with business. It was recently organized and officers elected at Basle, Switzerland.

Mobilization Loan—Paris Expects 6½% Rate, Prefers 5½% and Bonus.

The New York "Times" in a wireless message May 2 from Paris, stated:

The exact amount of French shares in the mobilization loan is still unknown. Official circles generally favor a rate of 5½%, with a bonus rather than 6½%, which it is thought will be the actual rate.

The vote of the Chamber ratifying the Young agreement provided also that the mobilization loan should be exempt from French taxes.

Interior Bond Houses Want Higher Yield on German Annuity Bonds—Said To Fear Selling Difficulties at 6%.

Reports that approximately \$90,000,000 German annuity bonds, bearing a coupon of 5½%, will be offered in the American market at a price to yield 6% were not received favorably in local bond market circles, said the New York "Journal of Commerce" of May 8, in which it was also stated:

Unless a greater yield is offered, it was declared, it will be difficult to distribute the bonds.

While it was generally agreed that the reduction of discount rates in London, Paris and New York would make possible the marketing of the bonds at a lower yield than would otherwise have been the case, a return of 6% was said to be out of line with present conditions in the market.

The sales managers of interior branch offices of several bond houses have communicated with their main offices that for their districts annuity bonds yielding 6% could be disposed of only through the exertion of great selling pressure. This, it was feared, would sometimes take the form of inducing customers to substitute annuity bonds for others now held, with special concessions on the bonds taken in.

The sale of the annuity bonds has been the subject of much discussion in Wall Street quarters, not only because the offering of \$75,000,000 to \$90,000,000 bonds would be a large volume of foreign securities to place upon the market at one time, but also because the annuity bonds will, so far as their servicing is concerned, be prior to other German issues, except the Dawes loan, and therefore deserving of the best prices obtainable on German bonds.

The lowering of the discount rates, with the purpose of lowering the yields on the annuity bonds and other German issues which may follow, has been criticized by some bankers. It was pointed out that while the forcing of low rates would firm the bond market for a time, it would be disadvantageous to German credit to issue the bonds at prices which would not be maintained in the market over an extended period of time.

Dwight W. Morrow, Ambassador to Mexico, Decides Not to Accept Appointment to U. S. Senate at This Time—Will Be Candidate For Nomination at New Jersey Primary.

The decision of Dwight W. Morrow, American Ambassador to Mexico, not to accept the appointment as United States Senator offered him by Governor Larson of New Jersey, was made known in a statement issued by Mr. Morrow in Washington on May 3. It was announced in December that Mr. Morrow had been chosen by Governor Larson for the senatorial post to succeed Walter E. Edge who resigned from the Senate to become Ambassador to France. Temporarily the Senatorship has been held by David Blair Jr., of Camden. Ambassador Morrow, who returned last week from Europe where he participated in the London Naval Conference, states that the prolongation of that Conference and the shortness of the time remaining before the adjournment of the Senate have led to his decision not to accept Governor Larson's offer. At the coming primary in New Jersey, Mr. Morrow will enter the campaign as Republican candidate for Senator in the Fall elections. Ambassador Morrow's statement of May 3 follows:

Ambassador Morrow has notified Governor Larson of New Jersey that he has decided not to accept his offer made last winter of the seat in the United States Senate. Mr. Morrow urged Senator Baird to retain the seat and Senator Baird consented. The unexpected prolongation of the London Naval Conference and the shortness of the time remaining before the adjournment of the Senate have led Mr. Morrow to make this decision. He will stand in the coming primary in New Jersey for nomination as the Republican candidate for Senator in the elections next fall.

It will be recalled that in the statement he gave out last December Mr. Morrow said that on his return from London he would go to Mexico for a short time to complete unfinished duties there before entering into his primary campaign in New Jersey. The prolongation of the London Conference has, however, made it impossible for him to go to Mexico until the close of the primary campaign in June. Moreover, he feels that he should be available in this country to give such testimony and information concerning the naval treaty as may be required of him.

When the primary campaign is over Ambassador Morrow will return to Mexico in order to take up a number of important matters pending.

Annual Award of Town Club of New York Presented to Dwight W. Morrow—Medal Voted to Ambassador for His Work in Improving Relations With Mexico.

Dwight W. Morrow, Ambassador to Mexico, member of the American delegation to the London Naval Conference and candidate for United States Senator from New Jersey, received the second annual award of the Town Club on May 1 as the member who has contributed most to the "fair name of the club" and to the "enlargement and enrichment of life" in the past year. Noting this the New York "Times" of May 2 stated:

The award, which carried with it a bronze medal, was given by vote of the club members in the Town Hall auditorium. Mr. Morrow was chosen from a list of five members who had previously been elected by referendum to constitute the club's 1930 roll of honor. * * *

Mr. Morrow won the award for his achievement in improving the relations between Mexico and the United States. He was championed also by Will Irwin, who spoke in his behalf, as the man who saved the London Conference from failure.

"When the full story of what took place in London becomes known, when we have access to the archives and the documents, I should not be surprised if it is shown that Mr. Morrow is the man who made the success of the conference possible," said Mr. Irwin.

Reported Loan of \$125,000,000 to Japan—J. P. Morgan & Co., National City and First National Underwriters to \$71,000,000.

Associated Press accounts from Tokio yesterday (May 9) stated:

It was learned here to-day that Juichi Tushima, the Government's Finance Commissioner, had concluded in London a contract with American and British bankers for a bond issue of approximately 250,000,000 yen (nearly \$125,000,000) to convert Japan's 4% sterling loan of 1899 which falls due in 1931. Approximately 230,000,000 yen of the 1899 issue is outstanding.

The American share of the new issue will be \$71,000,000 and the British share £12,500,000 sterling. The new issue will bear interest at 5½% for a term of 35 years. With the issue price at 90 the actual yield will be 6.2%.

J. P. Morgan & Co., the National City Bank and the First National Bank of New York are the American underwriters. The Westminster Bank and the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corp. will handle the British share.

There was some dissatisfaction in Tokio banking circles because Japan must pay more than 6% on its Government bonds, but other authorities pointed out that such terms were to be expected in view of Japan's economic depression.

Japanese House Votes \$19,000,000.

Under date of May 6 Associated Press accounts from Tokio to the New York "Times" stated:

The supplementary estimates bill, providing 39,000,000 yen (about \$19,000,000) for an increased educational subsidy, export debenture and shipping credit, was approved today by the House of Representatives. The bill now goes to the upper House.

Porto Rico To Tax Imported Coffee.

San Juan (Porto Rico) advices May 5 to the New York "Times" said:

Governor Theodore Roosevelt to-day signed a bill imposing a tax of 10 cents a pound on imported coffee as a measure to protect the island coffee industry, which is recovering from the hurricane of two years ago.

Discount Company in Austria Unites With Electric Concern.

From Vienna, May 3, the New York "Times" reported the following:

An important fusion was announced to-night of the Niederösterreichische Escompte-Gesellschaft (Austrian Discount Company) with the Vereinigten Elektrizitäts A. G. Simultaneously W. A. Harriman of Harriman & Co., New York, and Dale M. Parker of Samuel & Co., London, were elected to the Board of the Niederösterreichische Escompte-Gesellschaft.

One Escompte share will be given for three Elektrizitäts shares. The Escompte-Gesellschaft, which last year reduced dividends by 2½ to 11%, is the third biggest bank in Austria.

Hungarian Loan Will Not Be Brought to United States.

A cablegram from Berlin May 7 to the New York "Journal of Commerce" said:

A Hungarian State loan of 500,000,000 pengos has been authorized, to be placed directly after the ratification of the reparations agreement. London will take £12,000,000, the rest going to Holland, France, Italy and Switzerland.

A part of the proceeds will be appropriated for agricultural development, although there will later be a separate agricultural loan and also a loan for the City of Budapest.

Austrian Debt Pact Signed by President Hoover—Provides for Payment to United States of \$24,614,885 Over Period of Forty Years.

President Hoover, Secretary Mellon and Minister Prochnik of Austria on May 8 signed an agreement funding the Austrian debt of \$24,055,708.92 over a period of 40 years. The agreement was approved by Congress in February. A Washington dispatch to the New York "Times" May 8 noting this said:

After the signature the Austrian Minister issued a statement expressing appreciation "for the friendly spirit of helpfulness shown by the United States in concluding this arrangement, which will make a most favorable impression upon the public opinion of Austria."

Secretary Mellon, in a statement explaining the pact, said that Austria had accepted a plan by which it will make the "following payments beginning Jan. 1 1929: Five installments of \$287,556 each, 10 installments of \$460,093 each and 25 installments of \$743,047 each, or a total over the 40 years of \$24,614,885." Austria has already made the 1929 and 1930 payments.

Plans for Redemption of Italian Public Debt.

According to Romolo Angelone, Italian Commercial Attache in New York, a further step was taken during the past week by the Italian Government toward accelerating the existing process for the redemption and cancellation of the Italian public debt. Mr. Angelone says:

For this purpose a decree law was passed on April 29 1930 by the Italian Council of Ministers by which the yearly allotment to the "Cassa" for the redemption of public debt will be increased by 500 million lire (\$26,315,000) to be used in the purchase of Italian Government 5% Consolidated Loans.

The "Cassa" was established in August 1927 as an independently operated Government department, to receive the budgeted surpluses of the Government, proceeds of written-off bank notes, interest on cancelled securities and all amounts received by the Italian Government in respect of redemption and interest on various loans and sums received from foreign Governments for goods sold to them or for other causes. The "Cassa" applies its receipts towards the redemption, by purchase in the market, of all Government securities.

The new decree provides for 500,000,000 lire yearly to be applied towards the specific redemption of Italian Government 5% Consolidated Bonds, through purchase in the market. The bonds of these Consolidated Loans contain no provision in regard to redemption.

The funds necessary for future redemption of 500,000,000 lire Consolidated Bonds will be derived from the tobacco monopoly, which monopoly will increase the price of its better type products by 25%. Based on the receipts for last year of the monopoly, the increase in question is estimated to yield about 800,000,000 lire (\$42,104,000) yearly.

Italian Government 5% Consolidated Bonds, which have recently been currently quoted in Italy around 81, to yield 6.17%, are now, following the publication of the decree law, quoted about 85, to yield 5.88%, indicating the very favorable impression which the measure taken by the Government has had upon financial circles in Italy.

The decree law just passed by the Council of Ministers is significant of the determined policy of the Italian Government to reduce the outstanding amount of public debt.

The New York "Times" of May 4 refers to the statement of Mr. Angelone as affording an explanation of the decree passed last week by the Italian Council of Ministers whereby the yearly allotment of funds for the redemption of the public debt will be increased by 500,000,000 lire. The "Times" went on to say:

The increase, which will be equivalent to \$26,315,000, will be applied toward redemption of Italian Government 5% Consolidated Loans, which contain no redemption features.

The only loan of the Italian Government outstanding here is about \$93,000,000 of the issue of 7s of 1951, which will not be affected by the new law. This loan, with a sinking fund of \$1,500,000 annually, is callable, only, as a whole, after June 1, 1941.

Reported Negotiations for Antwerp Loan.

United Press advices as follows from Brussels are from the "Wall Street Journal" of May 5:

Negotiations have been completed by town of Antwerp for a loan of 400,000,000 francs (about \$16,000,000) from United States banks. Loan will run for 30 years at 5½% and will be floated at 91. Due to National Bank of Belgium's objections to foreign loans, the transaction will be made through the Belgian Credit Communal.

The New York "Times" in its issue of May 6 said:

Cable reports received here yesterday that Antwerp, Belgium, had completed negotiations for a loan of about \$16,000,000 from an American banking group, consisting of 30-year 5½s, priced at 91, were not confirmed in Wall Street. At the offices of the National City Co. it was said the loan at these terms had not been signed by that company but that the amount under discussion was \$12,000,000, maturing in 30 years and carrying a 5% interest rate.

The decision of the city of Antwerp to market a loan here is believed to be due to the fact that the recent loan for the city of Brussels, which was offered by a Belgian banking group, was not fully subscribed, according to cabled reports.

Netherlands Lend Most per Capita According to Report Issued By League of Nations—Australia Said to Borrow Most on Population Basis—Great Britain's Income Biggest.

Several widely accepted ideas are jarred by a volume on international trade and balances of payments in the year 1928, issued by the League of Nations Economic Section on May 2, says advices from Geneva to the New York "Times" which gives details as follows:

The country lending the most abroad per capita was not the United States, but The Netherlands, which was followed by France and the United Kingdom.

The country borrowing the most abroad per capita was not Germany, but Australia, which was followed by Germany, Argentina, Norway and Hungary. Germany was greatest in the amount borrowed, her total being \$1,067,000,000. Australia was second, with a total of \$267,000,000.

The heaviest annual interest payments abroad per capita are not by Europeans, the most heavily indebted of European nations paying only from \$2 to \$5 per capita, but by Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Argentina

and South Africa, the citizens of these sparsely settled countries paying from \$10 to \$30 each.

The greatest net receipt from interest and dividends was still recorded by the United Kingdom, with \$1,387,000,000 and \$683,000,000, respectively in 1928.

The United States, far from being a laggard in her merchant marine, had the second greatest gross income from maritime freights in 1928, the figures being for the United Kingdom \$657,000,000; for the United States \$339,000,000, and for Germany \$59,000,000, with Norway, Italy and Sweden following.

Canada profits more from tourists than the country whose name is generally considered synonymous with touring, Switzerland. The nations receiving the most from foreign tours are, in order, France, Italy, Canada and Switzerland. A majority of the other countries show a net expenditure on this account, the tourist expenditure of the United States for 1928 being \$614,000,000.

Austrian Loan Barred from Talks of Chancellor Schober With British Ministers.

Under date of May 2 a wireless message from London to the New York "Times" said:

The flotation of a loan to assist Austria's financial reconstruction, it was authoritatively stated to-night, will form no part of the conversations between the Austrian Chancellor, Johann Schober, and Premier MacDonald and members of the Cabinet during his three days' visit to London.

The first Federal Chancellor of Austria to pay a formal public visit to Britain since the World War has set himself to explain the internal situation in Austria and the methods he is taking to reduce the possibility of armed conflicts between the rival factions and to deprive them of firearms.

Dr. Schober had a cordial talk this morning with Foreign Secretary Henderson and he later lunched with Mr. MacDonald. To-morrow he will be received by the King. It is understood Dr. Schober proposes formally to thank the King for Britain's help in enabling Austria to obtain her financial independence. She is no longer obliged to obtain the consent of the reparations commission before contracting a loan abroad nor will she now be expected to provide the special security, hitherto required, of providing a first charge upon her National revenues.

Referring to Dr. Schober's recent visits to European capitals, "The London Times" will say to-morrow, "Dr. Schober must indeed have gained the encouraging impression from his travels that the Austrian Republic is everywhere regarded with good-will, and those whom he has visited cannot fail to have gained new confidence in the policy of the Government for which Dr. Schober is responsible."

Greek Financing Arranged.

United Press from Athens advices published in the "Wall Street Journal" of April 30 said:

Bank of Greece has concluded arrangements with Hambros Bank, Ltd., and Erlangers, Ltd., for issuance of £1,500,000 in 5½% Treasury discount bonds as an advance on an £8,000,000 loan. Loan will be issued in London and New York and possibly in Paris a year from now.

A second advance, totaling \$7,500,000, will be made by National City Bank, Speyer & Co., and J. W. Seligman, which will participate in floating the loan.

Offering of \$17,581,000 6% Bonds of Republic of Uruguay—Issue Reported Sold.

The Republic of Uruguay has obtained a loan of \$17,580,000 from an American group headed by Hallgarten & Co. and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., the proceeds of which will be devoted to public works, including the construction and improvement of roads, ports, &c. The new financing has taken the form of a public offering on May 9 of 6% external sinking fund gold bonds to the amount indicated. The actual offering in this market, however, amounts to less than \$10,000,000 principal amount of the issue, over \$9,000,000 of the bonds, it is announced, having been sold in Uruguay, Europe and Canada. Hallgarten & Co. announce that subscription books on the offering of the \$17,581,000 bonds have been closed, the issue having been oversubscribed. Associated with Hallgarten & Co. and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., in the offering were Cassatt & Co.; Kissel, Kinnicut & Co.; Ames, Emerich & Co., Inc.; the Commercial National Bank & Trust Co. of New York; the National Republic Co., Chicago; Guardian Detroit Co., Inc.; the Shawmut Corp. of Boston; the Northern Trust Co., Chicago; Mississippi Valley Co., St. Louis; BancNorthwest Co., Minneapolis; National Bankitaly Co., San Francisco; First Wisconsin Co., Milwaukee, and the First Securities Corp., St. Paul-Minneapolis. The bonds were offered at 98 and interest, to yield about 6.15%. The issue will be dated May 1 1930 and will become due May 1 1964. A sinking fund will be provided calculated to retire the whole issue at or before maturity. With regard thereto it is stated:

The Republic covenants to provide a cumulative sinking fund of 1% per annum, to operate semi-annually through the redemption of bonds by lot at par on interest dates with 20 days' notice, the Republic being permitted to tender at their purchase price, in lieu of cash for the sinking fund, bonds purchased at less than par. The Republic reserves the right to increase the amount of any sinking fund installment.

The bonds will be in coupon form in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500, registerable as to principal. Principal and interest (May 1 and Nov. 1) will be payable in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness in New York City at the office of Hallgarten & Co.,

and in Chicago at the office of Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., without deduction for any Uruguayan taxes, present or future. Principal and interest also collectible in Montevideo at the Bureau of Public Debt of the Republic. Hallgarten & Co. and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., are fiscal agents. A statement authorized by Javier Mendivil, Minister of Finance of the Republic of Uruguay, under date of May 7, to the banking group offering the bonds, says:

Obligation.

These bonds constitute the direct obligation of the Republic of Uruguay. The Republic agrees that if in the future it shall issue or dispose of any bonds or loan secured on specific revenues or assets, these bonds shall be equally and ratably secured therewith; but this provision shall not apply to the creation of specific charges on new enterprises to secure obligations issued to finance their acquisition or construction, or to the pledge of local taxes which may be created in order to furnish funds for the construction of new roads, railroads or bridges.

Purpose.

The proceeds of the loan are to be used for the construction and improvement of roads, ports, and other public works, and for the refunding of certain existing debt incurred for like purposes. . . .

Financial Position.

Uruguay enjoys a high credit standing throughout the world. Prior to the World War all of its external loans were issued in Europe, and at present there are listed on the London Stock Exchange approximately £20,000,000 of its bonds, bearing 3½% and 5% coupon rates. Foreign capital invested in Uruguay is substantial, and a number of American and European banks and industrial and public utility corporations have branches and plants in the country.

The national public debt upon completion of this financing will amount to about \$244,000,000, of which approximately \$156,000,000 is external. This debt largely represents investments in productive enterprises under control of the State, including banks, railways, public utilities and port works, which showed substantial profits from operations in the last fiscal year and are estimated to have a value substantially in excess of the amount of the external debt. The national wealth is estimated at \$3,000,000,000, or over \$1,620 per capita, this being approximately 12 times the per capita debt.

All dollar conversions in this statement have been made at par of exchange, namely \$1.0342 per Uruguayan peso. The current rate of exchange is approximately \$0.925 per peso. Uruguayan law requires a gold reserve of 40% for the outstanding gold notes and demand deposit liabilities of the Bank of the Republic. The ratio on March 31 of this year was over 63%. The gold holdings of the Bank on such date amounted to more than 105% of the gold notes in circulation, or more than 89% of the total note circulation of the Bank.

Bonds of Porto Alegre Drawn for Redemption.

Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., fiscal agents for the Municipality of Porto Alegre, have drawn \$10,000 principal amount of City of Porto Alegre 40-year 8% sinking fund gold bonds external loan of 1921, for redemption on June 1 1930, at 105 and accrued interest, at the offices of Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., 25 Broad Street, New York. Interest ceases on drawn bonds on June 1 1930.

Increased Earnings Reported by Mortgage Bank of Colombia.

According to cable advices received by Baker, Kellogg & Co., Inc., and Ames, Emerich & Co., Inc., the Mortgage Bank of Colombia shows an increase of 9% in earnings for the first quarter of 1930 over that of 1929. The earnings for the first quarter of 1930 are reported as 231,117.94 pesos against 211,835.97 for the same period in 1929. This is the equivalent of \$1.12 and \$1.03 respectively for the American Shares.

Bonds of Kingdom of Bulgaria Drawn.

Speyer & Co. and J. Henry Schroder Banking Corporation announce that the second drawing for the sinking fund of the Kingdom of Bulgaria 7½% stabilization loan 1928 has taken place and that the \$29,000 bonds so drawn will be payable on and after May 15 1930 at par at either of their offices.

Bank of Abyssinia Declares Dividend of 5%.

The Bank of Abyssinia has declared a dividend of 5% on the amount paid up on its shares, namely one shilling, three pence per share. This is the ninth dividend to be paid on the stock. It is payable on and after May 13, to bearers of dividend coupon No. 9, at the office of Kidder, Peabody & Co., New York.

Chilean Loan Issued in France.

Paris advices May 2 to the New York "Times" said:

The only foreign loan actually issued in France during the present year was a Chilean 6% gold issue, the French share of which was 172,000,000 francs. This loan was not a success, however, being only partly subscribed by the public.

Foreign issues still remain subject to authorization by the finance ministry. Apparently they are no encouraged so long as the German mobilization loan remains unissued.

Uruguay Discounts Notes—\$2,000,000 Deal with Bank of England to Help Pay Foreign Debt.

A cablegram May 8 from Montevideo to the New York "Times" said:

The Uruguan National Council has authorized the Minister of Finance to discount with the Bank of England Treasury notes to the extent of £400,000 (about \$2,000,000), with the proceeds of which he will pay the interest and sinking fund on the foreign debt. The measure was taken to avoid the heavy loss which would result from cabling funds to London at the present unfavorable rates of exchange.

During the discussion the proposal was made that the necessary funds be taken from the \$17,000,000 loan just floated in New York, but this suggestion was vetoed because one of the principal objects of the New York loan was to improve the exchange value of the gold peso, which at par is worth a few cents more than the American dollar.

Uruguay's foreign debt totals about \$150,000,000 and the loss by exchange on interest payments has been costing the Treasury heavily.

Colombian Loan Extended—J. & W. Seligman & Co. Reported to Have Agreed to Delay Maturity on \$5,000,000 Bonds.

The following from Bogota, Colombia, April 26 is from the New York "Times":

Temporary financial relief for the Government through an arrangement with J. & W. Seligman & Co. of New York for the extension of time on loans of 5,000,000 pesos (about \$5,000,000), due April 19 and June 1, was announced to-night in La Tarde. The Minister of Finance signed a contract with the Seligman company yesterday, and the action was approved by the Cabinet to-day, providing for an extension of six months on short-term bank liens from the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, original joint lender with Lazard Brothers of London.

Further relief comes from the Andian National Corp., which to-day paid the Government \$500,000 in income taxes for 1928, although the controversy over the total amount of taxes due is still pending.

Mexican Silver Situation.

Mexico City advices published in the "Wall Street Journal" May 7 said:

In an effort to meet the critical situation through which the Mexican silver mining industry is passing because of the low price of the metal, it is announced semi-officially that the government is contemplating a plan which will revolutionize the industry. In a general way this consists in the probable cancellation of many of the existing franchises granted mining companies by refusing to extend further concessions.

Mexican Foreign Debt—Direct Dealing With Government by Creditors Easiest Way to Settlement, Says Expert.

The following from Mexico City appeared in the "Wall Street Journal" of May 7:

Direct dealing with the Mexican Government by her creditors, as is demanded by the recently organized Mexican Preferred Debts International Protective Association, Inc., is recommended as the easiest way out of Mexico's foreign debt entanglement, by Juan Sanchez Azcona, leading Mexican financial writer and expert, in an article published by "El Universal."

The Mexican Preferred Debts International Protective Association was organized by a group of dissatisfied holders of Mexican bonds. The group is negotiating with the Mexican Government to be permitted to deal directly instead of through the International Bankers Committee as at present.

Change in Persia's Monetary System—Coin Established Preparatory to Adoption of Gold Basis.

Persia has taken the first step in changing its monetary system from the silver to a gold standard, according to information from the American Vice-Consul in charge at Teheran, Henry S. Villard, just made public by the Department of Commerce. Announcement of this is made in the "United States Daily" of May 7, which says:

The Persian medjliss has passed a law establishing the gold "royal," containing 100 dinars, as the legal monetary unit. The statement continues in full text:

The same measure provided that beginning on March 21 1930, the date on which the law was to take effect, the customs administration shall collect all duties on a gold basis.

The new money will consist of gold pieces in denominations of 1 pahlavi and ½ pahlavi, equivalent to 20 reyls and 10 reyls, respectively; silver pieces in denominations of ½ reyal, 1 reyal, 2 reyls, and 5 reyls; nickel pieces in denominations of 5 dinars, 10 dinars, and 25 dinars; and copper pieces of 1 dinar and 2 dinars. It is probable that 1 pahlavi will be worth 1 English pound sterling, or approximately \$5, thus making the reyal equal to about 25 cents.

Gold pieces are to carry on one side the name and profile of his imperial majesty the shah and on the other the National coat of arms, the monetary value and the year of coinage. Silver, nickel and copper pieces will bear on one side the coat of arms, on the reverse the monetary value in prominent figures and the year of coinage.

According to the provisions of the law, free coinage of gold is permitted, but the expense incurred must not surpass 10 reyls per kilogram of gold. All coinage must take place at the imperial mint, and the right of coinage for silver, nickel and copper pieces belongs exclusively to the Government. There is no obligation to accept copper money as legal tender above the sum of 2 reyls.

All duties and taxes accruing to the State, such as customs duties, revenue from the tea, sugar, tobacco and opium monopolies, road taxes, and fees collected by Persian diplomatic and consular representatives abroad, are henceforth to be on a gold basis. As previously reported, the importation of gold is unrestricted, but its exportation, together with the import and export of silver, is prohibited.

Nicaraguan Bonded Debt Reduced 15% in 1929—\$700,000 Cut Largest Ever Recorded by Country—Foreign Trade Was High.

The following cablegram from Managua May 2 is from the New York "Times":

Irving A. Lindberg, Collector-General of Customs and Resident High Commissioner, announces that Nicaragua's bonded indebtedness was reduced 15%, or nearly \$700,000, during 1929, which is the greatest reduction in the history of the country. This resulted from \$4,000,000 in customs receipts during the year, which amount is the second largest ever recorded. Money spent by United States marines and good coffee prices during the early months were factors in the situation.

Nicaragua's foreign trade amounted to \$22,000,000, of which \$13,000,000 was in trade with the United States, \$2,500,000 with Germany, and \$1,500,000 each with England and France.

The Nicaraguan Government's building program includes a post-office to cost \$200,000 and to be the best Government building in Central America, a custom house to cost \$50,000 and a new Presidential house, which already is nearly completed on the site of an old fort overlooking Managua.

Australia Gold 40% of Note Issue—Sir Robert Gibson, Commonwealth Bank Chairman, Discusses Position.

In its issue of May 5 the "Wall Street Journal" reports the following advices from Sydney:

Sir Robert Gibson, Chairman of the Australian Commonwealth Bank, commenting on shipment of \$40,000,000 gold to London stated that when this movement is completed, the total shipments of gold shipped from Australia since July 1 1929 will have reached \$123,500,000.

"The Board wishes to emphasize," Sir Robert said, "that while the general object is to relieve the Australian exchange position in London, most of the proceeds of this gold is not being used to pay for imports, but for meeting national obligations of interest and other items due overseas. The point is being approached when further depletion of gold cannot be accomplished without impairing the reserves required to support the note issue. There is no present need for apprehension on this point, as, when present shipments are completed the gold reserve will be not less than 40% of the present note issue, as against statutory requirements of 25%."

Last return of the note issue showed a gold reserve of 59%. The total amount of gold shipped since July 1 1929 included exports by the trading banks and from other sources before the export restrictions were introduced at the end of 1929.

"Concerning the present economic position in Australia," Sir Robert continues, "the present official exchange rate of 6½% for London money has been necessary to help rectify the position, and it is inevitable that high rates must continue. In the meantime obligations for payment for imports are accumulating in Australia owing to the inflow of imports which have not yet been checked to any material extent. If Australia intends to establish herself in a sound economic position in the future, we must all co-operate in producing more and spending less overseas until we can balance accounts on the basic principle that imports and interest payable overseas shall not exceed exports."

"Continuance of over-borrowing abroad will only postpone and aggravate our difficulties quite apart from any other aspect of such a policy. That the necessary measures must affect our trade with other countries is inevitable, but the credit and stability of our finances is Australia's first obligation. There is no need for undue apprehension as one cannot conceive failure to meet the position, but there is every need for stern effort on the part of all Australian citizens. The problem is national and is outside party politics."

White House Amplifies Plan of President Hoover to Study Slump.

According to the *United States Daily* of May 3, it was announced orally at the White House on May 2 that the commission suggested by President Hoover in his address on May 1 before the Chamber of Commerce of the United States to study economic crises would not attempt to direct economic life in the United States, but would be a body to make an examination of the experiences of the country during the recent slump. The paper quoted went on to say:

It would make studies similar to those made in reference to the 1919 and 1920 boom and slump. Those studies, it was stated, had a most important effect, amounting to a crystallization of ideas and a spread of understanding which entered very largely into our economic life since that time.

The President, it was explained, does not propose to appoint such a commission until the situation becomes more clear and the country has had the full background of its experiences behind it.

The President's address before the Chamber of Commerce in which the proposal was made was given in our issue of May 3, page 3064.

U. S. Chamber of Commerce Denies Opposing Farm Aid—President Butterworth Says Criticism Was Aimed at Only a Part of Agricultural Marketing Act.

William Butterworth, President of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, denied on May 3 that the Chamber, in its recent resolution criticizing the Farm Board, was opposing improvement in the Agricultural Marketing system. A dispatch from Washington May 3 to the New York "Times" noting this said:

The resolution, Mr. Butterworth said, was directed against "one or two sections" of the farm marketing act. It was recognized, he added, that "the balance of the act contains many constructive features of assistance to agriculture."

The Chamber a few days ago passed a resolution demanding, in effect, that the Farm Board cease using public funds for aiding farmers' cooperative associations in marketing crops, and for buying and selling in order to stabilize crops.

In his statement today, Mr. Butterworth explained that the protest was aimed at "any permanent policy" in such use of government funds.

The statement read:

"There has been expressed a belief that some misunderstanding as to the resolution passed on the subject of the agricultural marketing act by the United States Chamber of Commerce may arise after the adjournment of this meeting.

"The Chamber does not want to be understood as being opposed to the interests and purposes of improving the agricultural marketing system.

"The discussions leading up to the resolution and its intent were directed largely against one or two sections of the act.

"It was recognized that the balance of the act contains many constructive features of assistance to agriculture.

"Moreover, it is expressly stated in the resolution that the actions of the Farm Board are considered the outgrowth of the national business situation, and the protest of the Chamber was directed against any permanent policy of the government in the employment of public funds for the purpose of participating in business in competition with established agencies.

"The resolution was directed to development of conferences with a view to the consideration of and inquiry into constructive alternatives that might be developed with the aid of agriculture."

Reference to the resolution adopted by the Chamber on May 1 was made in our issue of May 3, page 3092.

Pullman (Wash.) Grain Growers Declare Federal Farm Board Discriminates Against Northwest Wheat Growers.

The Federal Farm Board was on May 5 accused of discrimination against northwest wheat growers by the Pullman Grain Growers, Inc., of the State of Wash., according to Tacoma advices in the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of May 6. The dispatch further states:

The accusations were contained in telegrams sent to Alexander Legge, chairman of the Farm Board, and legislators in Congress from this section of the country. Among the legislators addressed were Senators Jones and Dill of Washington, Borah of Idaho and Walsh of Montana.

Asserting that they had "been held up at every stage of the game," the telegram asked some pertinent questions as follows:

"First, why is there so much delay in the northwest?"

Query on Date Change.

"Second, why have our people been told they could receive loans on the 1929 crop, basis \$1.13 terminal, until June 30, and why was the date changed to April 30?"

Further, it read:

"The wheat growers of the northwest have been discriminated against. We have been continually advised that all members of the grain growers would be taken care of through federal aid. Ninety per cent of the farmers joined the organization with the distinct understanding that all would receive emergency aid.

Dumping to Result.

"Country bankers carried the farmer under the same assurance. Much of this grain would have been marketed March 1 at higher values than at May 1.

"The action of the farm board in curtailing loans will result in dumping millions of bushels of wheat on the market.

"If the Farm Board will break its word this early in the game, what assurance have we that they will take care of us in the coming crop that is sixty days away?"

"Why was not sufficient money available to take care of loans 100%? As it is, we are only receiving 25% of the loans asked for."

Farm Loan Pleas Swamp Grain Body—\$9,000,000 Lent in St. Paul Through Federal Farm Board Corporation as Season Ends—Redemption Unlikely.

The following from St. Paul May 3 appeared in the New York "Evening Post" of that date:

Between \$9,000,000 and \$10,000,000 has been lent to farmers as individuals, farmers' elevators and other grain handlers in the Northwest spring wheat area as a result of the loans on wheat at the pegged price levels of the Federal Farm Board. Co-operative marketing associations in this territory have been swamped with applications for loans in the last week before April 30, the final day for making applications.

From 800 to 2,000 applications a day have been pouring into the offices of the Farmers' Union Terminal Association here, the largest stockholders in the Farmers' National Grain Corporation and the largest co-operative grain marketing association in the United States. Correspondingly heavy demands for loans have been received by the Northwest Grain Association, Minneapolis; the North Dakota-Montana Wheat Pool, Grand Forks, and the Equity Union Sales Co., Aberdeen, S. D., the four regionals recognized by the Farm Board and the Grain Corporation.

Redemption Unlikely.

The decision to stop making loans April 30 was determined to cut off the 1929 wheat crop, as all the loans mature June 30, when title to the grain will pass to the Grain Corporation, unless farmers redeem title by paying the loans.

This is not considered likely, however, as the market price for wheat is approximately 20 cents a bushel lower than the price basis on which the loans are being made.

Should price advance to or above \$1.20 and \$1.25 a bushel for No. 1 Northern spring wheat the farmers could pay off the loan and take advantage of a price advance above that level.

The policy regarding future loans probably will not be decided until the crop season is over, possibly in August or September. Then the world demand, surplus of grain and condition in the United States are expected to determine policies.

One unofficial report which has gained circulation in grain circles is that the Grain Corporation will make advances on a basis of 90% of prevailing prices. The co-operative grain marketing associations in the Northwest have been obtaining approximately 75 cents a bushel of the loan advance through the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank in St. Paul and the balance of the loan commitments through the Grain Corporation.

Present Basis Holds.

The present basis of loans from the Intermediate Credit Bank is expected to continue, and the rest of the loans will be made next year, it is expected, from the Grain Corporation loans.

While a settlement of grain accounts on June 30 is expected on all loans that have been made with the title passing to the Grain Corporation, representatives of the corporation are expected to accept as delivery, storage tickets for wheat at country points and at farms and are not expected to rush this grain to terminals, as every effort will be made to have space available at terminals for the 1930 crop, so that congestion can be relieved as much as possible.

No More Loans to Co-operatives—Federal Farm Board Discontinues Credit—Future Course Dependent on Outlook.

From its Washington Bureau the "Wall Street Journal" of May 5 reported the following:

Federal Farm Board will make no more loans to co-operative associations under the line of credit extended to them earlier in the present crop season, Board officials have stated. Time for securing these loans expired April 30.

Whether or not the Board will pursue the same loan policy during the 1930-31 crop season that it outlined when it got under way last fall will depend upon the outlook later in the new season. Until that time the Board does not expect to commit itself.

Much will depend upon the willingness of the farmers to follow the acreage reduction program enunciated some time ago. If the farmers overproduce they cannot expect as liberal loans as they can if they cut their production.

The Board does not expect to call wheat loans already made in order to increase its holdings in wheat, it was said. The Board now has commitments for about 50,000,000 bushels. Just how much money the Board has expended through the Grain Stabilization Corporation and the Farmers National Grain Corp. members of the Board decline to say. This is being withheld because the Board does not wish the grain trade to know the extent of its dealings.

Loans that have been made to grain co-operatives through the Board and the Farmers National Grain Corporation are under \$10,000,000. These loans and others made to various commodity co-operatives mature at different dates. Some of the loans are demand loans and are to be repaid as soon as the products are marketed. Others are due at the close of the marketing season.

Chairman Legge said he would not be surprised if the Board was asked to extend the time for repayment on some of the loans, since some co-operatives will not be in a position to return the loan when due. These are the loans on commodities. The facility loans are to be liquidated over a period of years.

Chairman Legge disclosed that co-operatives have already repaid loans aggregating between \$12,000,000 and \$14,000,000. Only several days ago one co-operative took up its note for \$2,000,000 that had been borrowed as a commodity loan.

Chairman Legge of Federal Farm Board Predicts Movement of Grains Will Be Facilitated—Says Co-operatives Financed Through Board Are Better Equipped for Task Than in 1929.

Co-operatives financed with Federal Farm Board funds through the Farmers National Grain Corporation are required to market all of their grain under supervision of these farmer-owned and controlled co-operatives the Farm Board has just announced. The Board's policy can be complied with easily by the co-operatives and their farmer members, the Board said, according to the *United States Daily* of May 7, from which the following is also taken:

The purpose of supervision by the National, the Board explained, is to assure volume and facility financing the consolidated marketing of grain gathered cooperatively so that the Farmers National, which, under the law, cannot handle more grain for nonmembers than for members, will be in position to give the fullest service to farmers.

A great many so-called co-operatives, Chairman Alexander Legge explained orally, were organized several years ago when there was no Capper-Volstead law. Consequently, he said, these co-operatives in some cases have no organization complying with the terms of the law. Their feelings are sometimes hurt, Mr. Legge explained, when it is suggested that they reorganize to comply with the law.

Grain co-operatives are organized so that they can handle the 1930 wheat crop a great deal more easily than the 1929 crop was handled, although, according to reports, there will be more wheat to handle, Mr. Legge said.

Storage facilities, he explained, will be more adequate, because there is less wheat back in the country than there was last year, and there is consequently a greater proportion of the crop in the visible supply than there has ever been before, so that there is more space for storage in the country.

The 1930 crop can also be handled more easily because the export wheat will move abroad more rapidly than it did last year, the Chairman explained. He pointed out that Argentina will not be able to furnish the export wheat as that country did last year.

Almost all countries have duties on wheat that will interfere with the program of marketing United States wheat abroad, Mr. Legge said.

Some co-operatives will soon be sufficiently strong for the Government to withdraw from those commodities, and others will require a great many years to put themselves in such position that they can get along without assistance, Chairman Legge said.

The Board's statement on requirements grain co-operatives must fulfill in full text is as follows:

Co-operatives financed with Federal Farm Board funds through the Farmers National Grain Corporation are required to market all of their grain under the supervision of that farmer-owned and controlled central grain sales agency. The purpose is to assure volume and facilitate financing the consolidated marketing of grain gathered co-operatively so that the Farmers National, which, under the law, cannot handle more grain for nonmembers than for members, will be in position to give the fullest service to farmers.

Benefit of Competition.

The Board's policy can be complied with easily by the co-operatives and their farmer members. The marketing agreements between the Farmers National and the co-operatives and the co-operatives and their members gives them the advantage of the competitive market at all times. They provide:

- (1) The farmer or his co-operative may market the grain for cash in the competitive market on the day of delivery at the highest price bid;
- (2) The farmer or co-operative may store grain in a public warehouse and borrow money on that grain pending ultimate sale which can be made only at the option of the owner;
- (3) The farmer may enter his grain in a common pool and borrow on it in public warehouses; the final settlement to be based upon an average price for the period of the pool.

Agreement Is Cited.

It should be clearly understood that marketing agreements are required only where Federal Farm Board funds are used for financing grain or facilities.

The Farmers' National Grain Corporation exercises a supervisory control under all of these options and acquires the grain only by purchase in the competitive market. The marketing agreements provide that after the first year the grower or his co-operative will have a reasonable period each year during which they may waive delivery of their grain for that year.

Some of the private commission companies for years have required co-operatives borrowing money from them to sign a binding marketing agreement. In one State where some opposition has been voiced to signing a marketing agreement with the Farmers' National Grain Corporation a private commission company is boasting that it has 50 co-operative elevators tied up under a five-year binding contract to deliver grain to it in return for financing.

Co-operative Farmers Northwest Grain Corporation May Unite With Farmers Union Terminal Association of St. Paul—Central Selling Agent Would Handle 100,000,000 Bushels of Grain in 4 States— Would Join 500 Elevators.

Proposed affiliation of the Farmers Union Terminal Association of St. Paul and the Co-operative Farmers Northwest Grain Corporation of Minneapolis, to centralize activities of co-operative grain marketing associations of Minnesota, North and South Dakota and Montana, was announced on April 28 by M. W. Thatcher and Harry A. Feltus, general managers, respectively, of the two associations said the St. Paul "Pioneer-Press" of April 29, which contained the following additional information:

The affiliation, if completed, will bring about 500 farmers' elevators into one organization. Officials estimated that with a normal crop this should mean that more than 100,000,000 bushels of grain would be handled by the proposed organization.

Joint Statement Issued.

"The Farmers Union Terminal Association of St. Paul and the Co-operative Farmers Northwest Grain Association of Minneapolis have worked out an arrangement, subject to the approval of the Executive Committees of both organizations," a joint statement by Mr. Feltus and Mr. Thatcher said. "This arrangement contemplates that the Farmers Union Terminal Association will operate the terminal elevator properties and act as the selling agent with complete selling organizations on all grain exchanges for the co-operative Farmers Northwest Grain Corporation and its elevator members.

"The Co-operative Farmers Northwest Grain Corporation as an affiliate of the Farmers Union Terminal Association will do the financing for its member-farmers elevators. The Co-operative Farmers Northwest on completion of this affiliation with the Farmers Union Terminal Association immediately can make available to its elevator members all the advantages contemplated in its original setup.

Would Extend Financing.

"Through this arrangement, financing will be extended to every farmers' elevator that has not entered into the iron-clad pool arrangement with the amalgamated setup of the Minnesota and South Dakota wheat pools.

"The Farmers Elevator Association of Minnesota is definitely on record in favor of the Co-operative Farmers Northwest Grain Corporation. At the annual convention of the Minnesota elevator association recently, a resolution was passed by a vote of four to one rejecting the plan of the Minnesota and South Dakota wheat pools to be amalgamated into the Northwest Grain Association of Minneapolis, which is seeking the support of the individual farmers' elevators. The Minnesota Farmers Elevator Association then went on record in favor of the Co-operative Farmers Northwest Grain Corporation setup.

Approval to Be Asked at Once.

"Elevators can depend on being amply financed through the arrangement of affiliation of the Co-operative Farmers Northwest Grain Corporation in co-operation with the Farmers Union Terminal Association in support of this arrangement. This will be submitted immediately to the Executive Committees of both associations for ratification.

"This program has been worked out in pursuance to what we understand to be the wishes of the Federal Farm Board and the Farmers National Grain Corporation and the policies as outlined in the Federal Farm Marketing Act."

Co-operative Wool Sales in Texas—Texas Warehouse Association Also to Pool Marketing of Mohair.

The following Austin (Tex.) advices are from the "Wall Street Journal" of May 5:

Co-operative marketing of the wool and mohair production of Texas in accordance with recommendations of the Federal Farm Board was assured by the action of the Associated Warehouses of Texas, an association of wool and mohair warehouses throughout Texas, in deciding to consolidate the sale of its spring clips with that of the National Wool Marketing Corporation. At a meeting of representatives of the two organizations held at San Antonio, the consolidation was effected. These two organizations control approximately 90% of the spring clip in the United States, it was stated.

The advance to the producers will be 35 cents on grown mohair and 45 cents a pound on kid mohair, less ½ cent a pound commission. This is half the customary commission charged by warehouses. The mohair is being turned over to the National Wool Marketing Corporation with the expectation of receiving not less than 42 to 45 cents in Boston when sold.

It was explained by the association warehouse committee that the mohair market at this time is not promising, and it may be some time before the product will bring these prices. Shipments of mohair already have started and returns will be made to the grower immediately after the shipments are completed.

National Marketing Corporation Procures 1,400,000 of 2,000,000 Pounds of Wool From Arizona—Lamb Prices Low.

San Angelo (Tex.) advices to the "Wall Street Journal" of May 2 state:

The National Wool Marketing Corporation has secured 1,400,000 pounds of the 2,000,000 pounds of wool which has moved from Arizona, exclusive of the 1,000,000-pound pool of James Hewson, it was reported by E. O. Oglesby representing Draper & Co., sales agents for the national co-operative. Advances on the Arizona wool have been from 12 to 24 cents a pound, while the mohair advance has been 25 cents a pound. Average wool yield in Arizona is about normal.

Nebraska Joins Mid-West Wool Marketing Association Wool Co-operative.

Lincoln, Neb., advices published in the "Wall Street Journal" of May 1 stated that:

Nebraska has joined the Mid-west Wool Marketing Association, a co-operative enterprise that takes in Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Northern Texas and produces 16,000,000 pounds annually.

Carl Williams of Federal Farm Board, in Address Before National Association of Cotton Manufacturers, Says Nation Is Definitely Committed to Principle of Co-Operative Marketing of Farm Products.

In an address, on May 1, in Boston, before the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers, Carl Williams, a member of the Federal Farm Board, stated that "in the Agricultural Marketing Act this nation was definitely committed to the principle of co-operative marketing of farm products." "The Board's job," he said, "has been and is to develop that system of collective bargaining." "In that process," he continued, "skeletons of national organizations of farmers for the marketing of wheat, of cotton, and of other farm products have been set up on the theory that producer-owned and producer-controlled farm marketing organizations, fostered by Government and financed for a time by Government funds, will eventually reach the point of independent self-support with no dependence on Government and no responsibility to it." Mr. Williams also said that "the need of the cotton farmer is a stable price at a fair level which will return a profit to the efficient farmer," and that "it can never be achieved except by farmers themselves with the aid of Government." Mr. Williams' address follows:

Any discussion of the Agricultural Marketing Act and of the Federal Farm Board should begin with causes.

The settlement of America was agricultural rather than commercial. Its real beginnings were in the corn patch—not in the manufacturing plant.

During the first 150 years, towns grew up along seaboards. Industry gained a foothold in those towns, but the dominant thought of the people of the new world continued to be soundly and broadly agricultural.

During the French Revolution there came a tremendous demand from the old world for every agricultural and manufactured product which the people of the new world could furnish—a demand proportionately equal to that which came from the same sources during the World War. Prosperity sat in every household.

That prosperity departed after Waterloo. Cotton, which had sold at 31c a pound in 1814, brought 15c. in 1821, and 9c. in 1829. All other agricultural products suffered in proportion. So did the price of manufactured products in the cities. Farmers, in despair, swarmed over the crest of the Alleghenies, took up new lands, raised their own living, built their own houses, made their own clothes, and became sufficient unto themselves.

Industry, being unable to move and apparently unable to live without aid, went to Congress, asked for help, and got it in the form of a protective tariff of some 20% ad valorem.

That was perhaps the first time when the American Government came to the rescue of one specific class of its citizens. Since then there have been a number of other times. Continuing tariff demands by industry developed a permanent national program. Other programs were eventually built up for labor, for finance, and for transportation.

The farmer, helpless by reason of individualism and isolation, constantly lagged farther behind in his comparative standard of living until in the end his relative lack of progress became a matter for national concern and official investigation.

In 1920 Congress appointed a joint commission to investigate the ills of agriculture. In 1922 President Harding called an agricultural conference. In 1925 the National Industrial Conference Board completed a study of the agricultural situation in which the conclusion was reached that "American agriculture appears to have fallen out of step with the general economic development in the country."

It was said by that Board that farmers lacked any national organization to deal with recurring surpluses, that they lacked organization and system in their marketing processes, that they lacked organization and standardization in grading and marketing, and that they needed a more systematic method of contact between producer and consumer.

"While agriculture has become inseparably involved," said this National Industrial Conference Board, "in a network of interrelationships with a

more and more highly organized system of industry, trade finance, transportation, and Governmental activities, it has so far not developed effective means for adjusting itself to this new situation."

In 1927 the National Industrial Conference Board and the United States Chamber of Commerce appointed the so-called Business Men's Commission on Agriculture. A lawyer, a railroad president, a banker, and manufacturers of electrical equipment, cotton textiles, lumber, food, and automobiles comprised the Commission. It said:

"No unrest as formidable as that witnessed among certain groups of farmers in recent years can be sustained without a real grievance and sugar-coated political pills will provide no lasting relief for an ailment which has in some phases become chronic. We are forced to the conclusion that accepted economic measures do not fit, at least do not cover, the farmers' case and that this situation presents a new challenge to economic and political advisors that cannot be evaded nor met with slogans."

Among the specific recommendations of the Business Men's Commission on Agriculture was the establishment of a Federal Farm Board "to aid in the stabilization of prices and production in agriculture." With the advice and assistance of the Federal Farm Board, efforts should be made to form stabilization corporations to engage in the buying and selling of farm products for the purpose of stabilizing prices.

"The Commission feels very strongly," the report said, "that all who are concerned in the improvement of the agricultural income and its possible benefits to the business community and the nation at large should give serious consideration to the desirability of devising means by which the fluctuations of agricultural prices from year to year may be mitigated. The farmer is in this matter a victim of circumstances which are largely beyond his control or responsibility and in certain definite degree against the public interest, so that a measure of Governmental effort to aid in protecting that interest may properly be invoked."

After a winter's study of this Commission report, the United States Chamber of Commerce, at its annual meeting two years ago, appointed a special committee to prepare recommendations to be submitted to a referendum of its members. That referendum committed the Chamber to the creation of a Federal Farm Board. It also committed American business, as represented by the Chambers of Commerce of the United States, by an affirmative vote of 2,816 to 117, to the principle of co-operative marketing "based upon the established right of the producers of agricultural commodities to act together in associations, corporate or otherwise, with or without capital stock, in collectively processing and manufacturing, preparing for market, handling and marketing in inter-State and foreign commerce such products of persons so engaged."

Out of all these studies and discussions, plus constant talk and argument in Congress, in country schoolhouses, and in the public press for 10 years or so, there came the Agricultural Marketing Act, and there was appointed the present Federal Farm Board.

That Act specifies the duties of the Board and declares it "to be the policy of Congress to promote the effective merchandising of agricultural commodities so that the industry of agriculture will be placed on a basis of economic equality with other industries and to that end to protect, control, and stabilize the currents of inter-State and foreign commerce in the marketing of agricultural commodities and their food products by minimizing speculation, by preventing inefficient and wasteful methods of distribution, by encouraging producers to organize into effective associations or corporations and by aiding in preventing and controlling surpluses in any agricultural commodity through orderly production and distribution so as to maintain advantageous domestic markets and prevent such surpluses from causing undue and excessive fluctuations or depressions in price for the commodity."

To assist in effecting these ends, there was an appropriation of \$500,000,000, of which \$250,000,000 has been made available, and the Federal Farm Board came into action with wide discretionary powers to be exercised in furtherance of the objects which were declared in the Act to be the policy of Congress.

That was nine and one-half months ago. The Board was confronted with the problem of 6,500,000 farmers growing and marketing annually \$12,000,000,000 worth of crops, each crop presenting situations different from any other and each part of the United States varying in climate, soil, transportation, markets, credit facilities, and people so that within each crop were many sectional problems.

Neither by law nor in fact could the Board work with individual farmers. On the contrary, Congress, speaking for the American people, had officially declared that any permanent solution of the agricultural problem must come through collective action on the part of farmers.

In the Agricultural Marketing Act this nation was definitely committed to the principle of co-operative marketing of farm products. The Board's job has been and is to develop that system of collective bargaining and to weld the common purpose of American farmers, of Congress, and of American business, as expressed by its own official spokesmen, into a compact whole for eventual common good.

In that process skeletons of national organizations of farmers for the marketing of wheat, of cotton, and of other farm products have been set up on the theory that producer-owned and producer-controlled farm marketing organizations, fostered by Government and financed for a time by Government funds, will eventually reach the point of independent self-support with no dependence on Government and no responsibility to it. To that ideal the Federal Farm Board is striving.

We recognize, of course, that an agricultural disease which has been slowly developing over a hundred years cannot be cured overnight nor that farmers, reared as individualists, will at once fully adopt the principle of collective action, nor that when they do adopt it, they will at once be fully capable of carrying on for themselves so that the Government can promptly step out of the picture. None of these things are immediately possible. All of them should eventually come to pass.

In the nine and one-half months of Farm Board existence it and the farmers whom it represents have been forced to face some unusual situations. Last October the tower of American business tottered. Finance and industry and Government rushed to its support. Big business and banks put \$500,000,000 into stocks and so perhaps averted an industrial panic.

Commodity values were in equal danger and with worse consequences to the American nation than any speculative decline in the values of stocks could possibly bring about.

No support appeared. Business and finance were too concerned with their own immediate problems to give attention to the price level of food and clothing materials. The Federal Farm Board was the only hope for the American farmer and the American distributor and manufacturer of foods and textiles.

To prevent calamity in the commodity markets and consequent calamity to all the people, the Board stepped in with loans of fixed amounts on wheat and cotton to co-operative marketing associations.

The Board could have organized stabilization corporations, entered the open market and bought and removed at Government expense from immediate available supplies any amount of farm commodities. We chose to go the loan route for a number of reasons, not the least of which was that it put the responsibility for action on farmers themselves.

Some members of Congress, some farmers, and some business men seem to feel that stabilization operations by the Federal Farm Board are not only proper but should be constantly engaged in. The Board believes that they are proper, but it also believes that they are emergency operations only and that they should be undertaken as seldom as possible. The Board further believes and is working toward the goal that eventually the co-operative marketing associations of farmers will be able to control by their own operations in effective merchandising most of the price fluctuations due to recurring surpluses. Always, however, under the Agricultural Marketing Act, the Government stands as a wall behind which the farm organizations need not retreat.

For a time the loan operations of the Federal Farm Board were enough to prevent the industrial panic from seriously affecting commodities. Ultimately, however, American unemployment, restricted buying power, decreased consumption of textiles and bad business conditions in the world at large, forced the Board to step in again, this time with stabilization operations on wheat and, to avoid a crisis in the cotton trade, with support for the cotton co-operatives on their futures, hedges and their spot cotton. The effect of these operations cannot yet be properly measured by either friends or critics. Time will tell that story.

It is not my purpose to discuss here the immediate operations of the cotton co-operatives. It should be emphasized, however, that these co-operatives are now going through a necessary readjustment period, that their present activities are considered by them to be solely for the purpose of self-preservation, that those activities are of an emergency character, and that they are not to be taken under any circumstances as an indication of permanent co-operative policies.

So far as permanent policies are concerned it is inevitable that the co-operatives shall be cotton merchants, operating on the cotton markets of the world as cotton merchants do and meeting the needs of the mills and the textile trade on a basis of real service. It is inevitable also that, regardless of the permanent success of the cotton co-operative movement, a large part of the American cotton crop will always remain to be handled by private merchants. The fundamental attitude of the co-operatives themselves and of the Federal Farm Board toward these merchants is an essentially friendly one and, in my opinion, following the readjustment period through which the co-operatives are now passing, that friendliness will develop working methods that are pleasing to both.

The job of the Federal Farm Board, however, is infinitely larger than that of attempting to meet emergency situations or even that of encouraging the organization of farmers into strong, self-controlled and self-financed marketing institutions. Under the Agricultural Marketing Act the Federal Farm Board is essentially an agricultural planning board. It must look ahead as best it can. It must keep abreast of production and consumption in all nations. It must pass its information along to the farmers of America so that they may not only intelligently market their crops but, and more important, so that they may produce the qualities and quantities of crops that are demanded by the consumers of the world.

One specific Farm Board project, for instance, is the improvement in the character and staple of American cotton. We recognize the relative deterioration of recent years. We recognize the excess costs of production in some parts of the belt. We know that on the average the man who produces less than one-third of a bale of lint to the acre does so at a loss. We know that the South does not feed itself and that more acres planted to food and feed are essential to financial independence. We recognize no difference between a profit gained by an increased price and a profit gained by a lowered production cost, except that the latter method of gaining a profit is better for the land and causes less labor for the man than the former. We recognize that one of the most serious handicaps to cotton farmers and to the cotton South is the annual fluctuation in the acre income of the cotton farmer. How is it possible for a farmer to be permanently prosperous when the value of lint cotton in 1920 was but 46% of that in 1919, or when its value in 1922 was 180% of that in 1921, or when the value of lint cotton in 1926 was but 65% of its value in 1925? A widely fluctuating price for cotton has done much economic harm to the cotton South. The need of the cotton farmer is a stable price at a fair level which will return a profit to the efficient farmer.

I venture to suggest that the need for this stable price is just as great on the part of the textile manufacturer as it is on the part of the cotton farmer. It can never be achieved except by farmers themselves with the aid of Government.

The Farm Board knows that the Agricultural Marketing Act did not repeal the law of supply and demand. Farmers must still merchandise their crop on a basis of what the world is willing to pay for the amount produced. Nevertheless, farmers can iron out some of the peaks and valleys in the price level and get for themselves a more certain and dependable income by collectively having something to say as to the time and place of sale and the quality and quantity offered at that time and place. That is their purpose and it is one of the purposes of the Federal Farm Board.

It is possible that developments of this character, while aiding the farmer to eliminate his own annual gamble on production income, will at the same time aid the spinner to eliminate his annual gamble on his raw material and his consequent gamble on his finished product. It seems to me that there is a very great mutuality of interest between producers and spinners. The farmer knows that the mills are his necessary customers. The mill knows that the farmers are its necessary producers. It has always been hard for the mill man and the farmer to meet on common ground or to understand one another's problems. This thing now becomes easier. Farmers are organized and so are the mills. The leaders of these groups not only may but should constantly confer one with another so that the best interests of both will be served.

The Federal Farm Board itself is interested in developing such a program as this to the greatest possible degree.

S. Y. West Before National Association of Cotton Men Says Federal Farm Board's Activities Increased Unemployment—Says Debenture Plan May Destroy Export Business.

The Federal Farm Board's activities have increased unemployment and if the debenture plan is put into effect it might destroy the American cotton yarn and goods export business, Sidney Y. West of Little Rock, Ark., told the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers at its con-

vention in Boston May 1. Associated Press dispatches from Boston to the New York "Evening Post," indicating this, further said:

The Director of the American Cotton Shippers' Association, in speaking of the Farm Board, said: "They have practically cornered the May-July positions and forced them to an unnatural premium over the new cotton crop. This has increased unemployment in the industrial sections of the country, thus decreasing the purchasing power in those districts at a time when unemployment is already great.

"They have discouraged the buying of dry goods by the retailer, who sees no reason to buy more than a meager supply when he looks at the quotations in any cotton market and sees October cotton is selling much less than July. No jobber is going to lay in a supply; no spinner can afford to manufacture yarns or dry goods in face of this discount."

Referring to the debenture plan, the speaker said: "You will be in worse shape than you are now" if it goes into effect. "It amounts to paying a bonus on cotton that is exported, which at times will mean that the price you pay for your cotton will be a great deal higher than your foreign competitors."

Cotton Legislation Dead This Session—Indication Given as House Committee Declines to Report Jones Bill.

All major legislation affecting the cotton market appeared doomed on May 7 when the House Committee on Agriculture, by a vote of 13 to 3, refuse to report the Jones bill prohibiting the sale of cotton and grain in future markets to the House for its consideration. This statement is made in a Washington dispatch May 7 to the New York "Journal of Commerce" in which it was also stated:

Written in practically the same language as the Caraway bill now in the Senate Agriculture Committee, the Jones measure would declare it unlawful for any person, company or corporation to make a contract for cotton for future delivery who does not have the intention of actually receiving the cotton to be so delivered. Further, it would prohibit the making of a contract for future delivery of cotton by anyone who is not at the time the actual owner of the cotton.

Substitute for Vinson Bill.

The action of the Committee to-day in refusing to report out the Jones bill is regarded by those familiar with the situation as meaning that no legislation of major importance affecting cotton will be acted upon at this session of Congress, which is expected to adjourn during the middle of June.

Following the adverse vote of the Committee taken behind closed doors, it was learned that on Monday last the Committee had voted 11 to 5 to substitute the Jones bill for the Vinson Bill, which met the approval of the House Committee last session and passed the House but died in the Senate. To-day, however, when a move was made in the Committee to set that vote aside and consider the Vinson bill in its original form it was defeated by a vote of 13 to 3.

The bill of Representative Vinson (Dem.), Georgia, is designed to give the Secretary of Agriculture supervisory power over the cotton future exchanges and to prohibit manipulation. Like the Jones bill the measure of the Georgia member would permit the sale of cotton for future delivery only by those who are the actual owners of the cotton or the growers thereof.

"Manipulation."

The word "manipulation" would be construed to mean, among other things, under the provisions of this bill as (1) shipping or transferring to any contract market any cotton for the purpose of delivery on such contract market at an obvious loss on the transaction for the purpose of artificially influencing prices; (2) tendering and repeatedly retendering on futures contracts in any designated contract market notices of delivery of the same cotton for the purpose of artificially influencing prices upon such contract market; (3) the tender upon futures contracts more than once by the same person in the same calendar month of notices of delivery of the same cotton, or otherwise trafficking in notices of delivery for the purpose of artificially influencing prices, and (4) engaging in straddle operations in and between various markets designated by the Secretary of Agriculture as contract markets, with the purpose of artificially influencing the movement of prices in any such designated contract market.

Among other things the Jones bill would declare it unlawful to mail books, newspapers, pamphlets, letters, writings, or other publications containing matter tending to induce or promote the making of contracts which are prohibited under the provisions of the act. For any person violating the act there would be imposed a fine of not more than \$10,000 nor less than \$1,000 or imprisonment not to exceed six months nor less than one month or both.

Growing Co-Operation Between Life Underwriters and Trust Companies Evidenced in Report of Committee on Life Insurance Trusts of American Bankers Association.

Growing co-operation between life underwriters and trust companies in developing the life insurance trust was declared to be an outstanding feature of the present life insurance era in the report of the Committee on Life Insurance Trusts presented here May 6 at the American Bankers Association Executive Council meeting held at Old Point Comfort, Va. The report was made by C. Alison Scully, Vice President Bank of Manhattan Trust Company, of New York as chairman of the Committee who quoted Hillsman Taylor, President Missouri State Life Insurance Company, St. Louis, as saying that under certain conditions a life insurance trust is the most satisfactory method to provide for family financial problems. "There has been no more significant development during the present era of life insurance than the life insurance trust," the report quoted Mr. Taylor. "Life insurance as an institution has needed no endorsement but the advertising and publicity contributed to life insurance by the banks and trust companies of the United States has given us a splendid good will and

has focused public attention on the need for adequate insurance protection more effectively than could have been done in any other way." It was further stated:

"The value of the various forms of option settlement has been repeatedly emphasized and their application in numerous cases abundantly demonstrated, but there are often financial problems in the life of the family that cannot be adequately solved by a series of fixed payments at specified intervals. The exercise of a personal discretion and the continuous supervision of the family welfare are necessary. In such cases the life insurance trust is the most satisfactory.

"It is the policy of our company that all our agents shall be fully familiar with the life insurance trust and its advantages and they are instructed to recommend that in appropriate circumstances the insurance policies be deposited with a trust company as trustee, under a trust agreement properly drawn, to meet the needs of the family."

National Association of Real Estate Boards to Discuss New Methods of Financing Real Estate at Coming Toronto Convention July 9-11.

New ways of financing real estate will be an important subject to come before the general sessions of the 23rd annual convention of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, to be held in Toronto, Ont., July 9, 10 and 11. Robert F. Bingham, Cleveland, Ohio, will address the convention at a meeting of its entire delegate body on this subject. Mr. Bingham, who is the attorney for the Cleveland Real Estate Board, is a member of the executive committee of the Mortgage and Finance Division of the National Association. He has long been a close student of real-estate conditions and trends and is the joint author of three professional volumes—"City Growth and Values," "Financing Real Estate," and "City Growth Essentials." Mr. Bingham will review developments in the corporate ownership of real estate and is expected to report on the newest methods in the organization of investment trusts.

The subject of expert testimony of appraisers given in court cases involving valuation of real property will be thoroughly discussed by the Appraisal Division at its Toronto meetings, to take place the afternoons of July 9 and 10. The National Association has previously gone on record as favoring legislation to insure the qualifications of appraisers giving expert testimony in legal cases and to eliminate abuses in regard to expert testimony upon real estate valuations. Henry N. Johnson, Detroit, will discuss the qualifications which the appraiser who is to give expert testimony should present, and how such experts should be chosen.

Frederick M. Babcock, Chicago, who has been contributing to the appraisal conferences arranged by the National Association of Real Estate Boards for local member boards, will address the Division on "Appraisal of Special Purpose Commercial Properties." Delbert S. Wenzlick, St. Louis, a member of the educational board of the National Association, will speak on "Pedestrian Traffic" before the Appraisal Division and Arthur J. Mertzke, directors of education and research for the National Association of Real Estate Boards, will have as his subject "Capitalization Rates." "Real Estate Values in Toronto" will be the subject on which J. Adair Gibson will address the Division.

American Cotton Shippers Association in Convention at Memphis Votes Down Censure of Federal Farm Board.

According to Memphis advices to the New York "Journal of Commerce" the dispute over the Federal Farm Board in the convention of the American Cotton Shippers Association ended in a compromise on Apr. 26. The dispatch further said:

The convention failed to go on record as censuring the board or demanding a Congressional investigation, but a committee was appointed to deal directly with the Farm Board, as desired by the censure forces.

The resolution on the Farm Board finally adopted, after an afternoon and morning of debate in committee and on the floor, was as follows:

"Resolved, That a committee be appointed by the president of the American Cotton Shippers' Association to act for this association in connection with all matters pertaining to the Agricultural Marketing Act, Federal Farm Board and their affiliations, and that this committee be given full power to do everything needful in order to protect the interests of our membership, and be it further

"Resolved, That directors be instructed to supply such funds as may be necessary to bring the activities of the committee to a successful conclusion."

It is understood that this committee will seek a friendly conference with the Farm Board and officials of the American Cotton Co-operative Association.

The conservative element in the convention was relieved, if not entirely satisfied, with the result of the dispute over the Farm Board.

Among a few of the local shippers who have become a bit repentant since the Manufacturers' Cotton Exchange adopted resolutions censuring the Farm Board, the opinion was expressed that failure of the American Association to censure "was a good thing."

On April 25 the Memphis "Commercial Appeal" had the following to say regarding the meeting of the American Cotton Shippers' Association:

The "fighting wing" of the American Cotton Shippers' Association has run into decided opposition to the proposal to wage open warfare

on the Federal Farm Board and the co-operatives and it was impossible yesterday to determine whether the forces desiring to adopt resolutions of censure or the conservatives would be more numerous when the convention opens this morning at Hotel Peabody.

President H. G. Safford is essaying the role of peacemaker and many of the shippers from the western part of the "belt" think warfare with the farm board would be suicidal.

Practically no one is willing to be quoted, but many of the shippers expressed their views freely in private. The New Orleans shippers are lined up with the conservatives.

One said:

"I'm with the co-op side in this matter. We can't have things any worse than they have been."

Shuns "Cat's Paw" Role.

The charge was made that the manipulation laid to the co-operatives is nothing compared to the squeezing operations carried on in past years by some of the largest cotton companies in the business. One man expressed it: "Let the co-ops and big fellows fight it out; they can't do any harm. Why should the shippers in general be cat's paws for these big manipulators?"

The question was precipitated when the Memphis Cotton Exchange, followed by the Southern Cotton Shippers' Association, a component organization of the American, adopted resolutions demanding a congressional investigation of the Farm Board and the co-operatives and charging them with dominating the futures market.

President Safford appointed a cotton economics committee to study the situation. Meanwhile the Atlantic association had come out definitely in favor of starting open opposition to the farm board and rumblings of anger and nervousness among cotton traders were heard throughout the belt.

It is no secret that the fight to adopt resolutions of decided censure and to send a committee to Washington to protest to the Farm Board has the warm support of several of the largest trading companies in the belt, and these interests are expected to have a great influence in the convention.

Sessions to Be Secret.

The fight will be carried on in the committee and the floor, behind closed doors.

Some of the New Yorkers present at the meeting are likewise opposed to any overt action against the Farm Board, while the cotton exchange has been criticized in some quarters in Memphis for "endangering the city's chances of getting the headquarters of the American Cotton Co-operative Association."

Large Scale Home Building Program at Present Time Would Be Dangerous and Speculative, T. F. Clark Tells U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

"Any expansion of home building on a large scale at this time would be highly dangerous in that it must be of a speculative character," Thomas F. Clark, President of the Thomas F. Clark Company of New Haven stated in an address before the United States Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D. C., on April 29. Mr. Clark represented the Mortgage Bankers' Association of America, speaking on the subject, "What Procedure Has Been Followed Nationally and Locally to Expedite Private Construction, and What Can Be Done to Improve the Financing of Homes." In part he said:

"The volume of business in first mortgage loans during the year 1929 varied only slightly from the two previous years. "The farm situation is in a very much healthier condition than it has been for some time, more farm loans being made during the months of January and February of 1930 than for the corresponding period of 1928 and 1929.

"It is my opinion that any attempt at Governmental expansion of home building would carry with it problems of financing which would in no way effect the individual investor. The law of supply and demand insofar as it effects the home owner balances just as long as there are sufficient funds to meet the demand, and this condition not only exists to-day but has existed for the past several years. The future home building will, as a result of the experiences of the past, be under stricter supervision of the investor than it has in the past, and will result in not only a better return for the investor but more peace and happiness for the home owners."

Co-operatives Not to Dump Cotton On Market, Shippers Reassured.

The following from Memphis May 8 is from the New York "Journal of Commerce":

Assurance that cotton now held by the co-operatives would not be dumped on an unwilling market was given to the American Cotton Shippers' Association today by Carl Williams, member of the Federal Farm Board, after an all-day conference between Mr. Williams, E. F. Creekmore, vice president and general manager of the American Cotton Co-operative Association, and a committee of shippers.

Mr. Williams issued a written statement in which he said:

"The cotton now in possession of the cotton co-operatives or which may come into their possession from the 1929 crop will not be dumped on an unwilling market."

A charge has been made that the Federal Farm Board, through its \$100,000,000 cotton co-operative marketing board, was holding cotton and increasing the basis so that consumers and buyers have been forced out of the market.

The committee representing the American Cotton Shippers' Association meeting today with Mr. Williams and Mr. Creekmore was composed of D. E. McCuen, Greenville, S. C., president of the association; Douglas W. Brooks, Memphis, vice president; John N. Stewart, Jr., New Orleans, president of the Southern Cotton Shippers' Association; T. F. Bush, Waco, Texas, president of the Texas Cotton Association; J. M. Locke, Muskogee, Okla., president of the Oklahoma State Cotton Exchange; D. M. Burford, Pine Bluff, Ark., president of the Arkansas Cotton Trade Association, and D. H. Williams, Charlotte, N. C., president of the Atlantic Cotton Association.

Cotton Mills to Curtail—Deering, Milliken Announce Drastic Cut to Reduce Surplus.

The following is from the New York "Times" of April 25:

Close to a dozen print-cloth and narrow-sheeting mills for which Deering, Milliken & Co. act as sales agents, will suspend operations every other week during May and June and part of July, according to an announcement yesterday by George Eypper, vice president of the company. The action, he said, was decided upon by executives of the mills after a conference with officials of the local company.

"The plan is being put into effect," Mr. Eypper pointed out, "in order to give the market time to absorb the abnormal accumulation of stock which exists at the present time. Every effort will be made by the mills involved to avoid drastic shutdowns."

The mills involved are all located in Georgia or South Carolina. Their action follows similar steps taken by other large producers within recent weeks. According to the trade, additional announcement of a similar nature are expected from other mills within the next few days.

Vote to Curtail Cotton Mill Hours—Southern Manufacturers Endorse Plan of Textile Institute at Pinehurst Convention—F. W. Shibley of Bankers' Trust Urged Curtailment.

After endorsing the program of the Cotton Textile Institute to curtail weekly working hours to a maximum of 50 for night and 55 for day workers, with no overtime, the American Cotton Manufacturers Association adjourned its annual convention at Pinehurst, N. C., on May 7, according to a dispatch of the New York "Times" from which the following further account is taken:

Approval of the curtailment project already bearing the sanction of a number of individual mills but never officially endorsed by the association, came in the resolutions adopted at the business session this morning, from which the press was barred.

B. E. Geer of Greenville, S. C., president of the Judson Mills, was elected president, but the selection of next year's meeting place was left to the board of governors, which will meet later in the year.

An explanation of why the National Industrial Conference Board quit publishing Southern textile hourly and weekly wages in its monthly statistical summaries was offered by Stuart W. Cramer. He said that the number of Southern mills reporting payroll data had become practically negligible.

"Southern textile working conditions and wages are probably more misrepresented, both through ignorance and malice, than those of any other industry in the United States," Mr. Cramer said, suggesting that the association have a disinterested party to determine and publish the equivalent of extras provided by Southern mills in addition to actual wages when comparing scales of Northern and Southern mills.

President Lincoln Baylies of the National Association, was a guest of the Southerners and pleaded for cooperation of the northern mill interests toward curtailment.

"Little has been said about it, but the New England mills have been curtailing," he said.

In addition to President Geer the following officers were elected:

Cason J. Calloway of La Grange, Ga., first vice president.
B. B. Gosset, Charlotte, N. C., second vice president.
E. M. McLaurine of Charlotte, secretary-treasurer.
J. H. Cheatham of Griffin, Ga.; A. K. Wingate of Gastonia, N. C.; George H. Lanier of Lanett, Ala.; S. M. Bailey of Greenville, S. C., and F. J. Haywood of Concord, N. C., were elected to the board of governors.

As present conditions are in the industry, drastic curtailment was urged on the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association at its May 6 session at Pinehurst by Fred W. Shibley, vice president of the Bankers Trust Co. of New York. The New York "Journal of Commerce" reported this in its Pinehurst advices May 6 and added:

"I say drastic only to remedy an unhealthy situation," Mr. Shibley explained. He declared that the problem of the relation of production to the consumer demand must be studied out very carefully, and some such system as that operating in the automobile industry must be developed for the cotton industry. Production must be undertaken only as it relates to a forecast of sales, he said, based on accurate statistics of the market, style tendencies and the like.

Mr. Shibley was one of the two speakers at the morning session of the convention which opened here today. The other speaker was Carl Williams of the Federal Farm Board, who spoke substantially along similar lines as those taken in his address before the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers in Boston recently. Both speakers were introduced by President A. M. Dixon, who opened the convention, the thirty-fourth gathering of its kind. Over 400 members from all parts of the South attended. New England also was well represented.

Speakers in Agreement.

Both speakers, Fred W. Shibley, Vice-President of the Bankers Trust Co. of New York, and Carl Williams of the Federal Farm Board, while widely contrasting in their fields of activity, came to the same conclusion concerning the needs of the cotton textile industry and its closely related business, the cotton farmer. Mr. Williams declared for a mutuality of interests and Mr. Shibley for closer co-operation ere the brink of disaster be reached by the cotton trade in general.

Following the talk on "Cotton Common Sense" by Mr. Shibley, H. W. Fitzgerald of the Riverside and Dan River Cotton Mills declared that the outline by Mr. Shibley had reached into the heart of the present situation confronting the entire Southern mill industry, and that now that the situation was fully appreciated it is time to act as a group to end the conditions which have become intolerable for the industry as a whole.

After briefly outlining the cotton industry from a historical viewpoint Mr. Shibley went on to say that in his opinion not only had the hour for co-operative understanding come to the cotton industry of the South, but that so near was the industry as a whole to the brink that forward activity is a necessity immediately.

Places Blame on Banks Too.

Mr. Shibley decried that fact that the industry had been forced into present straits by changing conditions in the country and, while he

blamed the cotton men for not foreseeing where the period of mill expansion would take them, he definitely blamed the bankers who had lent the money.

In closing he paid tribute to the work of the Cotton Textile Institute and recommended that it be supported by the Southern mill men. This remark evoked spontaneous applause.

On the other hand, while, as Carl Williams said, he might have used the same speech as did Mr. Shibley and recommended to the farmers the same course: Co-operation or go under.

Mr. Williams appeared as an apologist for the Farm Board and repeated in practical detail the same speech as he had given in Boston last week at the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers.

Southern Mills Reduce Schedules—Spartanburg Plants Further Cut Output—Raw Cotton Hit.

Advices, April 20, to the New York "Journal of Commerce" said:

Mills in this section are receiving but few orders for their products, and only the hand-to-mouth process prevails. Here and there a buyer wants a quick shipment, and will place a small order. There is no general demand for the finished products, and the only hopeful feature to the situation, which is anything but promising, is that the occasional demands for small quantities prove conclusively that the goods are needed, and eventually the cloth merchants will have to pay for them at least a figure that will justify selling them at a margin of profit, plus cost of production.

Mills continue operating, but most of them are on curtailed schedules. Curtailment is on the increase and the working hours and days are being still further shortened with the end in view to keep the operatives in employment, even if the mills run but three or four days out of the week.

The inactivity along textile lines is surely reflected with respect to the raw cotton market. Discount of the new crop months knocked trading in the head except where cotton was needed for immediate consumption. It is stated by those familiar with the situation in this section that the majority of mills are stocked in so far as they are going to be stocked.

Shippers and merchants with cotton are making strenuous efforts to unload and are willing to reduce the basis in order to put through their trades, but under such circumstances they are experiencing great difficulty in selling, as there is no demand.

There is considerable speculation and criticism attending the actions of the Federal Farm Board and the co-operatives. The opinion is held by many that the co-operatives are now pursuing the very policy they so severely criticized in Anderson, Clayton & Co. or other large cotton merchants, and are just as silent and secretive as any outside corporation as regards their movements and intentions. Men vitally identified with cotton and manufacturing cotton goods locally express the opinion that the operations of the Farm Board and auxiliaries to date have worked serious injury to the cotton merchants, the manufacturers and the producers as well. And this is also having its effect on the thousands of people who absolutely depend on the machinery of the cotton mills running for the necessities of life.

As regards nominal quotations, it is impossible to give an intelligent line, due to the fact that all cotton merchants who have stocks are anxious to sell, and any basis quoted does not represent anything like the prices they are willing to accept.

The planting season is in full blast, and the farmers of this county and section are in better shape with the starting off of the year's crop than in any year within the past two decades. Fertilizers are moving plentifully and the prospects are bright for a banner crop. There is no indication anywhere that cotton acreage will be reduced in this county or section.

Resolution of Cedar Rapids (Iowa) City Council Bars Sale of Cigarettes by Chain Stores After June 1.

From Cedar Rapids, Iowa, May 2, the New York "Times" reported the following:

The passage of a resolution by the City Council here last night, depriving chain stores of the right to sell cigarettes after their licenses expire on June 1, has precipitated a fight which may finally be taken to the Supreme Court of the United States to decide just how far a council may go in determining what a merchant shall charge for his wares.

The chain stores here have been selling two packages of cigarettes for 25 cents plus the 2 cents tax on each package. Regular cigar stores have asked the Council to insist that the chain stores sell at the established price. Pressure on the Council led to adoption of the resolution.

The chain stores have announced they would appeal the case to the highest Federal court, if necessary, on the ground that the City Council had no right to seek to fix the price of a commodity.

Governors of New York Stock Exchange Adopt Resolution Commending Services of E. H. H. Simmons as President of Exchange.

At a meeting of the Governing Committee of the New York Stock Exchange on May 7 a resolution was adopted on the retirement of E. H. H. Simmons as President, in which recognition of his services during his term of office was recorded. The resolution follows:

"With the far-reaching changes of the past few years affecting the status of the New York Stock Exchange changes which have been measured by the sudden and enormous rise in volume of our daily transactions, it became necessary for the public to be intelligently informed about the character of the agency through which they were making their constantly increasing investments and their speculative ventures.

This was a pressing need and quite new in the affairs of the Exchange. Never before had the economic functions and the basic utility of the stock market been so keenly inquired into by great numbers of our intelligent citizens. E. H. H. Simmons, our President, who is about to retire after serving for a longer term than that of any president of the past half century, understood the difficult and laborious task of interpreting the complicated structure of Wall Street to the nation. He visited many parts of the United States and even foreign countries and in able addresses threw the light of lucid explanation upon the anatomy of our great financial nerve-center."

The service rendered by these brilliant efforts of his not only to the Stock Exchange but also to the public at large is one that can never be over-estimated:

"Be it therefore Resolved, that the Governing Committee do hereby record their conviction that the community has been advantageously enlightened and that the Stock Exchange has been greatly raised in public esteem by Mr. Simmons' untiring efforts, and that this brilliant work of his has made him an outstanding figure among the many presidents of the Exchange.

"Be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions, properly engrossed, be presented to Mr. Simmons."

Mr. Simmons will retire as President of the Exchange at the annual meeting to be held May 12. Reference thereto was made in our issue of April 19, page 2694.

Testimonials Presented to President Simmons and W. B. Potts by Employees of New York Stock Exchange.

The employees of the New York Stock Exchange presented testimonials to E. H. H. Simmons, retiring President of the Exchange, and to William B. Potts, recently resigned Governor of the Exchange, at the Boys' Day ceremonies on May 8. The resolutions to Mr. Simmons were presented by Robert Palmer, Boys' Day President of the Exchange, and the resolutions to Mr. Potts were presented by John F. Tangney, Assistant Supervisor on the floor of the Exchange; they follow:

Greetings: E. H. H. Simmons, President, New York Stock Exchange:

During the past six years that E. H. H. Simmons has been President of the New York Stock Exchange he has displayed such vigorous and courageous leadership, sincere friendship and a willingness to serve that the employees of the New York Stock Exchange and its affiliated companies and the employees of the Stock Exchange Luncheon Club wish to evidence their appreciation by this testimonial

Be it therefore Resolved, that the employees of the New York Stock Exchange and its affiliated companies, together with the employees of the Stock Exchange Luncheon Club do hereby express to E. H. H. Simmons the high regard and affection in which he is held by those who have been privileged to work under his leadership.

Greetings: To our friend, William B. Potts:

The most genial and best beloved Governor of the New York Stock Exchange has evinced such a benevolent, human, and sincere interest in the activities and welfare of the employees of the New York Stock Exchange and its affiliated companies and the employees of the Stock Exchange Luncheon Club that now at the time of his resignation from the Governing Committee of the New York Stock Exchange it seems fitting that the employees express their deep affection to one uppermost in their hearts.

Be it therefore Resolved, that the employees of the New York Stock Exchange and its affiliated companies together with the employees of the Stock Exchange Luncheon Club do hereby express to William B. Potts their appreciation of his many kindly deeds, and gracious services in behalf of the employees which has made his life a benediction and blessing to all.

Robert Gibson Resigns as Member of Governing Committee of New York Stock Exchange.

The resignation of Robert Gibson as a member of the Governing Committee was accepted on May 7.

Tenth Anniversary of Founding of Stock Clearing Corporation—President Streit Presented With Loving Cup.

A luncheon in honor of Samuel F. Streit, President of the Stock Clearing Corporation, celebrating the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Clearing Corporation and of Mr. Streit's presidency, was given on April 26 in the Stock Exchange Luncheon Club. The dinner was attended by 112 officers and employees of the Stock Clearing Corporation, all of whom have been associated with the corporation since its organization. The men presented Mr. Streit with a loving cup, suitably inscribed, and with a pair of silver candelabra. A testimonial, signed by the 112 fellow officers and employees, was presented to Mr. Streit, praising him upon his leadership and upon the success of the corporation. The Stock Clearing Corporation was organized April 26 1920, and succeeded the Clearing House Committee of the Stock Exchange. Mr. Streit has been President of the corporation since its organization and was a member of the previous Clearing House Committee for ten years. He was Chairman of the Clearing House Committee from 1913 to 1920.

Governing Committee of New York Stock Exchange Propose Increase in Membership of Committee on Arrangements.

The Governing Committee of the New York Stock Exchange on May 7 recommended an amendment to the Constitution to provide two additional members to the Committee on Arrangements, bringing the total membership of that Committee to nine.

Youths Serve as Acting Officials of New York Stock Exchange for Day.

Robert Palmer, eighteen year old floor page, was Acting President of the New York Stock Exchange on May 8, E. H. H. Simmons having turned over his duties for the day to the youthful employee. Palmer was assisted by a fellow page, Harold Goodfellow, seventeen, who was Boys' Day Chairman of the Board Room. Three other boys, Vincent Martin Byrne, John Walter Schuh and Willard Van Klontz, employees of the Stock Clearing Corporation, officiated respectively as President, General Manager of the Day Branch, and General Manager of the Night Clearing Branch, of that organization. The occasion of the ceremonies was the annual observance by the Stock Exchange of Boys' Day in Industry, inaugurated by the Stock Exchange eight years ago, and observed generally throughout industry at the present time.

W. B. Potts Resigns as Director of Stock Clearing Corporation.

The Stock Clearing Corporation reported this week the resignation from its board of directors of William B. Potts who last week resigned as a member of the Governing Committee of the Exchange.

Volume of Stocks Sold on Chicago Stock Exchange in First Four Months of 1930 Far Exceeds That of Same Period Last Year.

The cumulative volume of stocks sold on the Chicago Stock Exchange for the first four months of 1930 is 40% greater than the stock volume for the same time a year ago, figures compiled by the Exchange showed on May 1. The Exchange reports as follows:

The volume for the first four months this year was 29,435,800 shares as compared with 21,007,000 for the first four months a year ago.

The April 1930 volume was 10,435,800 shares as compared with 3,961,000 shares for April 1929, making this year's April volume 168% greater than April a year ago.

The par value of bonds sold on the Chicago Exchange for the first four months this year is \$15,123,000, nearly seven times the \$2,183,500 par value for the first four months of 1929.

The April 1930 bond volume stands at \$4,573,500 as compared with \$504,500 for April of a year ago, an increase of 900%.

Comparative figures by months for 1927, 1928, 1929, and 1930 follow:

STOCK IN SHARES.				
Month—	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
January	713,875	1,708,694	6,829,000	4,541,200
February	714,225	1,348,659	5,321,000	6,219,500
March	623,635	2,503,976	4,896,000	8,349,700
April	842,470	3,096,460	3,961,000	10,435,800
Total	2,894,205	8,657,789	21,007,000	29,435,080
BONDS PAR VALUE.				
Month—	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
January	\$1,146,100	\$868,000	\$551,500	\$527,000
February	814,150	813,000	470,000	3,071,500
March	1,108,500	899,000	657,500	6,951,000
April	1,824,000	690,000	504,500	4,873,500
Total	\$4,892,750	\$3,270,000	\$2,183,500	\$15,123,000

New Daily Trading Record for 1930 Established by Chicago Stock Exchange May 5—Volume on May 3 Largest for Any Saturday.

With a share-volume of 960,800, the Chicago Stock Exchange established a new daily trading record for 1930 on May 5. It was the largest trading day on the Chicago Exchange since Oct. 30 1929, when 1,090,000 shares were traded and was the fourth largest day in the history of the Exchange. May 5 was the second largest day in bond trading in the history of the Exchange. The bond volume, par amount that day was \$750,000, compared with the all-time record of \$815,000 made on March 11, this year.

With a volume of 562,800 shares, Saturday, May 3 was the largest Saturday, two hours of trading, in the history of the Chicago Stock Exchange. It was also the largest two-hour trading day in bonds on the Chicago Exchange with \$314,000 par value traded. The huge volume during the short session put the ticker 16 minutes behind the close of the market at 11 a.m. It was the first time in the Exchange's history that trading passed the half million-share mark during a two-hour session. The previous record two-hour trading day was on Saturday, Aug. 3 1929, when 340,000 shares were traded.

Increased Activity on Los Angeles Stock Exchange—Interest in Petroleum Securities.

Activity on the Los Angeles Stock Exchange has shown a consistent increase since the market crash of last year, which resulted in a slump in volume on the Pacific Coast exchanges, it was pointed out by F. E. Sanford, Secretary and Manager

of the Exchange, in his monthly business statement, issued May 2. He reports as follows:

Value of shares traded in during April 1930 totaled \$28,233,486, which is an increase of 20% over the \$23,233,486 figure reported for March, a gain of 44% over the \$19,654,013 value of February, an increase of 129% over the January value of \$12,323,222 and a 43% jump over the \$19,713,882 figure of December 1929. Total shares traded in during April amounted to 802,360, as compared to 1,046,947 for the previous month; however, the share turnover figures also include transactions in rights and scrip which contributed 41% of share volume in March and only 24% in April, making the actual share turnover during the past month greater than the preceding period.

The daily average of transactions on this Exchange during the past month, which consisted of 24 working days, was 33,431 shares of \$1,176,395 market value as compared to the previous month of 26 working days with 40,267 shares of \$929,132 market value.

Market interest was centered mainly in petroleum securities, but the percentage of activity distributed throughout the list was greater than both the preceding month and April of last year. Oil stocks contributed 35% of share turnover and 43% of market value during the past month as compared to 32% and 39% in March. Activity in Oil issues during April of last year completely overshadowed the other divisions with 72% of the total share turnover and 57% of total market value for that period. Public utility issues accounted for 13% of total shares and 21% of total value for the period just closed as compared to 11% and 23% for the previous month and only 4 and 6% for April 1929.

Among the market leaders were Transamerica Corp. up $\frac{1}{4}$ to a close of 45 with a 69,400 share turnover for the month; Standard Oil of California up $\frac{3}{4}$ points to a close of 73 $\frac{3}{4}$ with a 67,100 share turnover; Southern California Edison common with 59,800 shares closed at 68, a gain of 1 $\frac{1}{4}$; Rio Grande Oil common lost 1 point to 23 $\frac{1}{4}$ on a 55,700 share turnover; and Pacific Finance common, with 45,000 shares, gained 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ points to a 41 close.

Monroe Hein, New York Stock Broker, and His Firm, Norman & Co., Enjoined by Supreme Court—Philip H. Leisert of Brooklyn Appointed Receiver.

On the application of Henry S. Staples, Deputy Attorney General of the State Bureau of Securities, Justice May of the Brooklyn Supreme Court, on Tuesday of this week (May 6) signed an order enjoining Monroe Hein, stock broker, and his firm, Norman & Co., 42 Broadway, this city, as well as the wife of the broker, Mrs. Velma Hein, from the sale of securities, and later appointed Philip H. Leisert of Brooklyn, receiver for the firm, according to the New York "Times" of May 7, which continuing said:

The restraining order was signed as Hein was on his way to Sing Sing to start a sentence of 18 months to 3 years imposed two weeks ago by Judge Donnellan in General Sessions. Hein, a former associate of Wilan M. Easterday, stock swindler, had pleaded guilty to the charge of defrauding a boyhood friend, Harry E. Pincus, of 115 East 169th St., of \$8,200 in 1927. Easterday was sentenced to a term in the Federal penitentiary in Leavenworth with Jules (Nicky) Arnstein in connection with the \$5,000,000 Wall Street bond conspiracy ten years ago.

In the motion for the injunction, Mr. Staples said that securities deposited by some of the customers of Norman & Co. as collateral had been sold and the proceeds used in the general account of the company. He also said that, although customers had been informed that their orders for sale or purchase of securities had been carried out, in many cases this was not so. He also charged that money advanced as security by customers was checked out of the bank for Hein's personal use.

Mr. Staples explained that, although Hein's wife had taken no part in the affairs of Norman & Co., her husband had conducted the business under her name. He said this made her a party to the injunction proceedings.

When officials of the Bureau of Securities raided a bucketshop in upper Broadway last November they found Hein there. It was contended that this concern cleared through Norman & Co.

At that time, according to Mr. Staples, an injunction was issued against Hein. He was still under the injunction when the offices of Norman & Co. were raided. In view of the Sing Sing sentence, Mr. Staples said he would not press any contempt of court charges against Hein.

Report Limiting Powers of Customers Men Adopted by Governing Committee of New York Stock Exchange.

E. H. H. Simmons, President of the New York Stock Exchange, announced on May 7 that the Governing Committee had adopted the report of the Special Committee which has been considering a revision of the Rules of the Exchange in regard to so-called Customers Men, that is, employees who deal directly with customers and who by the nature of their duties often give advice in regard to the purchase and sale of securities and, in some instances, are authorized by customers to exercise discretionary power over their accounts. The announcement of the Exchange states that in substance this report recommends that the Committee on Quotations and Commissions adopt certain new rules in regard to Customers Men, the principal change being a limitation of the right of Customers Men to exercise discretion for customers in the purchase and sale of securities. In discussing this aspect of the report, Mr. Simmons said:

"The Exchange has come to the conclusion that the right to buy and sell securities for the account of a customer under a power of attorney or discretionary agreement is so important that it should, in general, be exercised by a partner of the firm. The Committee on Quotations and Commissions has, therefore, been requested to adopt rules which will allow member firms to accept discretionary power over customers' accounts only if the discretion is to be exercised by the partners of the firm. Provision will be made for the delegation of such discretionary power to certain

designated employees, provided the customer gives his consent and the firm assumes responsibility for the use made of the power by the employee. The adoption of these rules will be an added protection to persons dealing with members of the Exchange and is in line with the traditional policy of the Exchange."

With reference to the new ruling the "Herald Tribune" of May 8 said:

The ruling of the Governing Committee is one of the most important promulgated in recent years, and brings to an end a long-established and widespread practice.

It is understood that the ruling, which will affect thousands of speculators and investors, was made because of numerous complaints of losses made by customers of brokerage houses who have delegated to customers' men the unusual powers of buying and selling securities at their own discretion and according to their own notions of prospective price movements. Thousands of stock buyers, it is understood, had adopted this easy practice of letting someone else make money for them.

Complaints Follow Big Break.

With the collapse of the bull market, however, many speculators found cause for complaint in the way in which their accounts had been handled. Either they were sold out too low or were not sold out. Either they should have been switched to the downside or they had been switched to the downside too soon.

With customers' men shorn of their discretionary powers stock buyers and sellers will not have any cause for complaint in the future, as only certain designated employees will be allowed to exercise discretionary power over an account and then only provided the customer has given his consent and the firm has assumed responsibility for the use made of the power by the employee.

The effect of this ruling, it is believed in Wall Street, will be virtually to rule out of existence the discretionary accounts and the consequent inevitable causes of misunderstandings by customers. The subject of discretionary accounts has been under investigation for about six months, it was learned yesterday, by a special committee which has been considering a revision of the rules of the Exchange in regard to the customers' men.

W. M. Crane & Co., New York Stock Brokerage Firm, Permanently Enjoined by Supreme Court from Dealing in Securities—Horace S. Glassie Appointed Receiver.

The brokerage house of W. M. Crane & Co., 180 Broadway, this city, on Monday of this week (May 5) was permanently enjoined from fraudulent dealings in securities, according to the New York "Times" of the next day. The granting of the injunction, which specifically restrains the firm from illegally executing any contracts called "puts and calls," was hailed, it was said, as contributory to the passing in New York City of illegitimate "put and call" houses. We quote further from the paper mentioned as follows:

William M. Crane, the President, of 796 Fairmount Place, and Joseph D. Sugarman of 305 West 98th St., also were named in the injunction. Justice John McCrate of the Brooklyn Supreme Court, who signed the order after the defendants had consented to the motion, appointed Horace S. Glassie of 445 Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn, as receiver. Mr. Rackow, who represented the State Bureau of Securities, said that the firm had conducted a large mail order business. The business was just getting started, he declared, when the injunction was granted. He said the defendants circularized many prospective customers, painting glowing pictures of possible profits by the "put and call" route.

One of the representations, according to testimony given at the Bureau, declared that "it is not out of the ordinary to cash in from \$500 to \$2,500 on a single option which would cost a customer from \$20 to \$125." According to Mr. Rackow, securities were never bought or sold on these "put and call" contracts, but the customer's profit was figured from the current market prices. This Mr. Rackow characterized as "gambling on the market." In addition, a service charge of 50 cents a share arbitrarily was deducted, though the house did nothing to warrant this charge, it was said. Mr. Crane last night declined to comment.

Progress in Establishment of Regional Clearing House Associations Reported by Clearing House Committee of American Bankers Association.

Progress in the establishment of regional clearing houses in the country districts as a means of strengthening banking conditions was reported by the Committee on Clearing Houses and Clearing House Functions at the meeting of the American Bankers' Association Executive Council at Old Point Comfort, Va., on May 5. The report said:

"The regional clearing house idea has been making definite progress. A number of new associations have been organized during the past half year, and additional ones are either under contemplation or in process of organization. Among them are those at Spangler, Pa., for Northern Cambria; Ardmore, Okla., Southern Oklahoma; Cumberland, Md., Group 1; Lincoln, Nebr., 74 banks; Walla Walla, Wash., Blue Mountain Regional Clearing House Association; and Santa Rosa, Calif., for Sonoma County.

"In Georgia, through the existing metropolitan, county and regional clearing houses, the '10 Point Plan' is being pushed to accomplish standardization and uniformities. In Nebraska, in addition to the original regional clearing house in the Fremont district, there have been organized three regional clearing houses which are functioning satisfactorily. In Iowa the county plan has been employed in collaboration with examiners designated to specific regions.

"In Minnesota there are four regional clearing houses, including the Southeastern Minnesota regional clearing house now being organized. Missouri presents three regional clearing house associations which are working in close co-operation with the banking department and designated examiners. In Illinois the work is progressing satisfactorily in co-operation with the Illinois Bankers' Association. One regional clearing house of considerable extent was organized in the Southwestern part of the State and is being used as a model for further extension of the system. In Mississippi there are three county and one regional clearing house. In

Oklahoma there are two regional clearing houses and two additional ones projected.

"The organization of new clearing houses, particularly of the regional type, reflects in several ways the banking trends and developments of the past few years.

"The two greatest common factors universally agreed upon by bankers everywhere as required in a comparatively perfect system of banking are first that all of the dearly bought individual experiences of individual bankers shall be made a common possession available to all so that it shall not be necessary as it has been in the past for each banker to conduct his own experimental laboratory of banking practice and to pay the high tuition of such a system of education, and second that common standards of banking practice and ethics acceptable to all should be at least consented to and applied in the day's work.

"The Committee, after a survey of the entire situation throughout the country, recommends a continuance of the efforts to extend the system of regional clearing houses as a means of leveling off the difference between banking systems and continuing the fraternal and co-operative spirit which during recent years has done so much to soften the asperities of keen and aggressive competition."

The members of the committee are: C. A. Chapman, President First National Bank, Rochester, Minn., Chairman; G. H. Mueller, Vice-President Fletcher-American National Bank, Indianapolis, Ind.; A. B. Taylor, President Lorain County Savings & Trust Co., Elyria, Ohio.

Bankshares Corp. of the United States, New York, in Receivership—Receiver Fails to Locate Assets.

Upon the petition of Isidore Colton, holder of 100 shares of its class A stock, the Bankshares Corp. of the United States, with offices at 11 West 42nd St., New York, on May 2 was placed in the hands of a receiver by Vice-Chancellor John Backes of New Jersey, according to a dispatch from Trenton on that day to the New York "Times." The affairs of the corporation were placed in the hands of Samuel I. Kessler of Newark who was ordered to post a bond of \$50,000. Vice-Chancellor Backes also issued an order requiring the officers of the corporation, Frank C. Thomas, President, and H. H. Harrison, Treasurer, to show cause on May 6 why they should not be restrained from further conduct of the affairs of the concern. The dispatch furthermore said:

In his complaint Colton set forth that the corporation had been organized in Newark in April 1928, as an investment trust, that its present assets were \$759,973.56 and its liabilities \$1,911,153. Colton alleged that a statement had been sent to stockholders on April 25 last, giving the corporation's assets at that time as \$2,431,545. Last June, the complaint asserted, a dividend of \$25,700 had been declared and later paid out of the capital stock, not out of the concern's earnings. He alleged further that the corporation's net loss amounted to \$1,250,000 and that it had invested \$225,000 in unsuccessful business enterprises. Its present condition, Colton declared, was due to excessive salaries to officers, inefficiency on the part of employees and illegal acts.

According to the same issue of the "Times" (May 2) the Bankshares Corp. of the United States was organized in Newark, N. J., in April 1928, by William Harris, a New York attorney, but was taken over in December 1929 by a New York group headed by Frank C. Thomas, now its President. Its main office is now at 11 West 42nd St., New York, and its corporate office has been moved from Newark to Jersey City.

In its issue of May 7, the "Times" reported that at the hearing on May 6 held before Vice-Chancellor Backes in Newark, Mr. Kessler, the receiver, testified that he had been unable to locate \$750,000 of securities which were supposed to be in the possession of the company and that the only assets he found in the New Jersey office of the company in Journal Square, Jersey City, consisted of a chair and a desk. We quote from the paper mentioned as follows:

Hugh H. Harrison, Treasurer of the company, testified that all the securities had been placed with banks as security for loans or had been issued to subsidiaries to cover their loans. He said Frank C. Thomas, President of the company, had been authorized by the directors to handle the loans personally.

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Leslie Vreeland, bookkeeper for the company, testified that the books did not show where the securities were. He said that under the William Harris regime, before the Thomas group took charge, Aaron Shapiro, New York lawyer had received \$25,000 a year as chairman of the board.

George T. Vickers, counsel for the Bankshares Corp., filed an affidavit by Thomas denying that the company had operated at a loss.

Indiana Securities Commission Calls Upon Boston Stock Exchange to Show Cause Why Latter Should Not Be Removed from List of Accredited Exchanges.

The following is from the "United States Daily" of May 1: State of Indiana.

Indianapolis, April 30.

Officials of the Boston (Mass.) Stock Exchange were ordered, April 25 to appear before the Indiana Securities Commission, May 14, for a hearing to show cause why the Indiana Commission should not remove the exchange from the list of accredited exchanges.

Secretary of State Otto G. Fildes announced the action, saying removal would take from the Boston Exchange the privilege of exemption now permitted it.

Laxity in Listing Charged.

The Boston Exchange is charged with listing issues of securities which have not had a proper distribution prior to the listing and with listing investment trust securities of newly organized corporations without distribution other than that of dealers or officers and directors.

It further is charged by the Indiana Securities Commission that a general laxity has existed in the listing committee of the Boston Stock Exchange and that proper examination or investigation of applications has not been made prior to listings, and that the exchange has listed securities of corporations subsequent to their rejection by other exchanges.

The notice was sent to the officers, directors and representatives of the Boston Exchange.

Appearance is Asked.

The Boston Stock Exchange was removed from the approved list of accredited exchanges of the Indiana Securities Commission 2 years ago, but was reinstated about a year ago following an examination and statements by exchange officials that there would be a strict enforcement of listing rules.

"Every effort will be made to protect the investors of Indiana," Mr. Fifield said in announcing the action. Following instructions from the Secretary of State, Mark W. Rhoades, Securities Commissioner, cited the Boston Stock Exchange to appear before the Commission.

Chicago Stock Exchange Suspends Kempner Bros. for Period of Five Days.

The Chicago brokerage house of Kempner Bros. has been suspended by the Chicago Stock Exchange for five days for violation of Article 15, Section 1 of the Exchange, which deals with failure to meet obligations, according to advices from Chicago on Thursday of this week (May 8), appearing in the "Wall Street News" of the same date.

New York Deputy Attorney-General Orders Investigation into Market Situation of Celotex Stock—Calls for List of Shorts in Recent Decline.

From the New York "Times" of May 9 we take the following:

Deputy State Attorney-General Watson Washburn, in charge of the State Bureau of Securities, 74 Trinity Place, announced yesterday he had ordered an investigation into the market situation of the Celotex company's stock. Mr. Washburn said he was desirous of knowing the cause for the recent short position of the stock on the New York Stock Exchange and was asking the Exchange authorities for a complete list of shorts in the stock at the time of its drop.

Announcement of the investigation by Mr. Washburn followed news that the company, which manufactures building board made from bagasse, a refuse from sugar refineries, is defendant in a receivership bill filed in the Chancery Court in Wilmington, Del. The bill was filed Wednesday on behalf of David Adler of Ridgewood, N. J., who says he holds fifty shares of the stock.

From a price of \$43 a share the stock dropped to \$23 a share on the news that the receivership bill had been filed. Mr. Washburn also said that Deputy Attorney-General Richard Sherman here had requested Assistant Attorney-General Richard Plummer of Newark to examine Mr. Adler and submit the result of the interrogation to the Bureau of Securities. It was said this would be done.

Likewise in its issue of May 9 the "Times" printed the following from Chicago May 8:

The following statement has been made sent under date of yesterday to stockholders of the Celotex company and associated companies by B. G. Dahlberg, President of the Celotex.

"The news ticker to-day carried an item that one David Adler filed suit in Delaware making the allegation that he is the owner of fifty shares of Celotex common stock, that the company is insolvent, and objecting to the management, praying that a receiver be appointed. This was our first information, as no summons was served on any representative of the company:

"Our attorneys immediately made investigation and found a bill had been lodged in the clerk's office in the Chancery Court at Wilmington, with instructions to withhold process until further order from Adler.

"Our counsel have been instructed to take necessary steps to protect the company and its stockholders in this proceeding. Adler is not a stockholder of record of the company, and the company has had no dealings with him of any kind.

"I wish to assure you that the Celotex company is in good condition and that its business is sound and prosperous. While we suffered from the general depression in November, December and January, our business began to change for the better in February, and in March our business improved to the extent that the net profits for that month amounted to about \$126,000, against \$116,000 in March 1929. Also from November to February we made changes and improvements in the plant which, without the necessity of any additional machines, have added some 20% to production capacity and have effected a reduction in the unit cost of manufacture. The semi-annual statement for the period ended April 30 will be sent to all stockholders about May 20."

Resources of National Banks Decline a Billion and a Half in Period From Dec. 31 Last to March 27.

Comptroller of the Currency John W. Pole issued the following statement on May 6 concerning the condition of National banks as disclosed by the reports to him as of the close of business March 27 1930, the date of the recent call.

The aggregate resources of the 7,316 reporting banks in the continental United States, Alaska and Hawaii amounted to \$27,348,498,000, which was a decrease of \$1,533,985,000 since the returns made by 7,408 banks on Dec. 31 1929, the date of the preceding call, and a decrease of \$1,673,414,000 in resources reported for 7,575 banks as of March 27 1929, the date of the spring call a year ago.

The loans and discounts, including rediscounts, on March 27 1930, were \$14,648,753,000 and showed decreases in the 3 and 12 month periods of \$501,293,000 and \$201,173,000, respectively.

Investments in United States Government securities of \$2,722,843,000 showed an increase since Dec. 31 last of \$110,756,000 but a decrease in the year amounting to \$373,917,000. Other bonds and securities owned aggregating \$3,832,829,000 were \$12,927,000 less than reported in December, and \$141,166,000 less than owned 12 months ago.

Amounts due from correspondent banks and bankers, including reserves with Federal Reserve Banks and items in process of collection, totalled \$3,871,421,000 showing decreases since Dec. 31 1929, and March 27 1929,

of \$889,672,000 and \$918,768,000, respectively. Cash in vaults of \$350,641,000 was \$42,689,000 less than reported 3 months previous and \$12,850,000 less than reported a year ago.

Capital stock paid in was \$1,704,408,000, which amount showed a decrease of \$65,000 in the 3 month period, but an increase of \$71,137,000 in the year. Surplus and undivided profits aggregating \$2,094,739,000 showed increases in the 3 and 12 month periods of \$49,320,000 and \$27,669,000, respectively.

The amount of national bank notes outstanding on the date of the recent call was \$649,703,000, showing increases of \$3,283,000 and \$1,855,000 since the dates of the preceding call and the spring call last year, respectively.

The total deposits on March 27 1930, were \$21,640,978,000, which amount was \$1,132,515,000 less than 3 months previous and \$1,231,902,000 less than reported for the spring call a year ago. In the total of deposits are included balances due correspondent banks and bankers and certified and cashier's checks, &c., of \$2,762,093,000, demand deposits of \$10,364,021,000 which include United States deposits of \$200,796,000, and time deposits of \$8,514,864,000. Reported with time deposits are postal savings of \$100,880,000, time certificates of deposit of \$1,334,398,000, and deposits evidenced by savings pass books of \$6,041,194,000, the latter amount represented by 15,576,492 savings pass book accounts.

Bills payable of \$144,694,000 and rediscounts of \$80,960,000, a total of \$225,654,000, showed reductions since Dec. 31 1929, and March 27 1929, of \$319,933,000 and \$478,158,000, respectively.

The percentage of loans and discounts to total deposits on March 27 1930, was 67.69, in comparison with 66.52 on Dec. 31 1929, and 64.92 on March 27 1929.

Insurance Stock Averages During April Reported by Hoit, Rose & Troster.

The market for insurance stocks reached a new peak of activity in April, recording, it is stated, a greater turnover than in any previous month of 1930. Following the trend of other security markets, insurance stocks advanced steadily during the first 3 weeks of April and then went through a short-lived reaction. The weighted average of 20 leading insurance stocks, as compiled by Hoit, Rose & Troster, started on April 1 at 76 and reached a new high level for the year at 77. The subsequent reaction carried the average price down to 73, which in turn was followed by a rally to 74 on April 30. The statistics supplied by Hoit, Rose & Troster, follow:

	April 1.	April 11.	April 28.	April 30.
Aetna Gas.....	155	164	147	145
Aetna Fire.....	73	75	69	67½
Aetna Life.....	98½	98	94½	94
American.....	21¾	21½	20¼	20¼
Continental Casualty.....	40	40	39½	39½
Globe & Rutgers.....	1,175	1,240	1,180	1,180
Great American.....	37¾	38	37¾	37¾
Hallfax.....	30	35	29½	30½
Hanover.....	61	63¾	55	55¾
Harmonia.....	36	37	34	33½
Hartford Fire.....	87½	86½	81	81
Home Insurance.....	47	47¾	47	47¼
National Casualty.....	20½	22	20	20
National Liberty.....	17¼	17¾	16¾	16¼
Province Washington.....	79	83	73	74
Springfield F & M.....	153	160	156	156
Travelers.....	1,575	1,560	1,540	1,525
U. S. Casualty.....	81	82	78	77
U. S. Fire.....	85	90	82	82
Westchester.....	68	72½	66	67
Weighted average.....	76	77	73	74

New High Records for Year in Bank Stock Averages Reported by Hoit, Rose & Troster.

Except for one reactionary day, the trend of the bank stock market in April was upward 11 leading issues establishing new high records for the year according to Hoit, Rose & Troster which reports that the weighted average equaled the year's high 5 times during the month. Opening at 204, the average declined to a low of 193 on April 28, but closed on April 30 at 196, a recovery from the low level of 3 points in 2 days. The range for the month of April in the stocks used in the Hoit, Rose & Troster averages was as follows:

	April 1.	April 10.	April 28.	April 30.
America.....	139½	148	138½	141
Bankers.....	176½	174	170	177
Central Hanover.....	388	405	386	390
Chase.....	168	166½	166½	166
Chatham.....	136½	139½	135	133½
Chemical.....	86¾	85¼	80	81½
City.....	243½	242	217	219
Corn Exchange.....	240	253	226	230
Guaranty.....	857	851	806	822
Irving.....	70	68	62¼	64
Manhattan.....	152	151	139½	140
Manufacturers.....	148	146½	138½	138½
New York Trust.....	325	320	303	310
Public National.....	143	142	141½	152
Weighted average.....	204	204	193	196

F. W. Blair of Guardian Detroit Union Group Declares Group Banking Fosters Civic Progress—Address Before Reserve City Banker's Association.

To keep pace with the present trends in business and merchandising, banking has been forced to seek entirely new types of organization, of which group banking is proving the most effective, said Frank W. Blair, Chairman of the Board of the Guardian Detroit Union Group, Inc., in an address before the annual meeting of the Reserve City Bankers' Association at Memphis, April 28. According to

Mr. Blair "it would be a tragedy to develop in this country any system of government or of banking which would take from the smaller communities the habits, customs and practices present at their inception. Group banking destroys none of these things. On the contrary, it fosters civic progress and achievement."

Mr. Blair pointed out that the three forms of new banking structures which are developing in the United States are chain, branch, and group banking. He continued:

"Chain banking can be defined as an arrangement through which an individual or a corporation exercises some control over but owns only a minority interest in the stock of several banks. The term 'chain banking' does not apply to situations where holding companies own all or approximately all of the stock of banks. Thus chain banking differs, fundamentally, from unit banking and group banking. Its strength or weakness can best be tested by determining whether minority control of several units, situated at some distance from each other, and in different economic areas, is conducive to the best interests of stockholders and clients throughout the chain. Certainly the chain is no stronger than its weakest link.

"The weakest link in a banking chain is the one which permits divided authority and control, diversified management policy, and consequently disunited and haphazard methods of investment. The chain banking idea combines too many indefinite propositions in its scope to satisfy us as to its soundness."

In turning to a consideration of branch banking, Mr. Blair stated that there are a number of obstacles to be overcome before branch banking can be successful. "The greatest of these seems to be the fear on the part of many people that an undue concentration of credit would result from such a change," he said. Mr. Blair went on to say:

"They fear that officials of a branch appointed and placed by the controlling heads would look to the home office for guidance and direction and that local credit needs would receive scant consideration while the community's capital, represented by deposits in the branch, would be used elsewhere. Undoubtedly these, and other objections will ultimately be overcome by the working out of a plan which will make provision for a certain amount of local autonomy and local representation in the councils of the central organization. However, this will take time.

"To meet the present requirement for relief, the group system has been evolved. It embodies all of the best points of branch banking and contains none of the faults of chain banking. The bank in the average small community has been organized as a civic project. Like other civic projects, its success was accomplished through zeal, loyalty, fervor, pride and patriotism. As institutions grow that are created and fashioned in this way, there is drawn into them the essence and spirit of life in the communities where they exist. The destruction of this spirit would be inexcusable. The removing of anything from such an institution to a foreign place or the transfusion into it of foreign elements from other communities without test as to whether the two properly mix, is contrary to the ideals and ethics upon which American business and banking is founded.

"The group idea does neither of these things. It provides for retention of separate management in the several communities. It provides for such building of capital and extension of credit as conditions require. It permits through its central organization the bringing to each unit of the special talents, methods and practices which can be evolved only through organized effort.

"Group banking may be defined as the complete ownership and control of the stock of various banks by a holding company. From the standpoint of stockholders, the group bank idea provides investment for their capital in the activities of many communities and industries, and, therefore, a greater element of security than in the case of a unit bank. Stock of group companies being listed on the larger exchanges, there is provided for it a market not available to owners of stock in the smaller banks.

"The group brings to the bank in the small city all of the benefits of branch banking practice. It eliminates the dependence of the unit bank upon a single industry. It assists in the development of the trust business. It provides for the dissemination of technical advice from an organized staff. Strength is featured through the unification of publicity and advertising activities, and there is brought to the individual unit the best ideas in the development of new business. The hazard attending the selection of outside investments by the smaller banks is eliminated because sound investments can be made available through group investigation and purchase. From the standpoint of communities, group affiliation brings strength and co-ordinated effort. Because group policies provide for local men of the community in the active management of each bank, the community is given greater avenues for investment and greater resources for strength. Group contacts present an avenue for the dissemination of knowledge and accurate thought pertaining not only to business but to economic trends which the small unit bank is helpless to acquire.

"We are witnessing an upheaval of business practices which will in no way change the basic standards of business life, but which will revolutionize many practices and will cause the American public to supply their wants from new sources. It would be childish for us to blind ourselves to these facts. It would be futile for bankers to attempt to convince the people of this country that a reorganization of business methods has no effect upon the profession of banking; or even worse, that it is unnecessary for banking to readjust itself to meet modern conditions.

"It all can be boiled down to this question: With the tremendous commercial expansion of our country, is the smaller unit bank equipped to extend the services now demanded of banks? The old simple form of banking wherein bankers relied upon their personal contacts and knowledge of their customers' character and needs is being discarded solely because the demands made upon the bankers' time and energy have made it necessary."

Mr. Blair pointed out the marked changes in banking practice, particularly in credit methods, trust functions, thrift education, and well trained officials, and said:

"This country has assumed eminence as the foremost nation in the world by the building up of its economic power, but it can continue in its position only by the employment of that wealth for the general good of mankind. Industry cannot expand unless it is properly financed. Industry leans upon banks to an extent which it probably does not realize itself, and there is an assumption, which bankers must make warranted, that the business life of this great American republic will continue as

long as the bankers continue sound because they are the blood and soul of our business being.

"The time has now come when industry has found it fitting to develop and expand through mergers. It is virtually demanded that banks do likewise. Industry has learned that big things can be done only in a big way. Bankers cannot fail to appreciate that their duty is to provide adequate financial service to the American public that demands it."

A. P. Giannini Founder of Bank of Italy Forecasts Nationwide Branch Banking Before House Committee Inquiring Into Branch and Group Banking—Holds Inequalities in Reserve Requirements Discriminate Against City Banks.

If there were in the United States 15 or 20 large nationwide branch banking systems to co-operate with the Government, a solution of the farm problem could be brought nearer than by any other method, A. P. Giannini, founder of the Bank of Italy and Transamerica Corporation, stated May 8, appearing before the House Banking and Currency Committee at hearings on branch, chain and group banking. Some policy then could be agreed upon of not lending on land unfit for cultivation, and not extending excess credit on any land, thus tending to eliminate overproduction, he said. Referring thus to what Mr. Giannini had to say before the Committee the *United States Daily* reported his further declarations as follows:

Mr. Giannini, who retired from active participation in the Transamerica Corporation and its subsidiaries on May 6, the occasion of his 60th birthday, emphasized that the statements made by him to the Committee were personal opinions only, and that he was not speaking for the Bank of Italy or Transamerica Corporation.

Anomalous Situation.

The witness agreed with James A. Bacigalupi, chairman of the advisory committee of the Bank of Italy, National Trust and Savings Association, who appeared before the Committee May 6 and 7, that world-wide branch banking is the ideal system and the one that should be permitted to American banks. Nationwide branch privileges should, in his opinion, be extended to national banks since they already have the privilege of establishing branches in foreign countries. He stated that he considered it anomalous for banks to be permitted to establish foreign branches but not domestic.

Group banking, said Mr. Giannini, is a step in the right direction. It is better than unit banking, but holding company control is the wrong method, he said, since there should be one charter, one capital structure, one board of directors, and one organization.

Nation-wide Branches.

Trade area branch banking as recommended by the Comptroller, he declared, might be a good beginning, but would be better on a nationwide scale. Other industries are not so restricted, he added, and there is no logical reason to limit financial institutions. Why should not New York banks have branches in New Jersey and Connecticut and California banks in Nevada, he asked?

Mr. Giannini declared that if trade area branch banking were the method decided upon by Congress, there should not be more than 12 areas to start with, and it would be better if there were only five or six.

Mr. Giannini asserted that the trade development of this country with South America had largely resulted from the fact that two American banks have branch connections there, and said that America would have a greater volume of trade with that section of the world with more adequate banking facilities there.

When asked by Representative McFadden (Rep.), of Canton, Pa., Chairman of the Committee, what would be the effect on the Federal Reserve System of the permission for nationwide branches, Mr. Giannini stated that the 15,000 or more banks that are not now members of the system would be included as branches of large banks that are members. A big bank could not do without the Federal Reserve System, he said. There are many functions that it performs to aid them, an important one being the transfer of funds by wire to every section of the United States. He pointed out, however, one result of the present law that works to the disadvantage of the development of a branch system.

The reserve against deposits required of member banks in smaller cities and towns is less than that required of banks in San Francisco and other Reserve Cities, and Central Reserve Cities, he said. For that reason the Bank of Italy, in taking over banks in other cities, has found it necessary, because the head office is in San Francisco, a Reserve City, to increase the reserve carried with the Federal reserve bank of that city. That situation should be remedied, Mr. Giannini thought.

Mr. Giannini stressed the fact that the Bank of Italy interests had entered New York City as early as 1918, so that this could hardly be called a new development.

Nation-wide branch banking is coming, Mr. Giannini declared, and it cannot be stopped. There are many good small country banks, and a system of branch banking should not be forced upon them, he agreed, but, in his opinion, there would not be any necessity for forcing since the unit bankers would welcome the opportunity to share in the benefits of the larger system.

Representative Fenn (Rep.), of Connecticut, doubted if there is any necessity for branch banking in his State, declaring that new unit banks were being organized regularly and making profits. The witness stated that, while he was not familiar with conditions in New England to any great extent, he thought branch banking would be helpful.

Healthy Development.

The growth of group banking has been a healthy development, Mr. Giannini declared. Branch banking is the only real system, however, he asserted. The Comptroller of the Currency should be permitted to examine the holding company of the group, he added.

The small towns of the country are drying up, the witness stated. How a bank can continue to exist with profit in a small town unless it is a branch of a strong bank he cannot understand, he declared. He gave 5,000 as the minimum population of a town which could support a unit bank. The Bank of Italy has many branches in small towns,

some as small as 500, but if the small towns continue to dry up and disappear, some branches may have to be combined, he added.

Mr. Giannini stated, when questioned on the subject by Mr. McFadden, that he would prefer not to go into the matter of the Bank for International Settlements.

Representative Wingo (Dem.), of Dequeen, Ark., asked the witness if the reason for the decline of the small unit banks in rural districts was largely due to the fact that other lines of business were being concentrated in the larger centers and the banking business following. Mr. Giannini agreed that was one reason, but stated that perhaps poor management should be placed first as a cause of the country bank decline.

The whole trend is toward concentration in all lines with greater efficiency and economy and better management resulting, he stated. In banking we will have eventually something along the line of the modern department store, where all financial services and facilities will be available, he added.

Large Banks Watched.

"A bank with \$100,000,000 capital and many branches has many eyes," said Mr. Giannini. "Before it can get very bad, someone will find it out. The clearing house, the examiners and auditors, and the Federal Reserve system are all watching it. The small bank is not watched so much."

Self-protection will bring about a self-correction of abuses, he continued.

Speaking of the effect of the replacement of unit banks by branches upon interest rates, Mr. Giannini declared the rates of interest charged on loans had been reduced in many places by the Bank of Italy and the rate paid on savings deposits has remained about the same. Loans bearing a high rate of interest are not the best loans, he declared. It is not scientific banking, moreover, he added, to charge a uniform rate for all loans.

The Bank of Italy and other big banks have done much in the way of humanizing banking, Mr. Giannini declared. Banks that want to grow must keep contact with an interest in the masses, he continued. Things have changed in big business, it is no longer "soulless," he said. The little man is the best customer who stays with you through good times and bad, and isn't always asking favors, he went on.

Opportunities Increased.

The development of branch banking instead of stifling opportunity for the young banker, gives him more, according to Mr. Giannini. Many of the leading officers of the Bank of Italy have come from the smaller branches, he added, and it has given them a new enthusiasm and an added ambition.

No fear need be felt, Mr. Giannini stated, that the present leaders of branch and group banking will pass on and not be succeeded by men equally capable. Even better material will come on from the ranks, he said. Business men do not wait now for death to take them out of business any more, he declared, but retire while they are still in their prime, making place for others.

Mr. Giannini declared it was easier to examine a branch banking system than to examine a great number of unit banks.

For one thing the large branch banks have a better system of records, he explained, adding that the Bank of Italy has its own auditors and examiners and the Federal examiners use their reports. They do not depend upon them, but make their own independent examinations, he said. He favors better pay for national bank examiners and more of them.

Concentration Not Feared.

Mr. Giannini sees no fear of a money monopoly or too great a concentration of banking. There will always be competition, he declared. The independent unit bank will not be destroyed but will be continued in the form of a branch and strengthened by the change, he said.

In response to questions from Representative Brand (Dem.), of Georgia, Mr. Giannini stated the Bank of Italy does lend to farmers on real estate and farm land and other security. It does not lend on crop mortgages, he declared, because it considers that bad banking.

Governor Young of Federal Reserve Board, Before Executive Council of A. B. A., Points to Responsibility of Bankers in Developing Sound Banking Traditions—Too Rapid Expansion of Brokers' Loans Endangers Business Stability.

"That what we need is co-operative action in the development of sound banking tradition" was asserted by Roy A. Young, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, in addressing at Old Point Comfort, Va., on May 7, the Executive Council of the American Bankers' Association. Governor Young warned member banks that "the resources of the Federal Reserve System are not inexhaustible; that such another three weeks like those that occurred last autumn may come at a time when these resources will be more nearly used up." "A bank may know that its security loans are perfectly safe," he said, "and yet it may recognize that too rapid growth in these loans endangers the stability of the Nation's business. From the 'United States Daily' we take the full text of Gov. Young's speech as follows:

Panic Averted.

Events of last Autumn are still close enough to be fresh in our minds and yet they are now distant enough to make it possible to appraise them and to draw lessons from them for our future guidance. During the market break and the disorganized conditions that prevailed in the last week of October and the first half of November, the great commercial banks and the Federal reserved system acted in a manner of which we have just cause to be proud.

An unprecedented drop in security prices and a gigantic withdrawal of funds from the market by out-of-town and non-banking lenders occurred, and the member banks stepped in courageously and promptly to take over the burden occasioned by these withdrawals, while the Federal Reserve System stood by the banks, both by discounting paper freely and by placing large sums in the market through the purchase of securities. A panic and a collapse of our credit machinery was averted.

Not only did our banking system rise to the occasion when panic threatened, but the key member banks showed foresight in preparing for this possible development by putting their house in order many months in ad-

vance through using their influence to curb the growth in the volume of credit used in the security market.

Brokers' loans and total security loans of New York City banks in the middle of last October were actually smaller than a year earlier, and their ability to take care of the situation was in no small measure due to the fact that they had refrained from participation in the enormous growth of security loans that occurred in 1928 and 1929, notwithstanding the attractiveness of the returns and the essential safety of the loans. The Federal Reserve System, for its part, pursued for two years a policy of firm money, expressed in higher rates, in sales in the open market, and in exerting its influence against improper uses of Federal Reserve facilities.

We can, therefore, congratulate ourselves on at least a part of our activity during the period preceding the market break, during the break itself, and the subsequent readjustment. And yet there is food for serious thought in the fact that, under our excellent banking system and with our unexcelled financial strength, we nevertheless came to the brink of a collapse, had to resort to heroic action to prevent a panic, and were not able to avert a period of violent disorganization followed by severe liquidation and what appears to be a business depression.

Result of Expansion.

Is this unavoidable? Is it necessary for this country to go through periods of reckless exuberance, accompanied by enormous credit expansion and by fantastic levels of money rates that profoundly disturb the financial and business structure not only here but all over the world? And to have these periods culminate in abrupt reversals, violent liquidation, and a feeling of discouragement and depression? If all this is inevitable, it is very regrettable, for the cost of these excesses is borne throughout the land, with echoes across the ocean, in languishing enterprise, in unemployment and in general depression.

We are no longer an isolated young country, with unlimited resources, but with no important influence on world affairs. On the contrary, we are in the very centre of the world picture and our prosperity or depression is a matter of grave concern throughout the world. We have two-fifths of the world's stock of monetary gold, we have financial claims on the rest of the world larger than any nation ever had, and we have a market for equities in enterprises, which for breadth, volume of operations, as well as violence of movement has no equal in the world.

As bankers, we can not but feel the heavy responsibility which this preeminence places on our shoulders. I am a banker by profession. For years I was a commercial banker, for a decade I was a Reserve banker in an agricultural community, and now for two years and a half I have been connected with the central supervisory and coordinating body of our banking system. In short, I am no outsider, but one of you, and I should not invite your attention to matters that I myself, as a banker, would not care to consider, nor suggest any course of action that I myself, were I a commercial banker, would not care to follow.

One weakness in our banking structure arises, paradoxically enough, from its very strength. Because we are strong and have great resources, because we have ample gold reserves, and because we have a Federal Reserve system that stands ready to help us in emergencies, we are a little inclined to depend on our ultimate power to pull ourselves out of difficulties, and not to exert our utmost efforts to avoid these difficulties. Prior to the establishment of the Federal Reserve System the great metropolitan banks were the last resort of the country's banking system; on them rested the ultimate responsibility for avoiding catastrophe, and though these banks were not always able to avoid it, they were never entirely free from the feeling that it was their duty to so conduct their own affairs as not to endanger the financial fabric of the country.

I fear that to some extent this feeling of joint responsibility has relaxed as the result in part of confidence that the Federal Reserve system is ready to stand by in the hour of need. The banks still feel the responsibility to their stockholders and to their depositors, but when it comes to responsibility to the country at large there is a tendency to let George do it. And yet I am convinced that to an increasing, rather than a diminishing, extent the great key banks have a general public responsibility, less direct but no less binding than their duty to their own depositors and proprietors.

Danger in Too Rapid Growth.

A bank may know that its security loans are perfectly safe and can be liquidated at any time, and yet it may recognize that too rapid growth in these loans endangers the stability of the Nation's business. The bank itself may not be extending loans to the market for its own account, but it may be the agent for correspondents, banks and others, who may be pouring funds in dangerous volume into the market.

A bank may not be indebted to the reserve bank except occasionally and for short periods at a time, but it may be a purchaser of Federal funds from other banks, and may be aware that in the aggregate there is a diversion of reserve bank credit to speculative uses. Let such a bank remember that brokers' loans, and security loans in general, are safe only because there is an instant market for the collateral, that large sales of the collateral, though they may not impair the solvency of a particular bank, result in a drop in the value of the collateral back of more than one-half of the bank credit outstanding in this country, and that there is no telling when such a drop may terminate and what catastrophe may follow in its wake.

Let such a bank remember also that the resources of the Federal Reserve System are not inexhaustible; that another three weeks like those that occurred last Autumn may come at a time when these resources will be more nearly used up, and that absolute security and confidence can be obtained only by so conducting the financial affairs of the Nation as to prevent violent expansions and contractions rather than merely to alleviate their consequences. One should not neglect to build a fireproof structure, nor to take precautions against careless handling of inflammable material merely because one has ample fire insurance and effective fire-fighting apparatus. One should not expose oneself and one's neighbors to the dangers of a virulent bacillus simply because one has a trusty antitoxin.

All Suffer in Collapse.

In practical and concrete language this means that we bankers have a responsibility beyond our own balance sheets for the general course of events; that we must look beyond the safety of the collateral offered us for a loan to the safety of the aggregate volume of collateral that we know is being offered for loans at all the banks; that when we see an unhealthy development getting under way we must not only protect our own immediate institution, but must take a broader view and act with reference to the interests of the entire community.

And this is not philanthropy, nor even public spirit, though we can well afford to cultivate a public spirit, but merely enlightened self-interest. When a collapse occurs we all suffer in loss of business, even though we may not have to write off large losses on account of bad loans.

The banker profits from general prosperity and suffers from general depression, and he can, therefore, reconcile a course of action taken with a view to the preservation of general business stability with the most hard-boiled attitude toward life, that some of us like to boast of in public. In other countries, where banking development has been longer, and banking concentration has proceeded farther, certain methods of control

have been developed. A customer in England is not granted unlimited credit on the basis of security offered as collateral; he is granted a line of credit in accordance with his credit standing and the requirements of his business, and he cannot easily exceed that line no matter how much collateral he may be able to present.

I am not prepared to recommend to you this or any other specific course of action, but I do feel justified in calling your attention to our joint responsibilities and to suggest that what we need is cooperative action in the development of sound banking tradition, which alone will give assurance to the country of a lasting stability of its financial organization. To such cooperation I pledge my wholehearted support.

Branch Banking on World Scale Urged by J. A. Bacigalupi, of the Bank of Italy, Before House Committee Inquiring Into Branch Banking—Growth of International Institution Created in San Francisco.

World-wide branch banking was described as the ideal system before the House Banking and Currency Committee hearings on branch, chain and group banking, May 6, by James A. Bacigalupi, Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Bank of Italy, National Trust & Savings Association, and general counsel for Transamerica Corp. Branch banking without territorial limitations has been favored in principle for several years by the Bank of Italy group, he stated. The "United States Daily" of May 7, in thus reporting him, gave the following further account as to what he had to say:

"This privilege is now possessed by all of the leading foreign banks," continued Mr. Bacigalupi, "and has been of great value in foreign countries in building up and holding their foreign trade. We have become a great commercial nation and our prosperity is dependent upon the efficient development of our foreign trade in all sections of the globe.

Principle Recognized.

"Congress has recognized in the Federal Reserve Act the principle that banking should follow this trade by giving to national banks the right, with the approval of the Federal Reserve Board, to establish branches in foreign countries."

The witness recognized that "our country is not now prepared by experience or education to engage in nation-wide branch banking," but believed, he declared, that "this type of branch banking under proper regulation and control, would give, in conjunction with foreign branches, the widest possible diversification of business and the greatest soundness."

It would not mean, in his opinion, that all of the parent institutions would be domiciled in New York City, but that there would be developed many strong commercial centers with banks fully able to exist independently of that city. The Bank of Italy operates a State-wide system of branches, the witness stated, under a great variety of conditions of soil, climate, industry, and business.

No Particular Plan Advocated.

While not advocating or supporting any particular legislative suggestions, Mr. Bacigalupi declared his bank is in a position, by virtue of experience in every aspect of branch banking, to "avail ourselves of any enlargement of the territory in which National banks may be permitted to engage in branch banking."

Group banking, if well organized and well managed, is a great improvement over the individual or unit form, the witness asserted, and a decided step in the right direction, but it is not so resourceful, flexible, efficient or economical as branch banking. Large scale branch banking over wide and diversified areas has demonstrated its decided superiority, wherever it has been tried, he declared, in that it is more economical, and provides local communities with a safer and more adequate banking service.

In completing the presentation of his statement, Mr. Bacigalupi related in detail the various important steps in the development of the Bank of Italy, from its foundation in 1904, as a small district bank, to the enlargement of the organization to include 292 offices—the largest branch banking system in the United States.

School Children Aided.

"In addition to its established offices, with their complete departmental facilities," he added, "the Bank of Italy has, since 1911, devoted much time and expended considerable money in the encouragement of thrift among the school children of California. Through a school savings department, the bank contacts 1,671 schools, having an attendance of 285,000. Nearly \$3,000,000 has been accumulated by these children."

Method of Acquiring Branches.

Representative Strong (Rep.), of Blue Rapids, Kans., was the first member of the Committee to question Mr. Bacigalupi at the close of his formal statement. He asked about the method by which the Bank of Italy had acquired other banks, in view of the fact that California law, as stated by Mr. Bacigalupi, prohibited one bank from buying the stock of another. Mr. Bacigalupi outlined how individuals would buy the stock of banks which his organization wished to acquire, the assets of the bank being then sold to the Bank of Italy, and the bank itself liquidated, being converted into a branch. He denied that it was an evasion of the law, but done in strict compliance with the law.

Mr. Bacigalupi denied that the Bank of Italy or any of its officers or shareholders, as such, were in politics, or had asked any political favors. Naturally, he stated, the 150,000 shareholders are interested in the banking policies of the State. If they feel that unjust and unlawful practices are being followed, they will, in their own interests, be likely to resent them, and do what they can to correct the situation. In the last gubernatorial election in California, he declared, the growth of branch banking was an issue. The former Governor was openly opposed to it.

Doubts Danger of Monopoly.

The State Superintendent of Banks in California has complete discretion, said Mr. Bacigalupi, over the establishment of branch banks of State institutions. The Bank of Italy went into Los Angeles in 1912 and built up a branch system. Local banks began to complain to the then State Superintendent of Banks, and as a result there was promulgated a "de nova" rule to the effect that new branches might be established only in the locality where a bank had its principal place of business. This Mr. Bacigalupi felt to be wrong, discriminatory against the Bank of Italy, and in open violation of the State law.

The present Superintendent of Banks is giving the banks of California a square deal, he stated. He has no fear, he declared, of banks or bank shareholders getting control of politics for their own ends. The average holding of their stockholders is nine shares, and it is impossible for him to conceive, he asserted, of there being any consensus among Jews and Gentiles, Catholics and Protestants, wets and drys on any political issue.

Mr. Bacigalupi stated that his group has some 488 banks in California and New York, and a bank with 37 offices in Italy. He does not fear any monopoly of money and credits. Competition will continue to be keen, and in addition the credit structure will be better organized and better controlled.

Mr. Bacigalupi said he saw no necessity of the enactment of the bill recently introduced by Representative McFadden (Rep.), of Canton, Pa., seeking to prevent holding groups from acquiring additional national and member State banks without first obtaining the approval of the Comptroller of the Currency or the Federal Reserve Board.

It would slow up action in many cases, he declared, and would make the acquisition of new units dependent to too great an extent on the whim of an official, one of whom may have one attitude and his successor another.

On May 7 Mr. Bacigalupi told the House Committee that if nation-wide branch banking were permitted, the Bank of Italy would put branches in all the leading centers of the country. In making this known the *United States Daily* of May 8 reported the May 7 hearing as follows:

His statement was in direct response to a question from the Chairman of the Committee, Representative McFadden (Rep.), of Canton, Pa., "If there were now no lines as regards branch banking in the United States," the Chairman asked, "would you plan your development to a point where you could and would put branches in every State?" Mr. Bacigalupi replied, "Perhaps not in every State, but in the leading centres, certainly."

Mr. McFadden referred to a statement made May 6 by the witness in reply to a question from Representative Fort (Rep.), of East Orange, N. J., to the effect that he was opposed to the bill recently introduced by Mr. McFadden seeking to prevent holding groups from acquiring control of additional national and State member banks without first obtaining the consent of the Comptroller of the Currency or of the Federal Reserve Board, and asked Mr. Bacigalupi to make clear his statement on that and the reasons for his opposition to the bill.

Favors Status Quo Remaining.

Mr. Bacigalupi stated that he had not entirely understood the question asked May 6, but that he is opposed to the passage of the bill at this time. It would have the effect, he feels, of placing an arbitrary power in the hands of certain officials without any standard or norm being given upon which to predicate their consent.

"If it came to an election of passing a bill of this kind," he stated, "or passing one that would kill further progress in group banking, I would favor this bill. However, I favor a continuance of the status quo until Congress has completed its study and is ready to make a comprehensive and adequate legislative suggestion. In addition to giving arbitrary power to certain Government officials, it might give the public the impression that Congress opposes group and branch banking."

Mr. McFadden explained that there was some fear that during the continuance of the status quo, there might be dangerous developments in that weak groups might acquire a large number of banks and the public exploited by promotional stock-selling activities. There have been some activities of that nature already, he stated, where irresponsible people have attempted to form groups for stock jobbing purposes. It was to bring that situation to the attention of the public that his bill was introduced, he declared. It is admittedly a hurried measure, he continued, and introduced to bring out discussion and perhaps improvement.

Representative Wingo (Dem.), of DeQueen, Ark., had expressed doubts of the bill, if enacted, being upheld in the courts. Moreover, he pointed out that the penalty of a \$10,000 fine might not operate as a powerful deterrent to a strong group in acquiring a strong bank. If the bill were enacted, he declared, those who wished to get around it might avail themselves of several obvious expedients. Another possibility would be the desertion of the national banking system and the Federal Reserve System by those banks that wished to engage in group banking, he stated.

In the course of his questioning, Mr. McFadden referred to the recent press report that Bancamerica-Blair Corporation, an affiliate of the Transamerica Corporation, had purchased a 7% interest in General Foods Corporation, and to the fact that in the confidential exhibit presented to the Committee by the witness May 6, there was evidence of a number of large loans to firms engaged in the produce business in California, asked if these two things taken together were of significance in indicating that the Bank of Italy interests were getting into a favorable position to influence consolidations in the food producing and distributing concerns of the country. Mr. Bacigalupi asserted that no such action was contemplated. "There is no connection," he continued, "between the loans made by the Bank of Italy to its customers and the operations of Bancamerica-Blair Corporation."

Packing Firms Are Customers.

Mr. Bacigalupi stated that the Bank of Italy did have as customers the California Packing Company and the Libby-McNeil Company, but stated that these companies have a banking relationship with their competitors in California and with Eastern banks as well. He declared that he was not completely informed on the operations of Bancamerica-Blair Corporation since he had no direct connection with the concern, but that he understood they were going to be represented on the Board of General Foods. Just how much voice one director would have in the management of the corporation was conjectural, he added.

Wealth More Widely Diffused.

Mr. Bacigalupi stated he did not agree with Representative Busby (Dem.), of Houston, Miss., that the trend is for the wealth of the country to be concentrated in the hands of fewer and fewer people. His experience indicates, he stated, that there was never a time in the history of the nation when wealth was distributed more generally than during the last 10 years.

At the request of Mr. McFadden, Mr. Bacigalupi reviewed the difficulties that the Bank of Italy had experienced in getting permission to establish branches in Southern California. After the bank became a member of the Federal Reserve System, he declared, their competitors in that area attempted to influence the Federal Reserve Board as well as the State Superintendent of Banks, prior to their taking out national charter, to impede their branch development.

Opposed in California.

There was a determined effort he said, to keep the Bank of Italy out of Southern California, or at least to hold them in check until others caught

up with them. At times, he said, they would get the approval of the California Superintendent of Banks and then be delayed by the Federal Reserve Board. Delays were encountered in Washington and in California. Eventually, practically all of their applications were approved by the Board, he said.

Mr. Bacigalupi placed in the record a refutation of a specific charge that had been made before the Committee in earlier years that in acquiring their Santa Maria branch there had been a forcing of a unit bank to join with them or be subjected to unfair competition.

The witness stated that he seriously doubted the wisdom or necessity for giving the Comptroller or the State Superintendent of Banks the authority to supervise or examine the subsidiaries and affiliates of his group or any other group.

Whenever necessary to trace holdings of stock of either a State or National bank to a holding company or other affiliate, it can be done under present law, he stated, and the banks give every co-operation to that end.

Federal Reserve Bank of Boston Reduces Discount Rate from 4% to 3½%

The Federal Reserve Board announced on May 7 that, effective May 8, the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston would reduce its discount rate from 4% to 3½%. The 4% rate had been in force at the Boston Reserve Bank since Feb. 13 when it lowered the rate from 4%. As noted in these columns last week (page 3100) the Federal Reserve Bank of New York reduced its discount rate May 2 from 3½% to 3%. The rate at all the other Reserve Banks is 4%.

Measure to Restrict Stock Sales Introduced in House—Bill Would Make It Unlawful to Offer for Sale Securities Not Owned.

Use of the mails or of any means of inter-State communication to offer for sale shares of stock not actually owned is designed to be prohibited as unlawful under a bill (H. R. 12171) introduced May 5 by Representative Sabath (Dem.), of Chicago, Ill., according to the "United States Daily" which gives the text of the bill as follows:

Be it enacted, &c., that it shall be unlawful for any person to deliver or cause to be delivered for transmission through the mails or in inter-State commerce by telegraph, telephone, wireless, or other means of communication, any offer or sale of any shares of stock in any corporation, joint stock company or association, unless the person so offering said stock for sale shall have the ownership or possession, actual or constructive of such shares of stock.

Section 2. That it shall be unlawful for any person to execute or cause to be executed any orders for the sale of any shares of stock in any corporation, joint stock company or association which have been transmitted through the mails or through inter-State commerce by telegraph, telephone, wireless or other means of communication, unless such person shall first ascertain that the person ordering or communicating such offer of sale, had at the time of the ordering or communicating of such offer of sale, the ownership or possession, actual or constructive, of said shares of stock.

Section 3. Any person who violates any provision of this act shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof, shall, if a corporation, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 for each offense, and all other persons so convicted shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment of not more than two years, or both.

Section 4. For the purposes of this act, the term "person" shall mean any individual, association, partnership or corporation, and (or) any agent, factor or broker thereof.

Section 5. This act shall take effect on the 16th day after the date of its approval.

Bill Amending Federal Reserve Act Would Permit Increased Payments out of Earnings by Federal Reserve Banks to Member Banks.

A revised bill (H. R. 12096) amending Section 7, of the Federal Reserve Act, by adding at the end of the first paragraph of that section, a new paragraph, regarding payments out of net earnings remaining to be paid to the United States as franchise tax, has just been introduced by Representative Brand (Dem.), of Athens, Ga., said the "United States Daily" of May 6, in which it was also stated:

The new paragraph would read as follows:

"From the amount of the net earnings which remain to be paid to the United States as franchise tax, as above provided, and before the same is so paid, there shall be paid annually to the member banks of the Federal Reserve system a sum equivalent to 2% of their paid-in capital stock."

Mr. Brand is a minority member of the House Committee on Banking and Currency. "This is of the same nature," he explained orally, "as a bill I introduced several days ago, but it is a decided improvement, in lieu of the other."

"If there is no franchise tax to be paid into the Treasury, the member banks will get nothing; but if there is any tax to go into the Treasury, the member banks will get a sum equal to 2% additional on the capital stock paid in. This bill will cost the 12 banks nothing if a franchise tax is earned; if it is not earned, it is doubtful if it should be paid."

Resolution Adopted by Senate Calls for Inquiry into National and Federal Reserve Banking Systems—Use of Their Facilities into Speculative Trading to Be Inquired into—Senators Glass and Kent Sponsors for Resolution.

On May 5 the U. S. Senate adopted a resolution calling for a survey by a Senate Committee of the National and Federal Reserve banking systems "to comprehend specifically the administration of these banking systems with respect to

the use of their facilities for trading in and carrying speculative securities," &c. Other phases of the inquiry will be to determine the extent of call loans to brokers by member banks; and the effect on the systems of the formation of investment and security trusts; the desirability of chain banking and the development of branch banking. The resolution in the form in which it was adopted follows:

Resolved, that in order to provide for a more effective operation of the national and Federal Reserve banking systems of the country the Committee on Banking and Currency of the Senate, or a duly authorized subcommittee thereof, be, and is hereby empowered and directed to make a complete survey of the systems and a full compilation of the essential facts and to report the result of its findings as soon as practicable, together with such recommendation for legislation as the Committee deems advisable.

The inquiry thus authorized and directed is to comprehend specifically the administration of these banking systems with respect to the use of their facilities for trading in and carrying speculative securities; the extent of call loans to brokers by member banks for such purposes; the effect on the systems of the formation of investment and security trusts; the desirability of chain banking; the development of branch banking as a part of the national system, together with any related problems which the Committee may think it important to investigate.

For the purpose of this resolution the Committee, or any duly authorized subcommittee thereof, is authorized to hold hearings, to sit and act at such times and places during the sessions and recesses of the 71st and succeeding Congresses until the final report is submitted, to employ such clerical and other assistants, to require by subpoena or otherwise the attendance of such witnesses and the production of such books, papers, and documents, to administer such oaths, and to take such testimony, and make such expenditures as it deems advisable. The cost of stenographic services to report such hearings shall not be in excess of 25 cents per 100 words. The expenses of the Committee, which shall not exceed \$15,000, shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers approved by the chairman.

According to the "United States Daily" of May 6 the resolution adopted was a substitute drawn by Senator Glass (Dem.), of Virginia for a proposal submitted over a year ago (May 24 1929) by Senator King (Dem.), of Utah. The "United States Daily" also says:

The Glass substitute was approved by the Banking and Currency Committee, reported to the Senate and then referred under the rules to the Committee on Audit and Control of the contingent expenses of the Senate. The chairman of this Committee, Senator Deneen (Rep.), of Illinois, reported it to the Senate May 5 and on his motion the resolution was unanimously considered and agreed to.

The Chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee Senator Norbeck (Rep.), of South Dakota, has stated that he will name a subcommittee of probably five Senators to conduct the inquiry. At the present time, however, Senator Norbeck is not in Washington so the naming of the committee will await his return, expected by his office to be around May 10.

Constructive Study Planned.

Senator Norbeck announced when the resolution was reported by his Committee, and Senator Glass reaffirmed in an oral statement May 5, that it is not expected the inquiry will get under way until after the general elections in November, when more than one-third of the Senate must go before the people.

Both Senators Norbeck and Glass emphasize that the inquiry is to be a constructive study rather than a "wild-eyed" investigation.

"We propose to attempt to determine the facts and remedies for certain evils that everyone admits now exist," explained Senator Glass.

In connection with the investigation, Senator Glass said that during the week he will introduce a bill which he has drafted to correct some of the evils he believes need attention and it is his hope that this measure will channel the course of the inquiry. Mr. Norbeck in a previous statement stressed that the investigation will be a careful and moderate analysis of the subjects mentioned in the text of the resolution.

Senator Norbeck has said that he does not wish to head the investigation himself but has not announced who will be asked to take the leadership. Mr. Glass will be requested to serve on the committee.

In its further reference to the resolution the "United States Daily" likewise said:

Senate's Action Expected.

The Senate action in directing the banking inquiry had been expected by the Department of the Treasury, which has supervision over the National banks, and the Federal Reserve Board, which controls the Federal Reserve system, according to oral statements in their behalf. The Treasury, however, had no comment to make on the program.

In the absence of the Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, Roy A. Young, the Vice-Governor, Edmund Platt, said the Board would make available to the Senate all of the information it had.

"The Board doubtless will be glad," Mr. Platt added, "to give the Senate any information it possesses with relation to the subjects mentioned in the resolution."

Veto by President Hoover of Tariff Bill Asked by 1,028 Economists—Say Measure Would Increase Cost of Living and Would Adversely Affect International Relations.

A petition to Congress and President Hoover, seeking the defeat of the tariff bill by the former, or its veto by the President if passed by Congress, has been registered by a group of economists—1,028 in number—whose views were laid before Congress on May 5. The originators and first signers of the petition are:

Paul H. Douglas, Professor of Economics, University of Chicago; Irving Fisher, Professor of Economics, Yale University; Frank D. Graham, professor of Economics, Princeton University; Ernest M. Patterson, Professor of Economics, University of Pennsylvania; Henry R. Seager, Professor of Economics, Columbia University; Frank W. Taussig, Professor of Economics, Harvard University; Clair Wilcox, Associate Professor of Economics, Swarthmore College.

Other signatures to the statement are those of economists

of 179 colleges in 46 States of the Union. Information in the "Herald Tribune" says:

Following is the number of economists signing from leading universities:

Columbia, 28	Wisconsin, 23
N. Y. University, 22	Pennsylvania, 13
Cornell, 18	California, 11
Harvard, 25	Stanford, 7
Yale, 14	Illinois, 14
Princeton, 17	Northwestern, 9
Dartmouth, 24	Minnesota, 15
Chicago, 26	Missouri, 15

Many Business Experts on List.

The signers include many economists connected with banks, public utilities, manufacturing industries, merchandising concerns and other business establishments.

According to the petition "a higher level of protection, such as is contemplated by both the House and Senate Bills, would raise the cost of living and injure the great majority of our citizens." "Our export trade in general," it is asserted, "would suffer," and the Government is urged "to consider the bitterness which a policy of higher tariffs would inevitably inject into our international relations." It is further declared:

The United States was ably represented at the World Economic Conference which was held under the auspices of the League of Nations in 1927. This Conference adopted a resolution announcing that "The time has come to put an end to the increase in tariffs and to move in the opposite direction." The higher duties proposed in our pending legislation violate the spirit of this agreement and plainly invite other nations to compete with us in raising further barriers to trade. A tariff war does not furnish good soil for the growth of world peace.

The statement in full follows:

The undersigned American economists and leaders of economics strongly urge that any measure which provides for a general upward revision of tariff rates be denied passage by Congress or, if passed, be vetoed by the President.

We are convinced that increased restrictive duties would be a mistake. They would operate, in general, to increase the prices which domestic consumers would have to pay. By raising prices they would encourage concerns with higher costs to undertake production, thus compelling the consumer to subsidize waste and inefficiency in industry. At the same time they would force him to pay higher rates of profit to established firms which enjoyed lower production costs. A higher level of duties, such as is contemplated by the Smoot-Hawley Bill, would, therefore, raise the cost of living and injure the great majority of our citizens.

Few persons could hope to gain from such a change. Miners, construction, transportation and public utility workers, professional persons and those employed in banks, hotels, newspaper offices, in the wholesale and retail trades and scores of other occupations would clearly lose, since they produce no products which could be specially favored by tariff barriers.

The vast majority of farmers, also, would lose. Their cotton, pork, lard and wheat are export crops and are sold in the world market. They have no important competition in the home market. They cannot benefit, therefore, from any tariff which is imposed upon the basic commodities which they produce. They would lose through the increased duties on manufactured goods, however, and in a double fashion. First, as consumers they would have to pay still higher prices for the products, made of textiles, chemicals, iron and steel, which they buy. Second, as producers, their ability to sell their products would be further restricted by the barriers placed in the way of foreigners who wished to sell manufactured goods to us.

Our export trade, in general, would suffer. Countries cannot permanently buy from us unless they are permitted to sell to us, and the more we restrict the importation of goods from them by means of ever higher tariffs, the more we reduce the possibility of our exporting to them. This applies to such exporting industries as copper, automobiles, agricultural machinery, typewriters, and the like fully as much as it does to farming. The difficulties of these industries are likely to be increased still further if we pass a higher tariff. There are already many evidences that such action would inevitably provoke other countries to pay us back in kind by levying retaliatory duties against our goods. There are few more ironical spectacles than that of the American Government as it seeks, on the one hand, to promote exports through the activity of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, while, on the other hand, by increasing tariffs, it makes exportation ever more difficult. President Hoover has well said in his message to Congress on April 16 1929, "It is obviously unwise protection which sacrifices a greater amount of employment in exports to gain a less amount of employment from imports."

We do not believe that American manufacturers, in general, need higher tariffs. The report of the President's committee on recent economic changes has shown that industrial efficiency has increased, that costs have fallen, that profits have grown with amazing rapidity since the end of the World War. Already our factories supply our people with more than 96% of the manufactured goods which they consume, and our producers look to foreign markets to absorb the increasing output of their machines. Further barriers to trade will serve them not well, but ill.

Many of our citizens have invested their money in foreign enterprises. The Department of Commerce has estimated that such investments, entirely aside from the War Departments, amounted to between \$12,555,000,000 and \$14,555,000,000, on Jan. 1 1929. These investors, too, would suffer if restrictive duties were to be increased, since such action would make it still more difficult for their foreign debtors to pay them the interest due them.

America is now facing the problem of unemployment. The proponents of higher tariffs claim that an increase in rates will give work to the idle. This is not true. We cannot increase employment by restricting trade. American industry, in the present crisis, might well be spared the burden of adjusting itself to higher schedules of duties.

Finally, we would urge our Government to consider the bitterness which a policy of higher tariffs would inevitably inject into our international relations. The United States was ably represented at the World Economic Conference which was held under the auspices of the League of Nations in 1927. This Conference adopted a resolution announcing that "the time has come to put an end to the increase in tariffs and to move in the opposite direction." The higher duties proposed in our pending legislation violate the spirit of this agreement and plainly invite other nations to compete with us in raising further barriers to trade. A tariff war does not furnish good soil for the growth of world peace.

Tariff Veto Plea Regarded Futile.

In its issue of May 5 the New York "Evening Post" printed the following from its Washington correspondent:

The appeal of 1,028 economists for a veto of the tariff bill from President Hoover or its defeat at the hands of the Senate will not fall upon fertile ground if the debenture is stricken from it and a satisfactory compromise is reached on the question of flexibility.

The appeal of the economists was put into the record in the Senate to-day by Senator Harrison, but he made no speech about it and there were no other verbal references to it.

Supporters of the measure in Congress have not the slightest belief that Mr. Hoover will veto the measure if these changes in it are made so that its administrative features conform to his demands.

Representative Hawley of Oregon, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee which has just put it through the House in revised form, mostly revised upward, indicated to-day that he would be less surprised to see the mercury fall to 10 below zero than to see President Hoover veto the bill, provided the proposed changes are made, and it is reasonably certain that they will be.

Looked On As Democrats.

When asked to give his opinion of the economists' statement, Representative Hawley replied:

"My opinion of it cannot be printed."

It is understood, however, that the high tariff advocates take the position that most of what they call the "college economists" are free traders and Democrats anyhow, and might as well have registered their opposition at the outset of the tariff fight as now.

One high tariff advocate said they were 100 years behind the times because protection is the accepted economic principle over almost the entire world now.

From other sources, however, come pressure upon the President to veto the bill.

Many of the Republican politicians see in such a veto a master political stroke. They do not fear the effect of a veto upon the Republican campaign coffers, believing that the party can get all the money it wants any way.

They do see a tremendous political advantage. The whole Democratic Congressional campaign issue has been built up around the tariff bill.

Would Kill Issue.

If the tariff bill is vetoed, the Democrats would be without an issue. They cannot shout much against a bill that the Administration did not allow to become law.

They believe a veto would restore President Hoover to the position he occupied on March 4 1929.

The economists urged a veto of the bill chiefly because they believed it would weaken the International position of the United States and would hamper the growth of American world trade.

U. S. Senate Rejects Nomination of John J. Parker As Associate Justice of U. S. Supreme Court—President Names Owen J. Roberts for Post.

With the rejection by the U. S. Senate on May 7 of the nomination of John J. Parker (Republican), of North Carolina to be an Associate Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court, President Hoover yesterday (May 9) sent to the Senate the name of Owen J. Roberts of Philadelphia, special Government counsel in the Teapot Dome and other oil cases for the post of Associate Justice of the high Court. Judge Parker, who was named to the Supreme Court by President Hoover on March 21 to succeed the late Edward T. Sanford, is a member of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fourth Judicial District. On April 21 the Senate Judiciary Committee voted 10 to 6 against confirmation of Judge Parker's nomination to the Supreme Court. Previously the sub-committee to which the nomination had been referred is said to have been almost evenly divided on the confirmation. The Senate vote May 7 against confirmation was 41 to 39. The New York "Journal of Commerce" reporting from Washington on that date said:

This is the first serious reversal suffered by President Hoover at the hands of Congress. The President could have in a measure sidestepped to-day's results had he listened to the advice of some of his Republican friends in the Senate and withdrawn the nomination when it appeared quite probable that confirmation would be denied.

Mr. Hoover declined to sacrifice this nomination without a fight being made and it would appear that he was rather justified in this attitude as the switching of a single vote would have brought about a tie, and the confirmation probably would have carried under the affirmative vote of the Vice-President. There was a shifting of votes until almost the last moment, there being no certainty of result until the vote was counted.

Judge Parker was opposed in part because of a speech made in his home State ten years ago while a candidate for the office of Governor in which he was quoted as saying that the negro was not fitted for participation in the elections. Organized labor was against him because of decisions he had handed down in labor disputes. Then there were objections to the appointment as such because of being in the nature of a political one, designed, Parker's opponents declared, to build up the Republican party in North Carolina.

Following this action by the Senate President Hoover held a conference with Senator Allen (Rep.), Kansas, and Under-Secretary of State Cotton to discuss the matter. It was stated that the conference was called to determine whether a statement should be made by the President commenting on the situation. Later it was explained that the President desired to consider the matter overnight before determining what, if anything, he would do regarding the issuance of a statement.

There is now considerable speculation as to whom the President would select for the Supreme Court vacancy. Many names have been prominently mentioned in this connection but doubtless there will be little real activity for a day or two.

Associated Press advices from Richmond on May 7 stated:

Judge Parker said to-day that he had no comment to make on the rejection of his nomination to the Supreme Court, except to thank his friends in the Senate and elsewhere.

When informed that his nomination had failed of confirmation, Judge Parker said:

"I have no statement to make, except that I greatly appreciate the support of the friends who stood by me so loyally in the fight made on my confirmation.

"While I am, of course, disappointed on the result of the Senate vote, it makes me happy to think that so many of the foremost men of the country, as well as friends in all walks of life, supported me to the end."

Judge Parker was present to-day at the regular term of the court, which heard arguments up to 1:30 o'clock, just a few minutes before the vote in the Senate.

Associated Press advices from Washington yesterday (May 9) regarding the selection of Mr. Roberts for the Supreme Court said:

Mr. Roberts has made a national reputation by his handling of the Teapot Dome and other oil cases which grew out of the Senate investigation of 1924.

He was named special Government counsel in the cases by President Coolidge, serving with Atlee Pomerene of Ohio. To Roberts has fallen a heavy share of the long task of gathering evidence in the criminal and civil suits and presenting it to the courts.

In selecting Roberts, Mr. Hoover consulted, among others, various members of the Senate. By virtue of the close connection between the Senate investigation and the litigation which followed, Senators have followed Roberts' activities as oil counsel with particular care.

Roberts is a Republican. He has just passed his 55th birthday. He has practiced law in Philadelphia since 1898.

Thirty years ago he first entered the public service as Assistant District Attorney of Philadelphia County. He served for a number of years as professor of law at the University of Pennsylvania.

During the World War he was a special Deputy Attorney-General, representing the Federal Government in espionage cases in Pennsylvania.

Those who indorsed him for the Supreme Court included Senator Reed, Republican, of Pennsylvania.

Senator Watson of Indiana, the Republican leader, also approved the selection at a breakfast conference to-day at the White House.

Senator Norris, Republican, Nebraska, the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee and one of the leaders in the fight against Chief Justice Hughes and Judge Parker, was elated at the news of Roberts' selection.

Tariff Bill Again in Conference—House Rejects Senate Amendments on Farm Debenture and Flexible Tariff Provisions—President Hoover's Views on Former—Senate Rate of Two Cents on Sugar Accepted By House.

Following the conclusion May 3 of the action by the House on the Conference report on the tariff bill, the bill was returned to Conference on May 7 by a viva voce vote of the Senate. In our issue of last week (page 3,100) we noted the submission of the Conference report to the House and Senate April 29; the report, except for several controversial items was adopted by the House May 1 by a vote of 240 to 151. The controversial items, on which a separate vote was taken by the House, included the provisions with respect to the duty on cement, silver, sugar, lumber, the debenture plan of farm relief and the flexible tariff provisions. In disposing of the cement schedules the House on May 1, without a record vote, agreed to a duty of 6 cents per 100 pounds on cement, as adopted by the Senate, but voted 221 to 167 against the retention of the Blease amendment designed to permit free entry of cement when intended for use on public works. On May 2 the House disposed of the sugar, silver and lumber schedules, the "Times" report of the action of the House that day stating:

Low tariff forces got control of the House to-day in a rough and tumble fight over the conference report on the Smoot-Hawley tariff bill, forced the acceptance of the Senate's lower base rate of 2 cents a pound on Cuban raw sugar and returned silver, lumber shingles and logs to the free list.

The low duty group would accept no compromises. Feeling themselves suddenly powerful in the balloting on silver this morning, they picked up enough strength in each succeeding fight to pile up good majorities, and refused successively to accept either the administration force's offer to split the lumber and shingle rate, or a compromise by which it was hoped to attract enough votes to raise the rate of the sugar duty.

The climax of the sugar battle turned out to be the actual counting of ballots late in the afternoon. When members stood up for a count Speaker Longworth announced 204 to reject the proposal of accepting the Senate's 2-cent rate, against 196 in favor of it. A roll-call was immediately demanded, with the result that 229 voted to accept the Senate's lower rate, against 160 who preferred compromise.

It was noted in the "Times" that the difference in the standing vote and roll-call on sugar was pointed to as proof that many who might actually want the higher duty did not dare put themselves so on record. The original rate in the House bill was 2.40 cents.

The "Times" account of the House action May 2 likewise said:

Party Lines Are Over-ridden.

Ninety Republicans, many of them "regulars," left their ranks when the final balloting came. Among them were Mrs. Pratt of New York, Mrs. Rogers of Massachusetts and Mrs. Langley of Kentucky.

Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen of Florida was one of the 14 Democrats who left their reservation to vote with the administration forces to uphold the higher rate.

The lumber interests of the Northwest and the piney wood sections of the South again were turned away from the tariff wall when the House rejected the Senate's amendment for \$1.50 per thousand board feet on rough soft lumber and 25% ad valorem on shingles.

A compromise was attempted. Chairman Hawley of the Ways and Means Committee, in charge of the bill, offered to split the rate in half,

making it 75 cents per thousand feet and reduce shingles to 15%. The opposition had become conscious of its strength by this time, however, and answered this offer with a motion to reject the whole tariff.

The lower tariff forces also compelled acceptance of a Senate amendment returning to the free list logs, on which the House in its original bill had imposed a duty.

Large Majority Against Silver.

Silver was returned to the free list by an overwhelming majority. Only a small group of Westerners and the more orthodox high tariff advocates voted for the duty of 30 cents an ounce inserted by the Senate. Even the administration group rejected the silver rate, and the move to return it to the free list was initiated by Mr. Hawley himself.

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The upset in the House to-day was one of the surprises of the present session. It was not through any coalition of Democrats with Western Republicans, as threatened soon after the bill was returned to the House from the Senate, but rather an amalgamation of Democrats with a variety of elements from the Republican side, who either were not interested in the duties in question or were concerned over warnings sounded in the sugar debates about the attitude of housewives throughout the country.

Of the 229 Representatives who voted May 2 to accept the duty of 2 cents per pound on Cuban sugar proposed by the Senate, 91 were Republicans, 137 Democrats and 1 a Farmer-Laborite; the 160 votes cast against the Senate rate were those of 146 Republican Representatives, and 14 Democrats.

As was stated in our issue of a week ago, the House on May 2 rejected the Senate proposal for a duty of 30 cents an ounce on silver by a vote of 202 to 72.

On May 3 the House, upholding the stand of President Hoover voted 231 to 161 against inclusion of the debenture plan of farm relief in the tariff bill, and 236 to 154 to stand by its position on the flexible provisions, retaining for the President power to make such changes in rates as conditions warrant. We quote from the Washington dispatch May 3 to the New York "Herald Tribune," the advices adding:

Reiteration of Mr. Hoover's opposition to the debenture plan, contained in a letter he wrote Representative John Q. Tilson, Republican, of Connecticut, majority leader, at the latter's request, was presented to the Chamber at the outset of the debate on the question early to-day and served to solidify Republican opposition.

48 Republicans for Plan.

But 48 of the majority group, all of them Representatives of the agricultural States, deserted party ranks, while 37 Democrats, half of them from N. Y. City, voted with the Administration forces.

In the second victory of the day, late this afternoon, the Administration forces marshaled 236 votes to defeat a motion to accept the Senate provisions on the flexible tariff, which would have taken from the Chief Executive power to change rates and confined it to Congress.

By the vote the conferees are confronted with the House insisting on continuing to invest in the President the power to change tariff rates within recommendations of the Tariff Commission. The two votes of the day ended the present phase of tariff consideration in the House.

Senate to Act Next.

The items on which the House refused to accept the Senate provisions, or on which a compromise course was adopted, must be acted upon next by the Senate, after which the conferees must struggle with any remaining disagreements. The bill will then be brought out for a final vote.

Mr. Tilson forestalled a threat of heated debate on the debenture plan by speaking first and reading the President's letter. He followed the letter with quotations of previous utterances of Mr. Hoover on the question, particularly from another letter the President had written to Senator Charles L. McNary, Republican, of Oregon, a year ago, wherein he said that making the debenture law would be disastrous to the American farmer.

Mr. Hoover's Letter.

The letter of to-day follows:

The White House,
May 1 1930.

The Hon. John Q. Tilson, House of Representatives.

My Dear Mr. Tilson:

I have your letter of inquiry as to whether I see any reason to change the views which I expressed on April 20 last year upon the so-called debenture plan introduced by the Senate into the Tariff Bill. I do not.

Some minor alterations have been made in the plan which do not go to the essential fact that the practical working of it will depress and not elevate prices to the farmer. The plan in the present bill presents an additional objection in that the export subsidies proposed vary with different agricultural products and thus are widely different to different farmers. They vary from about 9% upon the cost of production of rye to apparently near 100% on tobacco. In the latter case, growers could apparently afford to raise their product and export it for the subsidy alone.

Since my previous statement the Tariff Commission has estimated the cost of the plan to the Treasury, if put into operation and on the basis of present exports, at about \$280,000,000 per annum. Yours faithfully,

HERBERT HOOVER.

Continuing his argument, Mr. Tilson said:

"I ask every fair-minded man who will read these extracts if he can fairly say that there is any question in his mind as to what the President will do with this bill if it should reach the other end of the avenue with this provision in it. And that is the basis of my saying that, in my judgment, based upon the many other statements the President has made, so far as he is concerned, he could not approve a bill with such a provision in it.

"This bill, whatever any one may say, has been framed with great consideration for the agricultural interests. There has been sympathy all over the country among the industrial people, as well as everybody else, over the condition of agriculture, and their sympathy has extended to the point of granting many increases in agricultural rates. I have been agreeable to these interests. I think everything should be done that can properly be done for agriculture. But, in my judgment, this debenture provision would not only do agriculture no good, but, in the words of the President, it would prove disastrous."

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The flexible tariff provision debate centered around the contention of the Administration's forces, as voiced by Representative Frank Crowther, Republican, of New York, that to take from the President all his power to change rates on comparatively short notice would be to take from American industry the chance of a corrective tariff rate when a sudden change in competition threatened to permit foreign produce to overrun the nation.

Mr. Crowther assailed the argument of the opposition by showing how it would be possible for an American industry to be ruined by cheap foreign

competition in a short time. He ridiculed the suggestion that tariff changes should be made by Congress taking a schedule of the tariff bill each year for revision, pointing out that one schedule could conceivably wait 16 years—since there are that many schedules—before a revision could be made.

The opposition was led by Representative Heartsill Ragon, Democrat of Alabama. He assailed the House provisions as delegating to the President legislative functions "long and jealously guarded by the legislative branch of the Government." Mr. Ragon made the motion to recede and concur in the Senate amendment. The Senate provision would have the President transmit the Tariff Commission's recommendations to Congress for action. Mr. Crowther pointed out that "Congress acts slowly at times," thereby making speedy changes virtually impossible.

The 236 votes against the Senate amendment were those of 228 Republican Representatives and 8 Democrats; 141 Democrats voted for the Senate amendment along with 12 Republicans and 1 Farmer Laborite. In the case of the farm debenture proposal the 231 votes against it were made up of 194 Republicans and 37 Democrats while those in favor of it (161) were 48 Republicans; 112 Democrats and 1 Farmer Laborite.

The tariff bill was transmitted by the House to the Senate on Monday May 5, but action thereon was deferred on May 6 until May 7, because of the fact that the Senate was occupied with the question of the nomination of Judge Parker to the Supreme Court. Regarding the Senate action May 7 we quote as follows from the "United States Daily":

Without taking action on a partial report of items in which the two Houses are in agreement in the Tariff Bill (H. R. 2667), as submitted by the conferees, the Senate May 7, upon motion of Senator Smoot (Rep.) of Utah, Chairman of the Finance Committee and of the Conference, voted to insist upon its amendments and ask for further conference with the House.

Conferees to Meet.

Senator Smoot announced orally that after the House has renamed its conferees, he will call a meeting of the conference committees for 10 a. m. May 9.

Senator Smoot placed his motion after debate on the floor as to whether the Senate should first act on the partial report.

When Senator Smoot called up the report, he explained that it was his purpose to ask the Senate to adopt the partial report of amendments on which the conferees were in agreement, and then to insist on the Senate amendments upon which there was no agreement and ask for a further conference.

Objection Raised.

Objection was raised by Senators Robinson (Dem.), of Arkansas, minority leader; Simmons (Dem.), of North Carolina, one of the conferees; Barkley (Dem.), of Kentucky; Walsh (Dem.), of Montana, and Harrison (Dem.), of Mississippi.

"Why act on the partial report when the fate of the bill may depend on two or three items to be voted on later," questioned Senator Barkley. He contended that these items left unsettled then would be held over the heads of members of both houses as a "sword of Damocles."

"The question is not whether the partial report shall be adopted," Senator Walsh stated, "but whether the Senate will insist on the amendments on which an agreement has not been reached with the House." He stated further that action on the items yet in controversy would have an effect on his stand on the partial report. He was sustained in this objection by Senator Robinson.

"We will make no headway by agreeing to a partial report," Senator Simmons declared, while Senator Harrison stated that to ask for action on the partial report now would cause the matter to be held in the Senate for six weeks or more as "some of us are not going to agree to the conference report until these items in question are disposed of."

Upon approval of the motion of Senator Smoot that the Senate insist upon its amendments, Vice-President Curtis announced that he would appoint the same conferees as had served since the bill first was sent to conference.

On May 8 the bill was formally recommitted to conference after a vain attempt by Representative Garner of Texas, Democratic floor leader, to have the House accept the so-called Blease amendment, allowing free importation of cement for public building purposes. The "Times" Washington dispatch from which we quote reported further as follows:

Mr. Garner did not participate in the tariff fight last week when his colleagues won on the disputed sugar, silver, lumber and shingles items. His effort, when the matter of sending the remainder of the bill back to conference was brought up, to try to get the House to instruct its conferees to accept the Blease amendment, was defeated, however, by a vote of 138 to 155. The same amendment was voted down a week ago to-day by 221 to 167.

The action of the Senate in immediately sending the bill back to conference without acting on the partial conference report adopted last week by the House, brought a pointed criticism of the former body from Representative Cramton, Republican, of Michigan. The situation was of "one conference report floating around here unacted upon by one branch of Congress while the House is proceeding to provide for a new conference," he said.

Mr. Cramton first objected to the unanimous consent request to send the bill back to conference. He suggested that the House send a resolution to the Senate, informing that body, that until it acted upon the other report, the House would not act on a new conference.

This House should not bow to the whims of another body of Congress," declared Mr. Cramton, as he claimed the right to express an opinion of "the other body." He held up the proceedings for a time, but then relented, explaining that he had been advised that the leaders intended bringing in a rule and sending the bill back to conference.

In his last-minute play Mr. Garner asked Chairman Hawley of the Ways and Means Committee, co-author of the bill, to be specific about sugar. Mr. Hawley assured him the sugar rate had been definitely settled.

Low sugar protagonists in Washington, however, put out a warning that "a desperate, eleven-hour drive" was being made for votes.

John E. Snyder, Vice-President of the Hershey Corp. of Hershey, Pa., assailing this alleged move in a statement given out during the afternoon, said that sugar refiners were banded together in the "Sugar Institute, successor to the old sugar trust, seeking passage by Congress of a concurrent resolution which would provide them with what they have thus far failed to get, excessive duties on refined sugar in the pending tariff bill."

New Canadian Tariff Rates Put Into Effect—Government's Budget—Reduction in Sales Tax.

An extensive list of tariff changes announced May 1 in the budget speech of C. A. Dunning, Canadian Minister of Finance, went into effect May 2 at every customs port in Canada. Canadian Press advices from Ottawa May 2, reporting this, said:

When the doors of the custom houses opened to-day, Canada automatically went under the most drastic and far-reaching customs revision since 1896.

The further Canadian Press advices in the Montreal "Gazette" of May 3 said in part:

Although the Budget has been delivered and although the customs ports have been notified of the changes, the order to take all entries subject to amendment will stay in force until the bills, incorporating the changes, have been passed by the House of Commons, the Senate and received Royal assent from the Governor-General. Technically, the tariff changes come into effect when announced by the Minister of Finance in his Budget speech but, in fact, the Budget is only a resolution, and until a bill has been introduced and passed, the changes are not binding according to law. It is for this reason that the entries are taken subject to amendment, although the revised tariff scales will apply.

If for any reason the Government of the day failed to secure a majority in the House of Commons for the Budget, the revised tariffs would not go into effect and the differences in the individual items would be returned to or demanded from the shippers.

To-day, before the port officers received the entire list of changes, the items were taken subject to amendment on the former tariff list. If the new list were higher than the former, additional duty would be demanded and if lower, a rebate would be made.

U. S. Will Be Effected.

Canada's May Day budget will effect approximately \$300,000,000 in value of United States imports. This estimate is made to-day by tariff experts after a close perusal of the fiscal statement of the Minister of Finance Hon. C. A. Dunning, delivered in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon.

The chief import from the American republic on which the duty has been altered is iron and steel. Alteration of these tariff schedules will probably affect some \$250,000,000 in the United States imports. Fruits and vegetables to an amount close to \$27,000,000, malt importations in the sum of \$4,000,000 and eggs of various kinds approximating \$500,000 brought in from that country are other items involved in the revision of duties announced.

Changes in the British preference, it is estimated, will affect in the neighborhood of \$200,000,000 in value of imports from Great Britain. The main item is iron and steel, the present importation by the Dominion from Great Britain of these commodities now amounting yearly to \$19,000,000 only.

General policy of the Government in trying to stimulate trade with Great Britain and countries prepared to trade with Canada was right, unless it was going to make it too difficult for Canadian industries to carry on. Arnold Smith, Vice-President of the prairie branch of the Manufacturers' Association, commented personally.

J. A. Banfield, former President of the Retail Merchants' Association, declined to make any comment further than that it had been hoped that the sales tax would be eliminated entirely.

Associated Press accounts from Ottawa May 1 said in part:

The countervailing duties provided in the budget announced in the House of Commons to-day by the Finance Minister, C. A. Dunning, will make Canadian duties the same as those of the United States on all products which Canada both imports and exports to her neighbor.

These new sliding rates will take effect at once on the basis of the present United States tariff and on the proposed new tariff, if it goes into effect. Although the United States is not named specifically, it is the only nation with which Canada maintains both an import and export business in the same commodities to any appreciable degree.

Cast iron pipe is the only non-agricultural item in the list of commodities so affected by countervailing duties. The list includes wheat, flour, rye, oats, livestock, eggs, butter, meats, cut flowers, potatoes and soups.

British Imports Favored.

Revision of the Canadian tariff structure extending British tariff preferences to additional imports valued at \$200,000,000 annually, at the same time with insertion in the tariff schedule, for the first time in history, of countervailing duty provisions, was a feature of the budget announcement made by Mr. Dunning.

In announcing the tariff changes, Mr. Dunning said they would increase greatly the British preference in the Canadian market and "enable Canada to buy more freely from those countries which buy from us most freely those commodities which are of vital importance to us."

Canada will not engage in a tariff war with any country, he said, because "the world shows, at the present time, too many examples of disaster following such a course."

"Favor to Good Customers."

"As a great exporting nation," he continued, "our course must be the contrary one of trade with those who facilitate trade with us. Those who raise prohibitive barriers against our products entering their markets must expect that we will extend favor to our own good customers rather than to them. I speak in no spirit of retaliation."

Regarding the countervailing clauses, this new feature in Canadian tariff schedules, Mr. Dunning emphasized the fact that they offered to other countries an opportunity, through reciprocal action on their part, to enable Canada to avoid extremes in rates of duties.

A New York "Times" dispatch from Ottawa May 1 stated that points in the budget are definite cessation next October of existing trade arrangements with New Zealand and the proffer to that country instead of Canada's full-British preference; extension of exemptions under the Income Tax Act; a further reduction in the sales tax, and downward revision of the tax on stock transfers. The "Times" dispatch also said:

Among the changes proposed are increases in intermediate and general rates on field beans.

Free entry under the British preferential tariff, with provision for increased rates under general tariff, in case of tableware of china, porcelain, &c.

Free entry under the British preferential tariff, and reductions under all tariffs, in case of certain stock and poultry feeds and menthol and camphor.

Increase in general tariff rate, with reduction in British preferential rate, on malt and malt derivatives.

Free listing of a wide range of hospital and sickroom supplies and equipment.

All fresh vegetables and fresh fruits are made free under the British preferential tariff, with provision for a minimum duty, effective the year round, under the general tariff.

General adjustment of rates on all primary forms, with increases in rates on ingots, blooms and billets, sheet bars, &c.

Increases in rates, under all tariffs on structural steel in certain shapes and weights, commercially rolled in Canada, with reduced British preferential rates on very heavy sections and on all finished structural steel.

Increases except in the British preferential rate, of steel plates such as can be rolled in Canada; free entry under the British preferential tariff on all such plates when of widths and weights not rolled in Canada.

Provision for a British preference on all kinds of hot-rolled strip steel, for use in cold-rolling.

Increases in the general tariff rates on most coated sheets, with provision for tin plate if and when made in Canada.

Provision for duties, after Jan. 1 1931, on black sheets imported for coating with metal.

Reduction, under all tariffs, in rates on corrugated sheets.

Provision for ad valorem surtax on alloyed steels.

Extensions of existing British preference on wire and springs.

Free entry under British tariff of all agricultural machinery.

Reductions in all rates on tractors valued at more than \$1,400, regardless of use.

Reductions under all tariffs on a wide range of printing machinery and equipment, which is to be free under the British preferential tariff.

Free listing under the British preferential tariff and reductions under all tariffs on all non-specified machinery, engines, boilers, electrical equipment, &c., which is of a class not made in Canada, with increases under the general tariff on all such machinery and apparatus when of a class or kind made in Canada.

Reductions generally on sewing machines, vacuum cleaners and polishers and domestic refrigerators.

House Shelves 44-Hour Bill for Postal Workers.

The Kendall bill to give postoffice employees a 44-hour week was sidetracked in the House on May 5 when Representative Louis C. Cramton, Republican, of Michigan, objected to it on the grounds of economy. In stating this in Washington advices, May 5, the New York "Herald Tribune" went on to say:

Unless the measure can be brought up under a special rule between now and adjournment, expected before July 1, passage at this session is extremely doubtful.

With the Kendall bill, two others affecting the status of postoffice employees were subjected to objection, and the debate which resulted developed for a time into an uproar. So angered did Representative Fiorello H. La Guardia, Republican, of New York, become at the procedure taken that he threatened objection to every other bill brought up unless the three bills in question could be subjected to "reasonable debate."

When the first of the three bills was reached on the House calendar, Mr. Cramton arose to explain his objections to the bill. He called attention to President Hoover's plea for economy and cited the present legislation as an example of reckless work since there was no testimony definitely showing what the half-holiday bill would cost the Government. Mr. La Guardia attempted to interrupt to correct what he believed an erroneous statement, but Mr. Cramton declined to permit him. When the latter sat down, Representative Edward E. Denison, Republican, of Illinois, demanded that the regular order of the House be adopted, which would have prevented Mr. La Guardia from commenting on the bill at hand.

Shouting that "Denison isn't going to run this House," Mr. La Guardia made his threat of objection to all legislation on the calendar. Instantly nearly every member on the floor was on his feet, since the threat, if carried out, would have prevented passage of numerous bills in which only a single member was interested.

The next bill was called and the New Yorker objected. Mr. Cramton, sensing that Mr. La Guardia intended to object to everything, saved the situation by gaining unanimous consent that the clerk return to the controversial bills.

In the ensuing debate, Mr. La Guardia contended that the bill would place postal employees on a par with private industry. He was seconded by Representatives David Hogg, Republican, of Indiana, and Elliott W. Sproul, Republican, of Illinois. Mr. Sproul said he believed the bill would cost the Government no more than \$1,000,000 a year, since it did not say on which day the half holiday should be taken. He thought the Department could arrange a staggered program without detriment to the service. The Committee report on the bill estimated that to give all postal employees a Saturday half-holiday would cost \$10,000,000 a year.

House Passes Bill Increasing War Pensions—Measure for Civil War Veterans to Cost Government \$12,000,000 Annually—Widows Get Higher Rates—Present \$72 Monthly Rate Will Be Raised to \$100.

The Nelson bill to revise and equalize the rate of pension to veterans of the Civil War was passed by the House of Representatives on May 5. The New York "Herald Tribune," from which we quote, added:

It involves an increase of expenditure by the Government in this work of \$12,000,000 annually. It is understood to have the sanction of President Hoover. Briefly, the bill, which was introduced by Representative John M. Nelson, Republican, of Wisconsin, and now goes to the Senate, would make the following changes in the present law:

Increases the rate of pension of veterans from \$65 to \$75 a month. Grant the \$100 a month rate to all veterans requiring the regular aid and attendance of another person. In brief, this would increase the rate of pension of all those receiving the \$72 and \$90 a month rates to \$100

a month. The average age of veterans now on the pension roll who would be affected by the provisions of sections one and two is 87 years.

Lower the age limit for widows and former widows to 70 years for the allowance of the \$40 a month rate. The present law provides this rate when they have attained the age of 75 years. The average age of widows now on the pension roll is 76 or 77 years.

It provides that where a veteran is in receipt of a pension and shown to be entitled to increase at the date of passage, such increase shall be effective on the fourth day of the month next after the approval of the Act; where not then entitled, increase to begin when the requisite condition is shown; and when not on the pension roll but entitled under this Act, pension to commence from date of filing application thereunder in the Bureau of Pensions.

The bill was passed with hardly a dissenting vote after members of the committee handling the bill told of the President's approval.

President Hoover Warns Congress That Government Faces Deficit of 20 or 30 Million Dollars—Pending Bills Call For Outlay of \$300,000,000 Additional—Sees Cause For "Real Alarm" in Situation.

Attention to the fact that with the expenditures to which the Federal Government is already committed the Treasury "is faced with a deficit of some 20 or 30 millions of dollars" is directed by President Hoover in communications to Senator Jones, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations and Representative Wood, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. "It is obvious" says the President, "that any further large amounts of expenditure will jeopardize the primary duty of the Government, that is, to hold expenditures without our income." The President also makes the statement that pending bills "would authorize an additional expenditure of \$300,000,000 and \$350,000,000 next year," and he makes it known that he considers, "there is cause for real alarm in the situation as we cannot contemplate any such deficit." The President's letter to Senator Jones follows:

The White House,
Washington, April 18 1930.

The Hon. Wesley L. Jones,
United States Senate.

My dear Mr. Senator: I thought you would like to know that a re-examination of our fiscal situation for the next year by the Director of the Budget shows that upon the indicated income of the Government, and the expenditures to which the Government is already committed, through budget proposals and legislation which has been completed, we are faced with a deficit of some 20 or 30 millions of dollars. This, of course, is not as yet a very material sum, but it is obvious that any further large amounts of expenditure will jeopardize the primary duty of the Government, that is to hold expenses, within our income.

Something over 125 Acts have been passed by either the Senate or the House or favorably reported by different committees, which would authorize an additional expenditure of 300 or 350 million dollars next year. A good many of these proposals are of course for comparatively small sums and some of them are necessary for the functioning of the Government, but I know you will agree with me that there is cause for real alarm in the situation as we cannot contemplate any such deficit.

I am writing a similar note to Representative Wood.

Yours faithfully,

HERBERT HOOVER.

The letter to Senator Jones was presented by him to the Senate, April 22, and the following with regard thereto is from the "Times."

Borah Asks Particulars.

In submitting the President's letter, Senator Jones said that it dealt with "an important situation" which, he said, "every one desires to meet in a practical way."

Senator Borah asked Senator Jones if he knew of any particular measure or measures that the President may have had in mind in uttering his warning about a possible deficit.

Mr. Jones replied:

"I have not followed closely all the measures that we have passed. So far as general appropriations are concerned, the Appropriations Committee has held them, in the aggregate at any rate, below the budget estimate, so that whatever increases may be contemplated are probably going to arise from independent legislation that has been passed or that may be in contemplation."

Senator Borah asked:

"Has the Senator any knowledge of any specific bill to which the letter refers?"

"No, I have not," said Senator Jones.

"Does he know how we could get information as to what specific measure it has reference to," Mr. Borah pressed.

"No, I do not," Senator Jones answered.

Wood Declines to Comment.

Representative Wood declined to comment on the President's note, but said he would inform the House to-morrow of the Treasury's condition, during debate on the Johnson veterans' bill, which proposes further financial aid to World War veterans, estimated at between \$90,000,000 and \$200,000,000 annually above the \$500,000,000 now being expended.

An attempt will be made to amend the bill to add even greater extensions, calculated by administration leaders to cost more than \$400,000,000 in excess of the Johnson bill.

Mr. Wood said it was time the House was made to realize that there was a limit to government expenditures. As Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, he felt it his duty to go before the House and inform it of the Treasury's condition before letting it go further with the program for veterans.

It was the opinion around the corridors of the Capitol to-day that the veterans' bill may be "sweetened" to death. The amendment will be proposed by Representative Rankin of Mississippi, and his Democratic colleagues are said to be behind him almost to a man. Added to these is a substantial bloc on the Republican side, which holds that no amount is

too great for World War veterans. If the amendment carries it is considered certain President Hoover will veto the bill.

Budget Adhered To, Says Wood.

According to Chairman Wood, the appropriations bills already passed by the House are well within budget estimates.

In drafting the supply bill the House kept within the budget brackets, and the Senate has fallen in line with this program in compliance with President Hoover's wishes. Appropriations for the current year totaled \$3,976,141,651.26.

The budget estimates upon which the appropriations for the new year are based were cut about \$145,000,000 below the current appropriations. Thirty independent establishments of the government are allowed more than \$801,000,000 in the current year. The appropriations asked for them in the fiscal year 1931 are a little in excess of \$643,000,000.

When the budget was made up last Fall the President estimated the probable surplus at the end of the current fiscal year at \$225,581,000. Since then \$100,000,000 has been made available for the Farm Board, and it is figured that the new tax reduction Act will cut revenues for this year in the sum of \$80,000,000.

A short time ago the President in a formal statement on income tax receipts, predicted a surplus in the next fiscal year of \$40,000,000.

Railway Return on Property Investment in March and the First Quarter.

Class I railroads in the first three months of 1930 had a net railway operating income of \$176,253,624, which was at the annual rate of return of 3.56% on their property investment, according to reports just filed by the carriers with the Bureau of Railway Economics and made public today. In the first three months of 1929, their net railway operating income was \$259,323,783, or 5.35% on their property investment. Property investment is the value of road and equipment as shown by the books of the railways, including materials, cash and supplies. 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 three months of 1930 is based on reports from 172 Class I railroads representing a total of 242,354 miles.

Gross operating revenues for the first three months of 1930 totaled \$1,331,982,486 compared with \$1,481,224,504 for the same period last year, or a reduction of 10.1%. Operating expenses for the first three months of the year amounted to \$1,038,418,491 compared with \$1,098,060,343 for the same period one year ago, or a reduction of 5.4%. Class I railroads in the first three months of 1930 paid \$88,372,893 in taxes, compared with \$95,577,394 for the same period the year before. For the month of March alone, the tax bill of the class I railroads amounted to \$30,145,797, a decrease of \$2,473,608 under the previous year. Thirty-four Class I railroads operated at a loss in the first three months of 1930, of which eleven were in the Eastern, two in the Southern and twenty-one in the Western District.

Net railway operating income by districts for the first three months of 1930, with the percentage of return based on property investment on an annual basis, follows:

New England Region.....	\$10,863,503	5.54%
Great Lakes Region.....	31,369,881	3.74%
Central Eastern Region.....	38,209,217	3.86%
Pocahontas Region.....	18,432,802	8.11%
Total Eastern District.....	98,875,403	4.39%
Total Southern District.....	25,017,531	2.89%
Northwestern Region.....	6,262,418	1.50%
Central Western Region.....	30,018,285	3.31%
Southwestern Region.....	16,079,987	3.18%
Total Western District.....	52,360,690	2.86%
United States.....	\$176,253,624	3.56%

Class I railroads for the month of March had a net railway operating income of \$61,074,229, which, for that month, was at the annual rate of return of 3.06% on their property investment. In March 1929, their net railway operating income was \$97,404,523 or 4.98%.

Gross operating revenues for the month of March amounted to \$452,716,556, compared with \$517,563,319 in March of the preceding year, or a decrease of 12.5%. Operating expenses in March totaled \$351,278,765 compared with \$377,757,681 for the same month in 1929 or a decrease of 7%.

Eastern District.

Class I railroads in the Eastern District for the first three months in 1930 had a net railway operating income of \$98,875,403 which was at the annual rate of 4.39% on their property investment. For the same period in 1929, their net railway operating income was \$136,242,288 or 6.19% on their property investment. Gross operating revenues of the Class I railroads of the Eastern District for the first three months of 1930 totaled \$672,402,828, a decrease of 9.3% below the corresponding period for the year before, while operating expenses totaled \$519,160,689, a decrease of 5.2% below the same period in 1929.

Class I railroads in the Eastern District for the month of March had a net railway operating income of \$32,653,245, compared with \$50,319,686 in March 1929.

Southern District.

Class I railroads in the Southern District for the first three months of 1930 had a net railway operating income of \$25,017,531, which was at the annual rate of return of 2.89% on their property investment. For the same period in 1929, their net railway operating income amounted to \$34,770,776 which was at the annual rate of return of 4.08%. Gross operating revenues of the Class I railroads in the Southern District for the first three months in 1930 amounted to \$178,730,239, a decrease of 9.6% below the same period the year before, while operating expenses totaled \$139,172,711, a decrease of 5.6%.

The net railway operating income of the Class I railroads in the Southern District in March amounted to \$9,308,727, while in the same month in 1929 it was \$12,051,408.

Western District.

Class I railroads in the Western District for the first three months in 1930 had a net railway operating income of \$52,360,690, which was at the annual rate of return of 2.86% on their property investment. For the first three months in 1929, the railroads in that district had a net railway operating income of \$88,310,719, which was at the annual rate of return of 4.93% on their property investment. Gross operating revenues of the Class I railroads in the Western District for the first three months this year amounted to \$480,849,419, a decrease of 11.4% under the same period last year, while operating expenses totaled \$380,085,101, a decrease of 5.7% compared with the first three months last year.

For the month of March, the net railway operating income of the Class I railroads in the Western District amounted to \$19,112,257. The net railway operating income of the same roads in March 1929 totaled \$35,033,429.

CLASS I RAILROADS—UNITED STATES.

Month of March—	1930.	1929.
Total operating revenues.....	\$452,716,556	\$517,563,319
Total operating expenses.....	351,278,765	377,757,681
Taxes.....	30,145,797	32,619,405
Net railway operating income.....	61,074,229	97,404,523
Operating ratio.....	77.59%	72.99%
Rate of return on property investment.....	3.06%	4.98%
<i>Three Months Ended March 31—</i>		
Total operating revenues.....	\$1,331,982,486	\$1,481,224,504
Total operating expenses.....	1,038,418,491	1,098,060,343
Taxes.....	88,372,893	95,577,394
Net railway operating income.....	176,253,624	259,323,783
Operating ratio.....	77.96%	74.13%
Rate of return on property investment.....	3.56%	5.35%

J. Barstow Smull Elected President New York State Chamber of Commerce Succeeding L. F. Loree.

At the annual election, May 1, of officers of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York, the complete ticket was elected by unanimous vote, following the reading of the report of Edwin P. Maynard, Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

J. Barstow Smull, for the past two years Chairman of the Executive Committee, was elected to the presidency, succeeding Leonor F. Loree. P. A. S. Franklin, William D. Baldwin, and Arthur Curtiss James were elected Vice-Presidents. Junius S. Morgan, Jr., was re-elected Treasurer, and William B. Scarborough Assistant Treasurer. Charles T. Gwynne, veteran Executive Vice-President, was re-elected to that position, with Jere D. Tamblin re-elected as Secretary.

James S. McCulloh was elected Chairman of the Executive Committee, with Jacob H. Haffner elected a member of the Executive Committee at Large.

- Committee chairmen and members were elected as follows:
- Committee on Finance and Currency.—Francis H. Sisson, Chairman; Franklin Q. Brown, Edwin G. Merrill, and Ethelbert I. Low.
 - Committee on Foreign Commerce and the Revenue Laws.—John D. Dunlop, Chairman, Gustave Porges, and Edward F. Darrel.
 - Committee on Internal Trade and Improvements.—Roy E. Tomlinson, Chairman; Leclanche Moen, Bernard Ris, and Amos D. Carver.
 - Committee on the Harbor and Shipping.—Alfred V. S. Olcott, Chairman; Franklin D. Mooney, and James A. Farrell, Jr.
 - Committee on Insurance.—Charles T. Swimm, Chairman; William H. Koop, and Clarence A. Ludlum.
 - Committee on Taxation.—Jesse S. Phillips, Chairman; Farnham Yardley, and William Shields.
 - Committee on Arbitration.—Charles L. Bernheimer, Chairman; James Ward Warner, and Thomas F. Victor.
 - Committee on Commercial Education.—Frederick J. Lisman, Chairman; A. Wellington Taylor, Harvey N. Davis, and William J. Keeley.
 - Committee on Public Service in the Metropolitan District.—Finley J. Shepard, Chairman; Thomas C. Desmond, and Harrison S. Colburn.
 - Committee on Admissions.—Wilson S. Kinnear, Chairman; Andrew V. Stout, and Charles S. Wills.
- Board of Trustees having charge of Real Estate of the Chamber of Commerce.—Alfred E. Marling, and Darwin P. Kingsley.
- Commissioner for Licensing Sailors' Hotels or Boarding Houses.—Winchester Noyes.

Federal Income Tax Ruling Affecting Stock Bought but Not Used for Margin Purposes.

A new income tax ruling has been announced by the Tax Department that will make it possible for Wall Street traders to save large sums in income taxes, according to J. S. Seidman, tax expert of Seidman & Seidman, certified public accountants. Under the ruling a person who owns stock on which he can realize market appreciation can, instead of selling his stock directly and having to report a profit, go short the same stock, and by continuing the long and short position indefinitely, avoid the tax. Mr. Seidman in explanation says:

The decision is of incalculable importance to security traders, for it makes possible really getting the profits, for all practical purposes, without at the same time having to pay the income tax. For example, in the case that gave rise to the ruling, the taxpayer bought some stock in June of one year and put the stock in his vault. The market price of the stock went up and in November he went short the same amount of stock and had the broker record the short sale in a separate short account. It was only in the next year that he delivered the stock out of the vault to cover the short sale. The question was whether the profit was to be reported in the year when the short sale was made and the taxpayer's position effectively balanced out, or whether it was only in the latter year when the taxpayer went through the form of closing out his long and short position.

The general counsel held that since the stock that was bought was not used for margin purposes, either against the short position or otherwise, the short sale was to be regarded as a distinct transaction unconnected with the previous purchase of the same stock, and hence there was no profit

to be reported until one was actually delivered against the other. In other words, if the taxpayer indefinitely continued the same situation as in the first year, that is, did not close out the short position, there would be no taxable profit at all. Also, if instead of putting the stock that was purchased in the vault, the purchase was made through one broker and the short sale through another, the ruling would still be accomplished. As long as the stock bought is not used for margin purposes, the decision declares that the transactions are tax-free, although I frankly do not see what the margin situation has to do with it.

Of course, there are some cases where it might not be feasible to go short a stock because it is not always possible to borrow some stocks for delivery against a short sale. However, where New York Stock Exchange securities are involved, that is not a problem since the listing on that exchange assures a supply of the stock for borrowing purposes at all times. The fact that a premium may have to be paid on borrowing some stocks may seem to be a disadvantage, but it really is not since the premium can be recovered by lending out to some one else the stock that had been originally purchased. Going short, instead of selling directly, will, however, result in a slight loss in interest, as brokers do not always allow interest on a short sale, or not as much as on an outright credit balance, but compared to the tremendous amount that can be saved in income taxes, any slight loss in interest is hardly a factor.

Allard Smith, of Union Trust Co. of Cleveland, Before Association of Reserve City Bankers, Discusses Bank's Profit Sharing Plans, Bonuses, New Business Contests, &c.

The adoption during the war period of a bonus system in behalf of employees was the subject of an address by Allard Smith, Executive Vice-President of the Union Trust Co. of Cleveland, at the annual convention of the Association of Reserve City Bankers, at Memphis, Tenn., April 28-30. In the course of his remarks Mr. Smith stated that the decision was finally reached that the bonus plan was not desirable as a permanent proposition, and hence it was dropped, the institution finally reaching the conclusion that the most practicable system is that which it now has in force—the "Go-Getter Plan." In his address, Mr. Smith said, in part:

When the Chairman of your Program Committee asked me to speak before this convention he suggested that I talk upon the entire subject of profit sharing plans, bonuses, new business contests, and other devices for building employee good-will and selling the bank to the public by employee co-operation. Rather than attempt to do all of that in the time allotted, I will endeavor to give you an intimate account of our actual experience with this problem in the Union Trust Co. of Cleveland; our experience is probably parallel with that of many other banks, and in some part, at least, our solution to this question will be applicable to your bank.

Like many other banks, we came out of the war period with a bonus system in operation. Now we may have spoken then about this bonus system as a method of rewarding faithful workers, or as an incentive toward employee loyalty and good-will in the organization. But the actual facts are that the real reason for inaugurating a bonus was that in those days help was scarce and a bonus was paid in an effort to try to retain present employees and to attract new ones.

That period presented a rare and quite temporary situation, and it passed rapidly, leaving the bonus system in effect. That raised the question immediately as to whether a bonus system was really justifiable as a permanent proposition—that is, whether it actually was a workable plan for building up employee morale and loyalty.

We came to the conclusion that the bonus plan was not justified, nor was it wise, as a permanent proposition, for a number of reasons.

First, the bonus plan provides no special reward for special effort. All employees who had remained in the bank for a certain period of time, received a bonus. They got that bonus whether they had done their jobs exceptionally well, or had simply performed them in a routine way. They got that bonus whether they had tried to get new accounts for the bank outside of banking hours, or whether they had not. As long as a man kept his job, he received his bonus. So, although it is true that the bonus plan tended to keep employees in the service, at least, until after the bonus payment date, it seemed extremely doubtful whether this plan actually stimulated the employees toward making extra efforts along the line of increasing their efficiency or getting new business for the bank.

Second, the very idea of a bonus is based upon the assumption that the volume and the earnings of a business are fluctuating from year to year. Thus, in a manufacturing business, where this is often true, employees in an especially good year might participate in extra profits of the company in the form of a bonus—but in poor years they might not receive any bonus and indeed a great many of them might be laid off. This is not at all the situation found in banking. Bank employment and bank earnings are quite stable, by comparison with other businesses. It seemed more logical to us, therefore, to give an employee whatever compensation he was worth in the form of regular monthly salary, instead of arbitrarily calling part of his salary a bonus, and giving it to him in the form of an additional check once a year.

So the bonus was discontinued. But the idea of some form of extra reward of merit for good work by employees remained both in the minds of the employees themselves and in the minds of the bank management.

In considering what form such extra reward might take, we realized that the nature of competition between banks had also assumed a somewhat different aspect. We certainly were no longer competing for employees, as we had been during the bonus days. On the other hand, we were most emphatically competing for new business of every description. It seemed logical, therefore, that if we were to give some extra reward to employees for extra efforts of some nature, this reward should be based on the idea of selling the bank. We felt that it was not enough for employees merely to have the spirit of loyalty toward the organization, and to perform their work conscientiously. They should be imbued with the selling idea, and be productive of new business for the bank. Consequently we endeavored to set up some system whereby employees could be rewarded for securing new desirable accounts.

The plan which was first adopted with this respect was based on the idea of an annual sales contest. Six weeks out of the year were arbitrarily set aside for this purpose, rules were drawn, and a point system determined upon. Checks were given to employees securing new business during this period in proportion to the number of points scored.

This plan brought in a great deal of new business, but it developed objectionable features, and much of the new business was of doubtful value.

It soon developed that all the banks in Cleveland began to adopt the same system, with the result that there was scarcely one month in the year during which people were not being constantly annoyed by employees of one bank or another, soliciting them for accounts upon a personal basis. Besides annoying prospects, this system built up a false sales appeal. The prospect was asked to open an account, not because the Union Trust was a good bank, but because it would give John Jones two more points in the contest.

Furthermore, a great many of the accounts thus secured proved to be temporary, or at best transient, and although a fair share of the business remained on the books as the months went by, too much of it disappeared. It naturally disappeared because it was neither secured nor solicited upon a sound basis.

I think the worst feature of this plan, however, was the fact that it gave our employees the impression that they ought to be aggressively sales-minded only during a certain period of the year—namely, while the contest was on—but during the rest of the year they could sit back and go through the routine of their jobs, without trying to get new accounts for the bank.

We then gave much time and thought in an endeavor to devise some method whereby our employees could be persuaded to be sales-minded all of the time, and feel that it was part and parcel of their regular jobs to sell the bank, in and out of banking hours, to everybody with whom they came in contact. The bank was willing to give some special reward in money to employees who brought in new business, but decided that this reward should be based upon a steady year-around effort upon the part of the employee, and not upon a spasmodic, once-a-year sales campaign.

The conclusion of this endeavor was a very practicable and sensible system which is now in operation at the Union Trust Co., and which is called our "Go-Getters Plan."

This is a continuous, effective, all-the-year-round sales contest, open to all employees, but it does not include any officers or department heads.

Although cash rewards are given to employees securing new business under this "Go-Getters Plan," the principal feature of the plan is the fact that it gives official recognition to employees who are sales-minded, and holds them up to the attention of other employees, and to the attention of the officers of the bank, as examples of employees who are doing more for the institution than merely holding down their jobs.

This recognition is accomplished through the regular publication of the names of employees thus securing accounts, in our internal house organ, "The Teller," under the heading "The Honor Roll."

In addition to such publication, our officers follow closely the records of the employees securing new accounts under this plan, and make it a point to talk to them personally and compliment them upon their good work.

Records of new accounts thus secured are kept on an annual basis, and at the end of each contest year, checks are given to each employee, in proportion to the amount of business thus secured, who shall have proved himself or herself to be a "Go-Getter."

The rules under which the "Go-Getters" system is conducted are published in the house organ at the beginning of each year.

You may be interested in the simple mechanics of this plan. All employees are supplied with blank introduction cards which they may give to their prospects. A prospect opening an account gives the card to the new account teller, who sees that it is sent to the Business Extension Department. This department, therefore, acts as a clearing house for all "Go-Getter" accounts, determining just what credit the employee should receive for the account, and if two employees are involved in the same account, determining which one should receive credit for it, or possibly splitting the credit between them. Credit for new accounts is figured on a sliding scale, which makes allowance both for number of accounts and size of accounts. I haven't time to go into the operating details of the plan, but if anyone here is specially interested, I will be pleased to have a full description of it mailed to you.

Employees are given complete freedom in their solicitation of accounts, except with regard to solicitation of commercial business. In the case of a prospect for a commercial account, we insist that our Business Extension Department must check up on the account with our Credit Department, in advance, before it is solicited.

This is just a brief and sketchy outline of our "Go-Getters Plan." Just bear in mind that it is not a bonus plan; it is not a periodic new account campaign plan; it is a perpetual sales contest open to all employees except officers, reckoned on an annual basis, with compensation to employees, in the form of both cash and personal recognition by officers.

We have tried this plan out for a number of years, and we know that it works. You know the old proverb about the proof of the pudding. Well, during the last several years our "Go-Getters Plan" has netted the bank each year about 6,500 accounts, with average initial deposits of over \$2,000,000. An analysis over a five years' period shows that the "Go-Getters" during that time secured 28,300 bona fide new accounts, all of which were still active 90 days after opening, with average balance of \$32.91, and a most significant feature of this analysis was the fact that the actual cost to the bank averaged by 79c. per account.

Now, I presume the question in the back of your minds is, "Will this work in my bank?"

My answer is that I believe it will work in your bank, if you put sufficient and conscientious effort behind it.

Tax Debenture Provision in Tariff Bill Opposed by New York Chamber of Commerce—Other Reports Acted On by Chamber May 1.

Inclusion of the export debenture provision in the pending Tariff Bill will encourage overproduction of commodities covered by the provision and make for dumping of such products abroad, with consequent injury to American export trade through retaliatory action by foreign governments, said John D. Dunlop, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Commerce and the Revenue Laws of the New York State Chamber of Commerce. The report of the Committee, voicing opposition to the adoption of any debenture plan in the new tariff law, was adopted by the Chamber on May 1.

Another report by Mr. Dunlop's committee, approving the flexible provisions in the new tariff law, was also adopted.

This report favored the flexible provision as means for making changes in specific rates when the economic situation so demands, "without opening the whole tariff schedule for readjustment and political agitation."

Other reports on which action was taken by the Chamber on May 1 are indicated as follows:

A report of the Executive Committee opposing amendments to the Interstate Commerce Act, in particular to the suggested amendment requiring railroads in their schedules of rates, fares and charges to state separately the charges for the use of wharves, docks, warehouses, and other terminal facilities owned or operated by common carriers, was adopted. The resolution provided for the selection of representatives of the Chamber to appear at hearings to present the organization's views and to oppose the passage of the proposed legislation.

In the adoption of a joint resolution of the Committee on the Harbor and Shipping and Committee on Internal Trade and Improvements, introduced by Marcus H. Tracy, Chairman of the former, the Chamber endorsed the proposal for the transfer of the State Barge Canal system to the Federal Government, and authorized members of the two committees to appear at hearings and to otherwise support the movement for such transfer.

The Chamber adopted a joint resolution of the committees, on Harbor and Shipping and Internal Trade and Improvement, endorsing the project for a union freight terminal on the West Side somewhere between 25th and Christopher Sts. as the initial step toward the ultimate plan of establishing a system of such terminals to facilitate freight handling and reduce traffic congestion in the metropolitan area.

Charles L. Bernheimer, Chairman of the Chamber's Committee on Arbitration, reported further progress toward the past year in the utilization of commercial arbitration to settle trade disputes.

William F. Collins, Chairman of the Committee on Commercial Education in a resolution adopted by the Chamber, recommended a survey of adult technical education in the New York industrial area to ascertain the agencies available, the results now obtained, and the need of additional facilities to meet more fully the requirements of industry and commerce. The Chamber authorized the committee to initiate steps for undertaking this survey through a special committee to be composed of members of the Chamber and other qualified persons.

The Chamber adopted the report of Jacob H. Haffner, Chairman of the Committee on Public Service in the Metropolitan District, urging the Mayor and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to discontinue the present plan of financing subways by short-term financing, and to adopt instead a policy of issuing long-term bonds.

Tax participation clauses in leases, under the terms of which the lessee shall pay a proportion of any increase in the taxes on the leased property during the term of the lease or shall receive a corresponding benefit of any reductions of taxes during such periods, were recommended by another report of the same committee, adopted by the Chamber.

A third report by the committee, advocating the construction of a monumental building to house the Federal courts in the City of New York, was also adopted.

J. Barstow Smull, reporting as Chairman of the Executive Committee, outlined the results of a survey of the administration of civil justice, carried on by the Chamber in co-operation with the Committee on Law Reform of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. The Institute of Law of Johns Hopkins University is now compiling an analysis and tabulation of the observer's reports, he said, but the report of the Executive Committee stated it was convinced that much of the complaint of the faults and delays in the administration of justice in the courts is warranted and recommended that a movement be undertaken by commercial organizations to bring about such changes as shall secure a more business-like conduct of civil cases. The Chamber adopted a resolution providing that the co-operation of other commercial organizations be asked to establish a body and weight of opinion that will be respected and that legal associations be invited to participate in the movement to secure better administration of justice in civil courts.

It was announced that Commander Richard E. Byrd had accepted an invitation to a luncheon at the Chamber upon his return to New York next month.

Cheese Trading on Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

Dealings in future deliveries of cheese began on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange on May 1 it is learned from Associated Press advices from that city which said:

The initial sale was a car of cheese, 22,000 pounds, to be delivered in New York in July.

Active bidding prevailed for July and December contracts.

Earlier Associated Press accounts from Chicago (April 14) stated:

A Continental market for cheese futures contracts, the rules of which will permit delivery in Chicago, Montreal or the Greater New York area will be inaugurated by the Chicago Mercantile Exchange May 1.

Trading in cheese futures was begun last fall, but the expanded market affords direct access to trading privileges for the entire cheese territory of the United States and Canada and removes the former restriction on deliveries to the Chicago area.

Negotiations for Purchase of "Wall Street News" By Publishers of "Wall Street Journal."

Kenneth C. Hogate, Vice-President and General Manager of Dow, Jones & Co. and Melvin J. Woodworth, President of the New York News Bureau Association announced May 5 that negotiations for the purchase of the "Wall Street News" by Dow, Jones & Co., publishers of the "Wall Street Journal" are pending. It is stated that this will in no way effect the service of the New York News Bureau in N. Y. City and the metropolitan district where service will be maintained exactly as heretofore and under the same management and ownership.

Work to Begin Immediately on 63-Story Wall Street Structure to House Doherty and City Service

Henry L. Doherty & Co. announce that construction work will begin immediately on first of a series of skyscrapers in the Wall Street District. The first unit in the construction program to be a 63-story structure on the eastern portion of the block bounded by Pearl, William, Pine and Cedar Streets. The plot comprises 32,000 square feet of ground space with frontages of approximately 250 feet on Pine and Cedar Streets and the entire block front on Pearl Street. The cost is estimated at \$15,000,000. Part of the excavation work is already completed on the westerly portion of the plot and building operations will start at once. The announcement goes on to say:

Altogether Henry L. Doherty & Co. and their Cities Service Co. control approximately 4 acres in the financial district. Among these are the premises at 56 and 60 Wall Street through to Pine Street, on which the second unit of the Doherty chain of skyscrapers will be erected within the next three years. This plot is now occupied by the 5-story bank building at 56 Wall and the present headquarters of Henry L. Doherty & Co. at 60 Wall. The ground area of this plot equals approximately 26,000 square feet with frontages of 101 feet on Wall Street and 152 feet on Pine Street. When this building is completed it will rank with other skyscrapers dominating the financial district.

Most prominent of other sites to be developed later by Henry L. Doherty & Co. is one fronting on the northerly side of Battery Park. This building will overlook the broad expanse of the harbor and is expected to dominate lower Broadway. In addition to this property, Henry L. Doherty & Co. now owns and operates the Battery Park and Chesebrough Buildings on State Street just south of the Customs House. The company also owns the Maritime Building and a number of other buildings in this vicinity.

The westerly section of the skyscraper now under way at Pine, Pearl and Cedar Streets is to be completed by May 1931. The easterly portion will follow as soon as existing leases expire and will be ready for occupancy by May 1932. The first 19 floors will be occupied by Henry L. Doherty & Co. and Cities Service Co. It is planned to connect the present 26-story Doherty headquarters at 60 Wall Street with the new building by a bridge at the 16th floor. The present quarters have been outgrown in the past year and the Company now occupies about 150,000 square feet of space in outside buildings.

The new building will be topped by a tower 30 floors in height, the top floors of which will be reserved for the personal use of Henry L. Doherty. There Mr. Doherty will have his library, private offices and quarters for his assistants. Terraces outside his work rooms will have both eastern and western exposure. A private elevator will connect these quarters with a higher terrace, enclosed with glass and equipped for rest and recreation. The new building also will provide quarters for the Doherty Men's Fraternity as well as dining rooms and cafeteria for employes. It will have 660,000 square feet of rental space.

Among the novel features planned for the building will be double-deck elevators which will take on and discharge passengers of two floors at the same time. This will be the first use of this type of elevator. There will be 17 additional elevators of regulation type. Another feature will be escalators serving the first seven floors. Artificial ventilation will be used for all lower floors, assuring fresh air at all times. The first set-back will be at the 11th floor. There will be five entrances and ample space provided for wide sidewalks on all streets.

The architects of the building are Messrs. Clinton and Russell, Holton and George. James Stewart & Co. are the builders. The plans provide for stone and granite treatment on the first three floors. Above that the building will be of light-face brick with stone trimmings.

A. P. Giannini, Founder of Transamerica Corporation, Retires on 60th Birthday—Plans to Spend Year in Europe.

On May 6, his 60th birthday, A. P. Giannini retired as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Transamerica Corporation (holding company of the Bank of Italy National Trust & Savings Association and its affiliated and subsidiary institutions) and as executive of all companies of which he has been an officer. In a statement, on the occasion, Mr. Giannini said:

When I turned over the Presidency of the Bank of Italy to my successor in 1924, I made the statement then that I would retire as an active officer from all organizations with which I was connected when I reached the age of 60. While I shall continue as a director of our various companies and possibly go on the boards of others, as well as serve, without compensation, as Chairman of the advisory committee of Transamerica Corporation, I will hold no executive office. I am definitely off the pay roll. This is the time, I think, to express my appreciation to our stockholders, our customers, and to the members of the staff of our various organizations—without whose generous and whole-hearted co-operation the success of our undertakings would not have been possible. We have, beyond a doubt, the finest and most loyal group of people in our institutions to be found anywhere in the world.

I also want to thank the press for its fairness and courteous treatment. In this connection, I can say that for more than 25 years, while I have been engaged in banking and financial activities, I have always found the newspaper men friendly, ready to help, and willing to keep inviolate every confidence I have given them.

All of the so-called "Giannini interests" are now vested in Transamerica Corporation and it is my hope that hereafter they will be known as Transamerica interests and not Giannini interests. The conduct of the affairs of all these companies will be under the direction of Ellisha Walker, and the other executives associated with him.

It is stated that during the time that Mr. Giannini has been at the head of his great financial enterprises, he has never received salary from more than one corporation at any time, and has held office only in those organizations for whose creation he has been responsible. Mr. Giannini, who is in Washington, D. C., meeting with the committee on

Banking and Currency of the House of Representatives to complete a study of the subject of group and branch banking, will sail on the "Mauretania" from New York June 11 for a year's absence abroad.

Meeting of Executive Council of A. B. A., at Old Point Comfort, Va., May 5-8—F. I. Kent Recommends Appointment of Committee to Study Relationship of New Securities and Power of Public to Absorb Them.

In reporting on the work of the American Bankers Association at the opening of the Executive Council Meeting, at Old Point Comfort, Va., May 6. President John G. Lonsdale described the Association as a "powerful research laboratory working constantly in the interest of the individual American banker" and daily submitting every phase of banking to searching study. He went on to say:

Its findings are made available to the 20,000 members of the organization for their guidance. It is a fine tribute to the spirit of co-operation among bankers that we are able to carry on this work. Bankers from one end of the country to the other are constantly giving freely and unselfishly of their skill and experience in co-operation with our headquarters staff, so that we may produce the truly great results that are being accomplished. Our investigations have resulted in beneficial legislation, revision of banking practices and innumerable changes for a stronger and more efficient banking structure.

In the battle for justice and equality in taxation our Association always has stood at the front. We have been unrelenting in our efforts to equalize excessive burdens and place levies on a fair and impartial basis. In addition to safeguarding our taxation rights, the Association has shown us the best investment policies, instructed us in the analysis of accounts, helped us to install better service charges and pointed out the way to better management.

Banks singly or in small groups could never have brought about such reforms as we have obtained. It has been well said that the American Bankers Association, exclusive of the Federal Reserve System, has been the greatest single nation-wide source of stability and improved conditions for banking in the United States.

Fred I. Kent in reporting as Chairman of the Commerce and Marine Commission, described the business situation as having been affected by three principal causes, namely, an appreciable over-production that was somewhat general, uncertainty caused by prolonged delay in tariff legislation, and the over-issuance of securities beyond the power of the American public to absorb, accompanied by extraordinary developments on the stock exchanges. He recommended the appointment of a commission made up of representatives of the Federal Reserve Bank in New York, the New York Clearing House and the New York Stock Exchange to make a study of the relationship between the issuance of new securities and the power of the public to absorb them, declaring that it would be possible to develop a series of figures giving information to investment bankers that would enable them to guide more scientifically their security operations. The Commission, he said, has also made a study of the railroads aimed to set forth their values and necessity to the people, with the hope of increasing public understanding toward both taxation and regulations of the roads. Mr. Kent also discussed at length the Young plan and the Bank for International Settlement.

34,980.80 Shares of Stock of Chase National Bank of New York to be Auctioned May 20.

A portion of the increased stock of the Chase National Bank of New York to be issued incident to the Chase-Equitable-Interstate merger will be sold at public auction, it was announced following a meeting of directors of the Chase National Bank this week. The stock to be auctioned amounts to 34,980.80 share units of Chase National Bank stock (\$20 par value) and Chase Securities Corporation (no par value), representing the balance of a stock increase after an exchange of shares with the Equitable Trust Co. and Interstate Trust Co. The consolidation plan of the three institutions (reference to which appeared in our issue of May 3, page 3102) calls for an increase in the capital stock of Chase National Bank from \$105,000,000 consisting of 5,250,000 shares, to \$148,000,000 consisting of 7,400,000 shares. Of the 2,150,000 additional shares, 2,000,000 are to be allotted pro rata to Equitable shareholders on the basis of four shares of Chase for every five shares of Equitable and 115,019.20 shares are to be allotted pro rata to Interstate shareholders on the basis of 32-100ths of a share of Chase for each share of Interstate. The remaining stock will be sold at public auction in 34 lots of 1,000 shares each and one lot of 980.80 shares, at 12 o'clock noon, eastern daylight time, May 20, by Adrian H. Muller & Son, Auctioneers, in the Exchange Salesroom at 56 Vesey St., New York City. The sale is subject to a deposit of 10% of the purchase price in cash or certified check at the time of the auction and the balance is due at the head office of the Chase National Bank

by 12 o'clock noon on May 29. Proceeds from the sale of these shares will go into the capital assets of Chase National Bank, to be used for the benefit of all stockholders.

New Members Elected to Board of Governors of Association of Bank Stock Dealers.

Association of Bank Stock Dealers announce that Clinton Gilbert of Clinton Gilbert & Co. and A. C. Doty of Grannis & Doty and Col. Oliver J. Troster of Hoyt, Rose & Troster have been elected members of the board of governors to serve for three years.

George N. Lindsay Nominated for Presidency of Bond Club—Annual Meeting June 11.

George N. Lindsay, Vice-President of Bancamerica-Blair Corporation, has been nominated for President of the Bond Club of New York to succeed Pierpont V. Davis who has headed the Club for the past year. Mr. Lindsay is at present Vice-President of the Club. The annual meeting of the Club, at which a new set of officers and four governors will be elected will be held on June 11. Nominations for other officers include Harry M. Addinsell of Harris, Forbes & Co. for Vice-President; R. Lawrence Oakley of Maynard, Cakley & Lawrence for Secretary, and Henry W. Browner of Laidlaw & Co. for Treasurer. Mr. Davis, retiring President, has been nominated for membership on the board of governors together with Laurence M. Marks of Lee, Higginson & Co., Frank E. Gernon of Hayden, Stone & Co. and Henry S. Sturgis of the First National Bank of New York. Members of the nominating committee, which announced the selections, were Eugene E. Ailes, J. Taylor Foster, G. Munro Hubbard, William J. Minsch and Francis T. Ward.

Executive Council of American Bankers Votes Against Removal of Association's Headquarters from New York to Washington.

Following a two-hour debate on a proposal to move the headquarters of the American Bankers Association to Washington, the Executive Council on May 7 at Old Point Comfort, Va., voted without a dissenting voice to maintain the national offices in or near New York City. Under a resolution that was adopted a committee was appointed, consisting of Rome C. Stephenson, Dan V. Stephens, J. H. Puelicher, F. N. Shepherd and John G. Lonsdale, with power to arrange more suitable quarters for the head office organization.

Gov. Roosevelt of New York Signs Estate Tax Bill—Mastick-Pratt Measure Recasts Inheritance Levy, Reducing Tax on Smaller Estates—Becomes Effective Sept. 1.

On April 23 Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York, signed the Mastick-Pratt Bill, which virtually recasts the State's Inheritance Tax Law and substitute's an estate tax. An Albany dispatch April 23 to the New York "Times," from which we quote, also states:

The Governor said that the new law would give a substantial but warranted reduction in the taxes on small estates, would lessen the cost of administration to the estates and also would diminish the administration cost of the law by the State.

The legislation was urged by the Commission, of which Surrogate James A. Foley of Manhattan is Chairman, and which has been investigating the defects in the laws dealing with estates. It also was urged by the State Tax Commission. Surrogate Foley came to the Capitol to-day to witness the Governor's approval of this and several other measures dealing with estate taxes.

Under the new Estate Tax Law, no estate of \$5,000 or less will be taxed. This will mean a substantial saving to thousands of small estates. At present, an estate, of \$25,000 left one-half to the widow and one-fourth to each of two children, pays a tax of \$100. Under the bill approved to-day by the Governor such an estate would pay nothing. An estate of \$50,000, left similarly, is now taxed \$350, while the tax under the new law would be reduced to \$160.

"The new statute," said a statement by Governor Roosevelt, "parallels, in so far as possible, the Federal Estate Tax Law and simplifies the work of attorneys and others in preparing returns for the Federal and State Governments. This new legislation becomes effective Sept. 1 1930, and will apply to estates of those dying on and after that date."

A companion bill, approved by the Governor, provides for the first time in this State a statutory method of apportioning equitably both the Federal and the State estate tax among the various beneficiaries. In the past such taxes have been payable out of the residuary estate, frequently the widow's share, and, according to the sponsors of the bill, she frequently pays the entire tax.

Under another measure approved by the Governor, the Tax Commission is authorized to compromise and settle contingent taxes amounting to more than \$30,000,000, which are held to secure the payment of taxes on contingent interests. The Governor said that the present method is cumbersome, complicates the accounting of estates and is difficult for the Tax Commission to handle. Under the new law, he explained, it will be possible to agree on the amount payable, and thereby "close the matter once and for all."

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, &c.

The New York Cotton Exchange membership of George H. Hutzler was reported sold this week to Alvan L. Wachsmann, for another for \$20,000. The last preceding sale was for \$21,500.

The New York Produce Exchange membership of Frank A. Montford was sold at auction this week to Charles Connor for \$8,200.

From the New York "Evening Post" of last night (May 9) we take the following:

Intimation that informal discussions had been carried on by the Marine Midland Corp. and certain New York City banks, including the Public National Bank & Trust Co., in contemplation of merger possibilities was contained in a statement from Buffalo to-day by George F. Rand, President of the Marine Midland Corp.

Mr. Rand said: "Discussion of a merger with the Public National or any other New York bank has not passed the informal stage since we acquired the Fidelity Trust Co. Whatever buying in Public National stock may have been reported as emanating from Buffalo has not come from the Marine Midland Corp.

Ernest Stauffen Jr., Chairman of the Marine Midland, was credited as having said: "We are not negotiating for Public National nor any other New York institution at the moment."

At a regular meeting this week of the board of directors of Bankers Trust Co. of New York Winthrop W. Aldrich resigned as director. S. Sloan Colt, Vice-President, was elected to fill the vacancy.

Robert Irving Barr, Vice-President of the Chase National Bank of New York, died on May 7 at the Presbyterian Hospital where he had undergone an operation May 5. He was forty-five years old. Mr. Barr was born in New York City March 10 1885, graduated from Newark Academy in 1902 and from Princeton University in 1906 where he received an A.B. degree. He became associated with the brokerage firm of Smith & Gallatin and later he entered the credit department of the Chase National Bank in August 1915. He was made Assistant Cashier of the bank Jan. 9 1917, and in June of the same year, when Chase Securities Corp. was formed, he was elected a Vice-President of the corporation. Three years later he resigned from Chase Securities to return to the bank as a Vice-President. A resolution passed by the directors of the Chase National Bank at a meeting this week characterizes Mr. Barr as: "A man of forceful personality yet tender sympathies, he was outstanding for his frankness, honesty and ability to make and keep a host of friends. The bank sustains a great loss in his death and his memory will ever be cherished by those with whom he was so long associated."

Percy H. Johnston, President of the Chemical Bank & Trust Company, of New York has returned from a cruise around the world. H. Hobart Porter, of Sanderson & Porter, and Charles A. Corliss, President of Lamont, Corliss & Company, both directors of the Chemical Bank & Trust Company, were also on the cruise.

At a recent meeting of the Directors of the Chemical Bank & Trust Company, John H. Needham was elected an Assistant Vice President. He will go abroad shortly to be associated with the London office in connection with the bank's foreign activities.

The Central Hanover Bank & Trust Company of New York announces the appointment of Gilman D. Blake as assistant treasurer. Mr. Blake will be located at the Forty-first Street-Madison Avenue branch of the institution.

The Guaranty Trust Company of New York announces the appointment of Noah R. Brooks as Assistant Trust Officer at its Fifth Avenue Office. Mr. Brooks formerly was Assistant Secretary at that office.

A report recently made to the stockholders of Straus National Bank & Trust Company of New York reveals the growth made by the institution since its formation less than a year and a half ago. The bank opened for business on November 22, 1928, and earned \$28.68 per share during its first year of operation. On March 31, 1930, the bank had deposits of \$18,486,101, compared with \$15,630,100 on December 31, 1929, and \$10,452,505 on March 31, 1929. Resources of the Straus Bank on March 31 totalled \$26,241,114 as against \$21,876,499 on December 31 and \$14,068,510 on March 31 last year. Capital funds of the bank amount to \$2,000,000. On March 31, 1930, surplus and profit amounted to \$1,091,451, compared with \$1,008,286 on December 31 and \$658,391 on March 31, 1929. Earnings to surplus since

January 1 have been \$83,164, while earnings to surplus since March 31, 1929, amount to \$433,060. Book value of the bank's stock on March 31, 1930, was \$154.57; on December 31, 1929, \$150.41; and on March 31, 1929, \$132.91. Earnings per share for the quarter ended March 31, 1930, were \$4.15; year ended December 31, 1929, \$22.79 and year ended March 31, 1930, \$21.65. The institution's reserve fund was increased by \$14,500 during the first quarter of 1930. Straus National stock is currently quoted 280 bid, 300 asked.

Charles C. Fagg formerly Assistant Vice President of the Equitable Trust Company's 45th Street office has been elected Vice President of the Bank of Manhattan Trust Company in charge of the latter's office at 43rd Street and Madison Avenue. Mr. Fagg succeeds William Pfaffle, who will join the bank of Manhattan Trust Company's staff at 40 Wall Street to take charge of its business in the middle west.

Samuel S. Lerner, partner of G. & A. Seligmann, has been elected a member of the Advisory Board of National Exchange Bank & Trust Co. of Brooklyn. Mr. Lerner has also been nominated for the Board of Governors of the New York Produce Exchange.

Directors of the First National Bank of Hornell, N. Y., have approved a plan for increasing the bank's capital from \$100,000 to \$300,000, and reducing the par value of the stock from \$100 a share to \$50 a share, according to advices from that place on May 7 to the "Wall Street Journal." The institution has resources of between \$3,500,000 and \$4,000,000, it was stated.

The Third National Bank of Walden, N. Y., has changed its name to the First National Bank & Trust Co. of Walden.

Application to organize a new bank in Buffalo, N. Y., under the title of the Fillmore National Bank with capital of \$200,000, was received by the Comptroller of the Currency on May 3. William Vogelsang, 1307 Fillmore Ave., Buffalo, is the correspondent.

George F. Mueller, President of the Central National Bank and a Vice-President of the National City Bank of New Rochelle, died on April 21. He was 46 years of age. Mr. Mueller who had been with the National City Bank for twenty-five years and with the Central National Bank for six years held both positions at the time of his death.

Chester D. Pugsley, Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Westchester County National Bank at Peekskill, New York presided over the sessions at Jacksonville, Illinois, of the Institute of Pan American Affairs at Illinois Woman's College from May 1 to 3, which he is financing. Max Winkler, Vice President of Bertron, Griscom & Co. of New York, was one of the speakers.

H. Ward Ford, President of the First National Bank of Morristown, N. J., died at his home in that city on May 6 at the age of 64 years. He had been in failing health for several months. Mr. Ford was born in New York but went to Morristown as a small boy with his parents. After graduating from St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H., he entered Princeton University, a member of the Class of 1889. He began his career by entering the manufacturing business in Brooklyn, but later sold the enterprise to the predecessor of the American Can Co. Not long after his retirement from manufacturing Mr. Ford was made a director of the old Greenwich Bank in New York and later was appointed President, a position he held for 12 years, until the institution was merged with the Hanover National Bank. He was also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Greenwich Savings Bank, New York. In 1910 Mr. Ford became President of the First National Bank of Morristown, the office he held at his death.

J. Van Dyke Hyde, formerly president of the First National Bank of Park Ridge, N. J., pleaded "guilty" in Federal Court in Newark on May 1 to a charge of making false bank entries, according to the New York "Times" of May 2. Assistant United States Attorney Hicks told the court he would drop the proceedings against William H. Devlin, formerly cashier of the bank, who was on trial with Hyde and was alleged to have credited Hyde's account, at his direction, with amounts totaling \$2,700. Federal Judge Guy L. Fake said he would sentence Hyde on May 26, and

called a mistrial in the case of Devlin by ordering the jury to retire. Devlin was released. Mr. Hicks said that the bank suffered no loss, as Hyde made restitution when bank examiners discovered the false entries.

Beauveau Borie, retired banker and former President of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, died at his home in Abington, Pa., on May 2 in his 84th year. He had been ill for six months. Mr. Borie, who was born in Philadelphia, entered the banking and brokerage business of his father, Charles L. Borie, in 1866, a year after his graduation from the University of Pennsylvania. For many years he was a prominent figure in financial circles of Philadelphia and New York. He became head of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange in 1900. He had held directorships in the Lehigh Valley Railroad, Pennsylvania Co. for Insurance on Lives and Granting Annuities, Bethlehem Steel Co., Philadelphia Warehouse Co. and American Dredging Co., and was an organizer of the Real Estate Trust Co. of Philadelphia.

Francis X. Quinn has been made a director of the Continental-Equitable Title & Trust Co. of Philadelphia to fill the unexpired term of John A. Murphy, resigned, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of May 3.

The proposed consolidation of the Media Title & Trust Co. of Media (Delaware Co.), Pa., and the 69th Street Terminal Title & Trust Co. of Philadelphia (indicated in our issue of April 12, page 2521) has now been consummated. The new organization—the Media-69th Street Trust Co.—has resources of more than \$10,000,000 and maintains five offices as follows: Main Office, Media, 69th and Market Sts., Philadelphia; 69th Street Terminal, Philadelphia, and offices in Aronimink and Oakmont.

The closing for voluntary liquidation of the State Savings & Trust Co. of Indianapolis, Ind., by order of its directors, "to save its depositors and stockholders from loss," was reported in Indianapolis advices on April 26 to the "Wall Street Journal." The institution, according to Scott R. Brewer, its President, when closed had a capital of \$375,000, surplus and reserves of \$48,500, and deposits of \$1,410,000. Its depositors numbered 8,000. State Banking Department officials, it was said, are preparing to liquidate the assets. The advices furthermore said, in part:

Directors, in ordering the closing of the bank, adopted a resolution stating that inability to market real estate holdings, depreciation of farm values, and a shrinkage in deposits made it expedient for the bank to go into voluntary liquidation in order "to save its depositors and stockholders from loss."

Thomas D. Barr, Assistant State Banking Commissioner, has begun an inventory of assets and liabilities, which will be followed by court action for appointment of a receiver.

From the Indianapolis "News" of May 3 it is learned that Eben H. Wolcott, former State Bank Commission and former President of the State Savings & Trust Co., was appointed receiver for the company on that day by Judge Harry O. Chamberlain in the Marion County Circuit Court. The same paper said in part:

Luther F. Symons, State Banking Commissioner, and S. P. Good, examiner, made report of the State Banking Department's examination which showed that capital stock was \$375,000 at the time of closing; that surplus was \$25,000; total loans, \$1,521,000; overdrafts, \$13,000 stocks and bonds, \$525,000; furniture and fixtures, \$20,000; due from bank departments, \$75,900; cash, and due from banks, \$120,000; trust securities, \$186,000, with a total in assets thus listed of \$2,450,000. Among liabilities were bills payable, \$298,700; first mortgage certificates, \$50,000; first mortgage certificates collateral, \$47,800; deposits, \$1,435,000; due banks, \$600,900; trust investments, \$84,900.

Symons was the first witness and he said that the liquid assets of the bank are approximately \$500,000 with all assets totaling near \$2,500,000.

No estimates were made either by the banking department or the attorney of what percentage of deposits might be returned through the receivership.

The Buckeye-Commercial Savings Bank of Findlay, Ohio, an institution capitalized at \$400,000, and with resources, as of March 27, of \$4,924,232, was closed on May 6 by its directors, according to a dispatch from Findlay on the same date to the Toledo "Blade." O. C. Gray, the State Superintendent of Banks, it was said, announced at Columbus that the directors had notified him that they had closed the bank because of "frozen" assets. A notice on the bank's door read:

In justice to our patrons and stockholders, the board of directors unanimously voted temporarily to close the doors of the bank.

The dispatch, continuing, said:

The institution was formed in 1922 through the merger of the Buckeye National bank and the Commercial Bank & Savings Co., and in 1923 built a new bank building which has been a show place in Findlay.

Control of the Union Trust & Savings Bank of Toledo, Ohio, a small but veteran Toledo bank, has been acquired by the Toledo Trust Co., according to the Toledo "Blade"

of May 3. The two banks have always been regarded as closely affiliated by reason of the fact that Henry Truesdall, President of the Union Trust & Saving Bank, is a Vice-President of the Toledo Trust Co., Herman H. Brand, a Vice-President of the acquired bank, was reported as saying that control of the institution, which has a capital consisting of 2,500 shares of \$100 par value stock, \$250,000, was sold on the basis of \$305 a share. The combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of the bank amount to \$657,583 and deposits total \$1,337,955. The Union Trust & Saving Bank was organized in 1888. In addition to Mr. Truesdall and Mr. Brand, its officers are: W. F. Hergert, Cashier and A. L. Birch, Assistant Cashier. In its last statement, the Toledo Trust Co. show deposits of \$391,159,167. According to H. L. Thompson, President of the company, no definite date for the consolidation has been set and for the time being the acquired institution will be operated as heretofore.

Advices by the United Press from Portland, Ind., on May 1, printed in the Indianapolis "News" of the same date, stated that shortages in money of the closed Jay County Savings & Trust Co. of Portland, as a result of the defalcations of its former Cashier, Clyde Bechdolt, continue to grow, according to Jesse Peters, the receiver of the defunct bank. The dispatch went on to say:

Bechdolt, now serving a two-to-fourteen-year sentence in the State Prison for embezzlement, is said to have told a foreigner who was a bank depositor, that all money in his account March 1 would be subject to taxation. Bechdolt suggested the depositor buy bonds with the money. It is charged that the man spent \$11,500 for bonds, but they are missing, Peters said.

A world war veteran, now in the Marion National Sanatorium, is another victim, the receiver said. The veteran had \$3,800 in bonds and \$2,000 in money in the bank's possession, but books show a balance of only \$3.11, according to Peters.

The Jay County Grand Jury will meet next (this) week to investigate the affairs of the bank.

Reference was made to the closing of this bank and the sentencing of its Cashier after his plea of "guilty" to a charge of embezzlement in our issue of April 26, page 2905.

The respective directors of the Genessee County Savings Bank and the First National Bank & Trust Co. of Flint, Mich., have appointed Carl F. Spaeth executive officer of the two institutions, bringing them under one operative head, according to the Michigan "Investor" of May 3. Mr. Spaeth has been connected with the First National Bank & Trust Co. eleven years, during which time he has held the positions of Cashier, Vice-President and Executive Vice-President.

The Mechanics National Bank of Milwaukee, Wis., (capital \$200,000) and the Bay View Bank of that city (capital \$100,000) were merged on April 26 under the title of the Bay View National Bank of Milwaukee. The new institution is capitalized at \$200,000.

From the Milwaukee "Sentinel" of April 29 it is learned that the Union State Bank of Lancaster, one of the largest banks in Grant County, Wis., has joined the Wisconsin Bankshares Corporation, Milwaukee, according to an announcement on April 28. The acquired bank is capitalized at \$50,000 with surplus and undivided profits of \$15,131, and has deposits of \$1,198,387. Its officers are: V. L. Showalter, President; George H. Baxter, Vice-President; Frank C. Meyer, Cashier, and C. E. Halferty and John M. Pink, Assistant Cashiers. With the recent suspension of the Lancaster State Bank, the Union State Bank is the only bank operating in Lancaster, it was said.

A more recent issue of the "Sentinel," May 6, reported that the respective directors of two Madison, Wis., banks, with combined resources of approximately \$16,000,000 have decided to join the Wisconsin Bankshares Corporation. The banks, affiliated institutions, are the First National Bank with capital of \$1,000,000, and the Central Wisconsin Trust Co., capitalized at \$300,000. We quote further from the paper mentioned, as follows:

The two banks last fall had planned to enter the holding company fold, and then decided not to. When stockholders ratify recommendations of directors, it was stated, resources of the Bankshares corporation will be more than \$308,000,000. T. R. Hefty is President and L. M. Hanks, Chairman, of both Madison institutions.

Stockholders have thirty days in which to ratify action of the directors, but it is expected that more than the requisite amount of stock will be deposited soon. Directors, it is reported, represent more than 52%. The plan for effecting the deal is the same as that originally proposed: An exchange of the stock on the basis of 60 shares of Wisconsin Bankshares, of \$10 par each, for one share of \$100 par stock of the First National of Madison.

The new Northwestern Bank Building in Minneapolis, said to be the largest financial structure North and West

of Chicago, which has been in process of construction for a year, is now ready for occupancy. The Northwestern National Bank and the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. will occupy quarters in the building on Monday next, May 12. A description of the building says:

The building, which with ground cost \$6,000,000, is 16 stories above street level on an area 330 feet by 132 feet.

The banking room is the longest in the United States and five feet longer than the largest in Chicago. Including the bank and trust company and the savings and bond departments there are 97 tellers windows, all of the open counter type without cages. Tellers' cash is kept on an inside counter that may be covered and locked by drawing down wood and the entire bank is free from the iron bars and gratings that for generations have been characteristic of a bank.

Below street level is the largest safety deposit room in the Northwest, 80 by 50 feet in which are located 26,000 separate changeable key lock boxes. The entrance to this room is guarded by a circular time-lock door so delicately set on ball bearings and rollers that when standing open it can be moved by the pressure of the hand, notwithstanding the door weighs something more than 63 tons or about 127,000 pounds.

Effective April 28, the First National Bank of Sauk Centre, Minn. was placed in voluntary liquidation. The institution, which was capitalized at \$50,000, was taken over by the Merchants' National Bank of that place.

The Union National Bank of Minot, N. D., capitalized at \$100,000, was placed in voluntary liquidation on April 17. It is succeeded by the Union National Bank & Trust Co. in Minot.

The Comptroller of the Currency on April 28 issued a charter for the City National Bank of Greeley, Neb. The new bank is capitalized at \$30,000. J. M. McQuillan is President and Frank Horan, Cashier.

The Citizens National Bank in St. Paul, St. Paul, Neb., capitalized at \$35,000, was granted a charter by the Comptroller of the Currency on May 1. The new organization is a conversion of the Citizens State Bank of St. Paul. Frank J. Taylor and F. T. Shaughnessy, are President and Cashier, respectively, of the new bank.

On May 1 a charter was issued by the Comptroller of the Currency for the St. Paul National Bank, St. Paul, Neb., with capital of \$40,000. The new institution represents a conversion of the St. Paul State Bank. Pauline Paul Arterburn is President and F. R. Haggert, Cashier.

By organizing three new banks at Thief River Falls and Marietta, Minnesota, and Gregory, South Dakota, the Northwest Bancorporation (headquarters Minneapolis) has brought the number of its affiliated banks and trust companies in the northwest and middlewest States to 104. The Union State, the new Thief River Falls bank, will take over the assets and assume the deposit liabilities of the First & Peoples State Bank of that city and will have capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$65,000. Theodore Albrecht is President. Marietta in western Lac qui Parle County, has had no banking facilities. The new institution is the Union State Bank and has capital and surplus of \$24,000. J. F. Millard is President. The Northwestern Bank of Gregory will succeed the Commercial State Bank of Gregory, South Dakota. Capital is \$25,000. H. E. McKee is President. Resources of all Northwest Bancorporation affiliates now total \$483,000,000.

That the Farmers' State Bank of Lakefield, Minn., has affiliated with the First Bank Stock Corporation (headquarters St. Paul and Minneapolis), making the 104th unit of the group of banks controlled by the corporation, was reported in St. Paul advices on May 7 to the "Wall Street Journal." The dispatch went on to say:

The Lakefield institution is the second Jackson County bank to become a member of the system, First National Bank of Heron Lake having entered the group several months ago.

Farmers State is the largest depository in Lakefield and serves a large agricultural community. It is capitalized at \$25,000, with surplus of \$10,000 and undivided profits of \$5,000. Deposits are approximately \$600,000 and total resources \$650,000.

On Apr. 25 the Comptroller of the Currency granted a charter to the First National Bank in Britton, S. D., with capital of \$25,000. S. A. Bell is President and C. C. Anderson, Cashier.

On April 23 the Manufacturers National Bank of Leavenworth, Kansas, with capital of \$100,000, went into voluntary liquidation. It is succeeded by the Manufacturers State Bank of Leavenworth.

An Associated Press dispatch from Fort Scott, Kan., on May 2, appearing in the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" of the next day, reported that a warrant was issued on the night of May 2 by Fred W. Bayless, County Attorney, for the arrest of P. H. McAfee, President of the People's State Bank of Fort Scott, who had been missing since the afternoon of the previous day. The bank, one of the largest in the County, was closed by its directors at midnight May 1, following an examination by two State bank examiners, it was stated.

With reference to the proposed organization of an industrial bank by the North Carolina Bank & Trust Co., head office Greensboro, N. C., indicated in the "Chronicle" of May 3, page 3,105, advices from Greensboro on May 7 to the "Wall Street Journal" stated that the new organization will be known as the North Carolina Industrial Bank and will be capitalized at \$1,000,000, with half that sum paid in to start. Banks will be opened in all cities in which the parent concern has commercial banks and probably in others. W. C. Michaels of Greensboro will be President. The North Carolina Bank & Trust Co. is headed by A. W. McLean as Chairman of the Board, and W. S. Ryland as President.

The Planters National Bank of Bennettsville, S. C., was placed in voluntary liquidation on April 22. The institution, which was capitalized at \$100,000, was absorbed by the Peoples State Bank of South Carolina, Charleston.

The Raleigh Banking & Trust Co., Raleigh, N. C., announced on May 1 the opening of an investment department under the management of Howard N. Cassel, according to the Raleigh "News & Observer" of May 2. This new departure, it was stated, is in association with G. L. Ohrstrom & Co., which has offices in New York, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, Philadelphia and Baltimore.

With reference to the affairs of the Citizens' Bank & Trust Co. of Tampa, Fla., one of a number of Tampa banks which closed their doors on July 17, 1929, advices from Tampa under date of Apr. 29 to the "Florida Times-Union" contained the following:

Only \$409,000 cash is in the custody of John A. Newsome, Jacksonville man recently appointed liquidator of the defunct Citizens Bank & Trust Co. here, according to a statement made public today (Apr. 29) by Mr. Newsome. This amount, he stated, was not sufficient to pay even a 5% dividend to depositors, if no further preferred claims should intervene.

Mr. Newsome in his statement declared that since assuming the duties of liquidator he has not allowed or paid any preferred claims against the bank.

Mr. Newsome pleaded that all persons indebted to the bank liquidate their debts in the shortest possible time, as the only means of winding up the bank's affairs. He pointed out that the item of loans and discounts as of Mar. 30, 1930, showed: On hand unliquidated, \$4,900,000; with federal reserve banks, \$2,000,000; in hands of attorneys for collection, \$1,600,000. Amounts are shown in round numbers for convenience, he stated. Total of these items is approximately \$8,500,000 unliquidated, although the bank closed last July.

Other items shown in Mr. Newsome's statement covering stocks and bonds were: Bonds with the Treasurer of the United States to secure postal savings deposit, \$487,000; bonds with trust department of the bank to secure trust funds, \$200,000; bonds loaned to other banks, \$43,000; stocks held variously, \$1,165,000; total stocks and bonds, \$2,486,000.

The West Coast National Bank of Portland, Ore., capitalized at \$500,000, was placed in voluntary liquidation on April 11. The institution was absorbed by the United States National Bank of Portland. Reference to the merger was made in our issues of March 29 and April 19, pages 2148 and 2715, respectively.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Strong reactionary tendencies have continued to characterize the movements on the New York Stock market the greater part of the present week, and while there have been occasional rallies among the more active speculative favorites the market as a whole, with the exception of Tuesday, made comparatively little progress upward. Copper shares displayed some activity toward the close of the week and there were also occasional spurts in the railroad group, and in some of the specialties, but the advances were not especially noteworthy. Call money renewed at 3½% on Monday, dropped to 3% in the afternoon and fluctuated between 3½% and 3% during the rest of the week. The weekly statement of the Federal Reserve Bank, made public after the close of business on Thursday, showed a decrease of \$200,000,000 in brokers' loans in this district.

The two-hour session on Saturday was noteworthy for the heavy rush of selling as stocks in all sections of the list broke to new low levels. The selling continued at a terrific pace throughout the morning and the turnover aggregated more

Richmond Reserve District by 9.8% and in the Atlanta Reserve District by 10.2%. In the Chicago Reserve District the falling off is 13.1%, in the St. Louis Reserve District 10.5% and in the Minneapolis Reserve District 1.8%. The Kansas City Reserve District shows a decrease of 13.1%, the Dallas Reserve District of 27.3% and the San Francisco Reserve District 9.2%.

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Table with columns: Week End, 1930, 1929, Inc. or Dec., 1928, 1927. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts (Boston, New York, Philadelphia, etc.) and Outside N. Y. City.

We also furnish to-day a summary by Federal Reserve districts of the clearings for the month of April. For that month there is a decrease for the entire body of clearing houses of 6.3%, the 1930 aggregate of the clearings being \$51,674,915,292 and the 1929 aggregate \$55,171,872,704.

Table with columns: April 1930, April 1929, Inc. or Dec., April 1928, April 1927. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts and Outside N. Y. City.

We append another table showing the clearings by Federal Reserve districts for the four months back to 1927:

Table with columns: 4 Months 1930, 4 Months 1929, Inc. or Dec., 4 Months 1928, 4 Months 1927. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts and Outside N. Y. City.

Our usual monthly detailed statement of transactions on the New York Stock Exchange is appended. The results for April and the four months of 1930 and 1929 are given below:

Table with columns: Description, Month of April (1930, 1929), Four Months (1930, 1929). Rows include Stocks, RR. & miscellaneous bonds, State, foreign, &c., bonds, U. S. Government bonds, Total bonds.

The volume of transactions in share properties on the New York Stock Exchange each month since Jan. 1 for the years 1927 to 1930 is indicated in the following:

Table with columns: Month, 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927. Rows include Month of January, February, March, 1st quarter, Month of April.

The following compilation covers the clearings by months since Jan. 1 in 1930 and 1929:

MONTHLY CLEARINGS.

Table with columns: Month, Clearings Total All (1930, 1929, %), Clearings Outside New York (1930, 1929, %). Rows include Jan, Feb, Mar, 1st qu, Apr.

The course of bank clearings at leading cities of the country for the month of April and since Jan. 1 in each of the last four years is shown in the subjoined statement:

BANK CLEARINGS AT LEADING CITIES.

Table with columns: City, April (1930, 1929, 1928, 1927), Jan. 1 to April 30 (1930, 1929, 1928, 1927). Rows include New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, etc.

We now add our detailed statement showing the figures for each city separately for April and since Jan. 1 for two years and for the week ended May 3 for four years:

CLEARINGS FOR APRIL, SINCE JANUARY 1, AND FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 3.

Large table with columns: Clearings at, Month of April, Four Months Ended April 30, Week Ended May 3. Rows include First Federal Reserve District (Maine-Bangor, Portland, etc.) and Total (14 cities).

Table with columns: SILVER DOLLARS. Assets, Liabilities, Total. GENERAL FUND. Assets, Liabilities, Total.

Note.—The amount to the credit of disbursing officers and agencies to-day was \$295,846,009.05. Under the Acts of July 14 1890 and Dec. 23 1913 deposits of lawful money...

Government Receipts and Expenditures.

Through the courtesy of the Secretary of the Treasury we are enabled to place before our readers to-day the details of Government receipts and disbursements for April 1930 and 1929 and the ten months of the fiscal years 1928-1929 and 1929-1930:

Table with columns: Receipts, Month of April 1930, 1929, Ten Months 1930-1929, 1929-1928.

Table with columns: Expenditures, Ordinary (Checks & warrants paid, &c.), General expenditures, Interest on public debt, Refund of receipts, Public debt retirement's chargeable against ord. receipts, Total.

a The figures for the month include \$29,104.80 and for the fiscal year 1930 to date \$438,940.54 accrued discount or war-savings certificates of matured series and for the corresponding periods last year the figures include \$55,310.30 and \$669,022.17, respectively.

Preliminary Debt Statement of the United States April 30 1930.

The preliminary statement of the public debt of the United States April 30 1930, as made upon the basis of the daily Treasury statement, is as follows:

Table with columns: Bonds, First Liberty Loan of 1932-47, Treasury Notes, Treasury Certificates, Treasury Bills (Maturity Value), Total Interest-bearing debt, Matured Debt on Which Interest Has Ceased, Debt Bearing no Interest.

COMPARATIVE PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT. (On the basis of daily Treasury statements)

Table with columns: Gross debt, Net balance in general fund, Gross debt, less net bal. in gen. fund., Total gross debt.

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 February, March, April and May, 1930:

Table with columns: Holdings in U. S. Treasury, Feb. 1 1930, Mar. 1 1930, April 1 1930, May 1 1930.

* Includes May 1, \$6,124,151 silver bullion, and \$3,348,738 minor, &c., coin not included in statement "Stock of Money."

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, May 3 to May 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Allegheny Steel, Aluminum Goods Mfg., etc.

* No par value. † Includes also record for period when in Unlisted Dept.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies. (All prices dollars per share.)

Table with columns: Banks, Par, Bid, Ask, Trust Companies, Par, Bid, Ask. Lists various banks and trust companies like New York, American Union, etc.

National Banks.—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED WITH TITLES REQUESTED.

Table with columns: Date, Bank Name, Capital. Lists applications for new banks like The Wahoo National Bank, etc.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Table with columns: Date, Bank Name, Capital. Lists banks that have received charters like The City National Bank of Greeley, etc.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.

Table with columns: Date, Bank Name, Capital. Lists liquidations of banks like The Planters National Bank of Bennettsville, etc.

Table with columns: Date, Bank Name, Capital. Lists liquidations of banks like The Union National Bank of Minot, etc.

CHANGE OF TITLE.

The Third National Bank of Walden, N. Y., to "The First National Bank & Trust Co. of Walden."

CONSOLIDATION.

The First National Bank of Philadelphia, Pa. and The First National Bank of Philadelphia, Pa. Consolidated under Act of Nov. 7, 1913...

BRANCH AUTHORIZED UNDER THE ACT OF FEB. 25 1927.

The First National Bank of Philadelphia, Pa. Location of branch: Second St. and Girard Ave., Philadelphia.

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Buffalo on Wednesday of this week:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per share. Lists various securities for auction like 3,660 Transportation Indemnity Co., etc.

By Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh. Lists securities sold by Wise, Hobbs & Arnold like 15 Boston Nat. Bank, etc.

By R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh. Lists securities sold by R. L. Day & Co. like 15 Boston National Bank, etc.

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh. Lists securities sold by Barnes & Lofland like 10 Broadway Merchants Trust Co., etc.

By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh. Lists securities sold by A. J. Wright & Co. like 500 Creighton Fairbanks Mines, etc.

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table, in which we show dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid. Dividends announced this week are:

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, Banks, Trust Companies, and Miscellaneous.

Name of Company.

Per Cent.

When Payable.

Books Closed, Days Inclusive.

Miscellaneous (Concluded).

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Lists various companies and their dividend details.

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week, these being given in the preceding table.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, and various industrial and utility companies.

Table with 5 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. The table is split into two main sections: 'Miscellaneous (Continued)' on the left and 'Miscellaneous (Continued)' on the right. Each section lists various companies with their respective financial details.

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, May 8, and showing the condition of the twelve Reserve banks at the close of business on Wednesday. In the first table we present the results for the system as a whole in comparison with the figures for the seven preceding weeks and with those of the corresponding week last year. The second table shows the resources and liabilities separately for each of the twelve banks. The Federal Reserve Agents' Accounts (third table following) gives details regarding transactions in Federal Reserve notes between the Comptroller and Reserve Agents and between the latter and Federal Reserve banks. The Reserve Board's Comment upon the returns for the latest week appears on page 3269, 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 MAY 7 1930

Main table showing combined resources and liabilities of Federal Reserve banks from May 7 1930 to May 8 1929. Includes categories like RESOURCES (Gold, Reserves, U.S. Government securities) and LIABILITIES (Deposits, Total liabilities).

* 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 Secs. 13 and 14 of the Federal Reserve Act, which, it is 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 MAY 7 1930

Table showing weekly statement of resources and liabilities for each of the 12 Federal Reserve banks (Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Dallas, San Francisco) as of May 7 1930.

Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, May 9 1930.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—See page 3299. Stock Exchange sales this week of shares not in detailed list:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week Ended May 9, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Rows include Railroads, Indus. & Misc., and various stock categories.

Table titled 'STOCKS' with columns: Week Ended May 9, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Rows include Indus. & Misc. (Conc.), Southern Dairies of A., Speer & Co., etc.

United States Liberty Loan Bonds and Treasury Certificates on the New York Stock Exchange.—

Table titled 'Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices' with columns: May 3, May 5, May 6, May 7, May 8, May 9. Rows include First Liberty Loan, Second converted, Fourth Liberty Loan, Treasury, etc.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were: 7 4th 4's...

New York City Realty and Surety Companies. (All prices dollars per share.)

Table with columns: Par, Bid, Ask. Rows include Alliance Realty, Bond & Mtge Guar., Home Title Insurance, etc.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked. Rows include June 16 1930, Sept. 15 1930, Dec. 15 1930.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.—p. 3306.

Foreign Exchange.—

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked. Rows include Sterling, Actual, Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders.

The Curb Exchange.—The review of the Curb Exchange is given this week on page 3304. A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 3333.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see second page preceding

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Sales for the Week); STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Railroads (Con.), Par, \$ per share); PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1929 (Lowest, Highest). Rows include various companies like Abraham & Strauss, Adams Express, Alameda Lead, etc.

*Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. zEx-div. yEx-rights. †Trading in Am. Tel. & Tel. "rights" began last Thurs. (Apr. 17): sales, 43,300 at 2 1/2 @ 22 1/2.

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For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see third page preceding.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday); SALES FOR THE WEEK; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-shares lots. (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1929. (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like 500 Bayuk Cigars, Inc., 100 First preferred, 1000 Beacon Oil, etc.

* Bid and asked prices no sales on this day. Ex dividend. g Ex-dividend and ex-rights

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see fourth page preceding.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Sales for the Week); STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Indus. & Miscel. (Con.) Par); PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1929. (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Crown Cork & Seal, Crown Zellerbach, Curchba Steel of America, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-dividend. ‡ Ex-dividend ex-rights. § 3 additional shares for each share owned.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see fifth page precedin

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 rows for various stock prices per share.

Main table listing stocks on the New York Stock Exchange with columns for Shares, Stock Name, Par, Range Since Jan 1, and Range for Previous Year 1929.

B'd and asked prices; no sales on this day. E-Div.-E-127s.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see sixth 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; NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Indus. & Miscel. (Con.) Par); PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1929. (Lowest, Highest). Rows include various stock symbols and prices.

*Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. Ex-dividend and ex-rights. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see seventh page preceding

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday), sales for the week, stock names, and per share prices. Includes sub-sections for 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1.' and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1929.'

*Bid and asked prices: no sales on this day. *Ex-4 1/2d. *Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see eighth page preceding

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1929. Lists various stocks like Thatchery Mig., Union Carbide, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. # Ex-Rights.

New York Stock Exchange—Bond Record, Friday, Weekly and Yearly

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Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoted bonds was changed and prices are now "and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds.

Main table containing bond records for U.S. Government, State and City Securities, Foreign Govt. & Municipals, and various international bonds. Columns include issuer, price, range, and date.

Cash sale. * On the basis of \$5 to the £ sterling.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE', 'Price Friday, May 9.', 'Week's Range or Last Sale.', 'Bonds Sold.', 'Range Since Jan. 1.', and 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE'.

Cash sale

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, and various other details. The table is organized into two main sections: 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended May 9.' and 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended May 9.'.

• Cash sale. • Due Feb.

Table with columns for Bond Type, Price (Bid/Ask), Week's Range (Low/High), Range Since Jan 1, and Yield. Includes sections for 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'INDUSTRIALS'. Rows list various bonds like 'N Y W-ches & B 1st ser 1 1/2 1946', 'Norfolk & West gen gold 6 1/2 1931', and 'Pitts McK & Y 1st gu 6 1/2 1932'.

* Cash sale. d Due May. e Due August. f Due June.

Table with columns: BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended May 9, Interest Period, Price Friday, May 9, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, and various bond descriptions.

Table with columns: BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended May 9, Interest Period, Price Friday, May 9, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, and various bond descriptions.

c Cash sale.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Name, Price, Week's Range, Range Since, and various other details. The table is split into two sections: 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended May 9.' and 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended May 9.'

c Cash sales.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Boston Stock Exchange, May 3 to May 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Boston Stock Exchange transactions. Columns include Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows include Railroad, Boston & Albany, Boston Elevated, etc.

Table of Chicago Stock Exchange transactions. Columns include Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows include Bonds, Amoskeag Mfg Co 6s, Can Nat Paper Co 6s, etc.

* No par value. # Ex-dividend. Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange, May 3 to May 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Chicago Stock Exchange transactions. Columns include Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows include Abbott Laboratories com, Acme Steel Co cap stk, Adams (J D) Mfg com, etc.

Main table containing stock market data. Columns include: Stocks (Continued) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High), Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows list various companies like Emp G & Fuel Co, Standard Dredge, etc.

* No par value. s Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights. Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, May 3 to May 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Summary table for Philadelphia Stock Exchange transactions from May 3 to May 9. Columns include: Stocks—Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows list companies like Almar Stores, American Stores, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Railroad Shares Corp., Reliance Insurance, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Cleve Elec Ill 6% pfd., Cleveland Trust, etc.

* No par value.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, May 3 to May 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Annap Dairy Prod com., Appalachian Corp., etc.

* No par value.

Table with columns: Stocks—Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Baltimore City Bonds, 4s Sewer Loan, etc.

* No par value.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—For this week's record of transactions on the Pittsburgh Exchange see page 3306.

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange, May 3 to May 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Allen Industries, com., Cent Union Nat Bank, etc.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange, May 3 to May 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Ahrens-Fox A, Aluminum Industries Inc, etc.

* No par value.

* No par value.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange, May 3 to May 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Ahrens-Fox A, Aluminum Industries Inc, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes Putnam Candy com, Randall A, B, Rapid Electrottype, etc.

* No par value.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange, May 3 to May 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Large table with columns: Stocks—Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes Bank Stocks, Trust Co. Stocks, Miscellaneous Stocks, Diversified Invest A, etc.

* No par value.

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock Exchange, May 3 to May 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes Anglo & Lon Par N Bank, Assoc Ins F. nd Inc., Atlas Imp Diesel Eng A, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes Hawaiian Pineapple, Honolulu Plantation, Magnin & Co common, etc.

Los Angeles Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Los Angeles Stock Exchange, May 3 to May 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes Barnsdall Oil A, Bolsa China Oil A, Byron Jackson, etc.

* No par value.

New York Curb Exchange—Weekly and Yearly Record

In the following extensive list we furnish a complete record of the transactions on the New York Curb Exchange for the week beginning on Saturday last (May 3 1930) and ending the present Friday (May 9 1930). It is compiled entirely from the daily reports of the Curb Exchange itself and is intended to include every security, whether stock or bonds, in which any dealings occurred during the week covered.

Table with columns: Week Ended May 9., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High), Stocks (Continued) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows include various stocks like Indus. & Miscellaneous, Addressograph, Aero Supply, etc.

Quotations of Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked "1/2".

Table with multiple columns listing various securities including Public Utilities, Railroad Equip., Chain Store Stocks, Investment Trust Stocks, and Tobacco Stocks. Each entry includes a description of the security, its par value, and current bid/ask prices.

* Per share † No par value. ‡ Basis of 1000 shares. § Last sale. ¶ Nominal. ** 1/2-div. *** Canadian quotation. **** Sale price.

Eastern Utilities Associates
(And Constituent Companies)

Financial statement for Eastern Utilities Associates showing monthly and 12-month ending figures for 1930 and 1929. Categories include Gross earnings, Operation, Maintenance, Taxes, Net operating revenue, and various balance items.

El Paso Electric Co. (Delaware)
(And Constituent Companies)

Financial statement for El Paso Electric Co. showing monthly and 12-month ending figures for 1930 and 1929. Categories include Gross earnings, Operation, Maintenance, Taxes, Net operating revenue, and various balance items.

*Interest on funds for construction purposes. x Interest, amortization charges and dividends on securities of constituent companies held by public.

Engineers Public Service Co.
(And Constituent Companies)

Financial statement for Engineers Public Service Co. showing monthly and 12-month ending figures for 1930 and 1929. Categories include Gross earnings, Operation, Maintenance, Depreciation of equipment, Taxes, Net operating revenue, and various balance items.

Federal Light & Traction Co.
(And Subsidiary Companies)

Financial statement for Federal Light & Traction Co. showing monthly and 12-month ending figures for 1930 and 1929. Categories include Gross earnings, Oper. exp., Total income, Net income from operation, Interest and discount, Preferred stock dividends, and various balance items.

Florida Power & Light Co.
(American Power & Light Co. Subsidiary.)

Financial statement for Florida Power & Light Co. showing monthly and 12-month ending figures for 1930 and 1929. Categories include Gross earnings from oper, Oper. exp., Net earnings from oper, Other income, Total income, Int. on mortgage bonds, Int. on debentures, Other int. and deductions, Dividends on preferred stock, and various balance items.

Galveston Electric Co.

Financial statement for Galveston Electric Co. showing monthly and 12-month ending figures for 1930 and 1929. Categories include Gross earnings, Operation, Maintenance, Taxes, Net operating revenue, Income from other sources, Interest and amortization, and various balance items.

Galveston-Houston Electric Co.
(And Subsidiary Companies)

Financial statement for Galveston-Houston Electric Co. showing monthly and 12-month ending figures for 1930 and 1929. Categories include Gross earnings, Operation, Maintenance, Taxes, Net operating revenue, Income from other sources, Interest and amortization, and various balance items.

x Interest on funds for construction purposes.

Galveston-Houston Electric Railway Co.

Financial statement for Galveston-Houston Electric Railway Co. showing monthly and 12-month ending figures for 1930 and 1929. Categories include Gross earnings, Operation, Maintenance, Taxes, Net operating revenue, Income from other sources, Interest and amortization, and various balance items.

Georgia Power Co.

Financial statement for Georgia Power Co. showing monthly and 12-month ending figures for 1930 and 1929. Categories include Gross earnings from operations, Oper. expenses, Net earnings from operations, Other income, Total income, Interest on funded debt, and various balance items.

Gulf Power Co.

Financial statement for Gulf Power Co. showing monthly and 12-month ending figures for 1930 and 1929. Categories include Gross earnings from operations, Operating expenses, Net earnings from operations, Other income, Total income, Interest on funded debt, and various balance items.

Haverhill Gas Light Co.

Financial statement for Haverhill Gas Light Co. showing monthly and 12-month ending figures for 1930 and 1929. Categories include Gross earnings, Operation, Maintenance, Taxes, Net operating revenue, Income from other sources, Interest charges, and various balance items.

* Interest on funds used for construction purposes.

Houston Electric Co.

Financial statement for Houston Electric Co. showing monthly and 12-month ending figures for 1930 and 1929. Categories include Gross earnings, Operation, Maintenance, Taxes, Net operating revenue, Income from other sources, Interest and amortization, and various balance items.

Idaho Power Co.

Financial statement for Idaho Power Co. (Electric Power & Light Corp. Subsidiary) showing monthly and 12-month ending figures for 1930 and 1929. Categories include Gross earnings from oper, Operating expenses & taxes, Net earnings from oper, Other income, Total income, Interest on bonds, Other interest & deductions, Dividends on preferred stock, and various balance items.

Illinois Bell Telephone Co.

Table with 4 columns: 1930, 1929, 3 Mos. End 1930, Mar. 31 1929. Rows include Telephone operating revenues, Telephone operating expenses, Net telephone oper. rev., Uncollectible oper. revenues, Taxes assignable to operations, Operating income.

Illinois Power & Light Corp.

(And Subsidiaries)

Table with 4 columns: 1930, 1929, 12 Mos. End 1930, Mar. 31 1929. Rows include Gross earns. from operation, Oper. exp. and maintenance, Taxes, Total expenses and taxes, Earnings from operation, Less rentals, Add other income, Total net earnings, Less prior charges of Iowa Power & Light Co. and the Kansas Power & Light Co., Total earnings available for bond interest, 12 mos. int. on Ill. Pow. & Lt. Corp. mtge. debt.

Jacksonville Traction Co.

Table with 4 columns: 1930, 1929, 12 Mos. End 1930, Mar. 31 1929. Rows include Gross earnings, Operation, Maintenance, Retirement accruals, Taxes, Operating revenue, City of So. Jacksonville portion of oper. revenue, Net oper. revenue, Interest and amortization, Balance.

Jamaica Public Service, Ltd.

(And Subsidiary Company)

Table with 4 columns: 1930, 1929, 12 Mos. End 1930, Mar. 31 1929. Rows include Gross earnings, Operating expenses and taxes, Net earnings, Interest charges, Balance for reserves, retirements and dividends, The above figures converted from £ sterling at the rate of \$4.86 2-3 to £1.

Kansas Gas & Electric Co.

(American Power & Light Co. Subsidiary)

Table with 4 columns: 1930, 1929, 12 Mos. End 1930, Mar. 31 1929. Rows include Gross earnings from oper., Oper. expenses and taxes, Net earnings from oper., Other income, Total income, Interest on bonds, Other int. and deductions, Balance, Dividends on preferred stock.

Knoxville Power & Light Co.

(National Power & Light Co. Subsidiary)

Table with 4 columns: 1930, 1929, 12 Mos. End 1930, Mar. 31 1929. Rows include Gross earnings from oper., Oper. expenses and taxes, Net earnings from oper., Other income, Total income, Interest on bonds, Other int. and deductions, Balance, Dividends on preferred stock.

Louisiana Power & Light Co.

(Electric Power & Light Corp. Subsidiary)

Table with 4 columns: 1930, 1929, 12 Mos. End 1930, Mar. 31 1929. Rows include Gross earnings from oper., Operating expenses & taxes, Net earnings from oper., Other income, Total income, Interest on bonds, Other interest & deductions, Balance, Dividends on preferred stock.

The Key West Electric Co.

Table with 4 columns: 1930, 1929, 12 Mos. End 1930, Mar. 31 1929. Rows include Gross earnings, Operation, Maintenance, Taxes, Net operating revenue, Interest and amortization, Balance.

Mississippi Power & Light Co.

(Electric Power & Light Corp. Subsidiary)

Table with 4 columns: 1930, 1929, 12 Mos. End 1930, Mar. 31 1929. Rows include Gross earnings from oper., Operating expenses & taxes, Net earnings from oper., Other income, Total income, Interest on bonds, Other interest & deductions, Balance, Dividends on preferred stock.

The Montana Power Co.

(And Subsidiaries)

Table with 4 columns: 1930, 1929, 12 Mos. End 1930, Mar. 31 1929. Rows include Gross earns. from oper., Oper. expenses and taxes, Net earnings from oper., Other income, Total income, Interest on bonds, Other int. and deductions, Balance.

Nebraska Power Co.

(American Power & Light Co. Subsidiary)

Table with 4 columns: 1930, 1929, 12 Mos. End 1930, Mar. 31 1929. Rows include Gross earnings from oper., Oper. expenses and taxes, Net earnings from oper., Other income, Total income, Interest on bonds, Other int. and deductions, Balance, Dividends on preferred stock.

Northern Texas Electric Co.

(And Subsidiary Companies)

Table with 4 columns: 1930, 1929, 12 Mos. End 1930, Mar. 31 1929. Rows include Gross earnings, Operation, Maintenance, Taxes, Net operating revenue, Income from other sources, Balance, Interest and amortization.

The Ohio Power Co.

(American Gas & Electric Co. Subsidiary)

Table with 4 columns: 1930, 1929, 12 Mos. End 1930, Mar. 31 1929. Rows include Gross earns. from oper., Oper. expenses and taxes, Net earnings from oper., Other income, Total income, Interest on bonds, Other int. and deductions, Balance, Dividends on preferred stock.

Pacific Telephone & Telegraph System.

(Month of March) 1930, 1929, 3 Mos. End 1930, Mar. 31 1929.

Table with 4 columns: 1930, 1929, 3 Mos. End 1930, Mar. 31 1929. Rows include Gross earnings, Net income, Balance after dividends, * After depreciation, taxes, interest, &c.

The Pawtucket Gas Co. of New Jersey.

(And Subsidiary Company)

Table with 4 columns: 1930, 1929, 12 Mos. End 1930, Mar. 31 1929. Rows include Gross earnings, Operation, Maintenance, Taxes, Net operating revenue, Interest charges (public), Balance, Interest charges (B. V. G. & E. Co.), Balance.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Balance sheet table with columns for 1929, 1928, and 1929, 1928. Assets include Road & equipment, Imp. on leased ry. property, Inv. in affil. co.'s, etc. Liabilities include Common stock, Prof. stock, Govt. grants, etc.

Notes.—The International Rys. Co. of Central America is entitled to receive the following subvention not mentioned in above balance sheet: From the Govt. of Guatemala, \$7,500 U. S. Gold per kilometer for approximately 112 kilometers. The company is constructing 107 miles of additional railway and for this purpose has entered into contracts for construction and material payable over an estimated period of one year from Dec. 31 1927.—V. 129, p. 3469.

Pacific Gas & Electric Company.

(24th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1929.)

The remarks of President A. F. Hockenbeamer are cited on subsequent pages, together with the income account, balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1929, and other statistical tables.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Income account table with columns for 1929, 1928, 1927, and 1926. Rows include Gross oper. rev. incl. other income, Oper. & admin. exp., Net income, Divs. pd. on pref. stk., Common dividends, etc.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Balance sheet table with columns for 1929, 1928, 1929, and 1928. Assets include Plant & prop's, Discount and exp., Investments, Cash with trustees, etc. Liabilities include Common stock, 1st pref. stock, Sub. co. stock, etc.

Tot. (ea. side) 454,021,922 413,918,079 x After deducting \$377,592 reserve for doubtful accounts and notes. -V. 130, p. 2770.

Anaconda Copper Mining Co.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1929.)

John D. Ryan, Chairman, and Cornelius F. Kelley, President, report in substance:

General.—The extraordinary increase in the domestic demand for copper which developed during the last half of 1928, carried through into 1929 and continued until the general decline of business which culminated in the drastic recession of the closing months of the year. The buying movement which had gained impetus in the last quarter of 1928, continued through the first quarter of 1929, unchecked by the frequent admonitions of the producers, who were increasing production as rapidly as possible, but who could not sell further against unmined production, until approximately 500,000 tons of copper were sold for forward delivery. The result was that for a time the market got out of control and the price advanced on bids for small tonnages made largely to custom smelters, until a price for delivery in Connecticut Valley of 24c. a pound on March 23 was quoted. The total amount of copper sold above 20c. a pound was small, and as soon as buying ceased the price declined until the equivalent of 18c. delivered Connecticut Valley was reached. This price, representing approximately the average of all forward contracts, prevailed throughout the rest of the year. A high record for production, fabrication and manufacture was established by company and its affiliated organizations.

World production of copper, as reported by the American Bureau of Metal Statistics, amounted to 2,136,405 tons. Total stocks increased 134,510 tons. World consumption of 2,001,895 tons, an increase of 3.50% over 1928, is thus indicated, divided approximately, 1,051,522 tons in the United States, an increase of 10.95%, and 950,373 tons in other countries, a decrease of 3.66%.

The price of copper, as reported by Engineering and Mining Journal, ranged from 16.5c. on Jan. 2 to a maximum of 23.775c. March 23 to April 3, closing the year at 17.775c., with the year's average of 18.107c., or 3.577c. higher than in 1928. The price of lead at the beginning of the year was 6.65c.; it advanced to 7.875c. on March 20, thereafter declined to 6.25c. Nov. 7, at which price it closed the year, with an average of 6.833c. At the beginning of the year the price of zinc was 6.35c., advancing to a high of 6.80c. June 27, declining to 5.45c. Dec. 19 to the end of the year, with an average of 6.512c. per pound. On Jan. 2 silver was quoted at 57.125c., advancing on Jan. 10 to 57.5c., steadily declining thereafter to 46.25c. Dec. 30, closing the year at 46.75c., with an average price of 52.993c. per ounce.

Corporate Growth and Structure.—Important changes were made in the corporate and financial structure of the company. They may be briefly summarized as follows:

At a special meeting of stockholders March 14 1929, the authorized capital stock was increased from 6,000,000 shares (par \$50) to 12,000,000 shares (par \$50).

Offers of exchange were made to the owners of the outstanding shares of Chile Copper Co., Andes Copper Mining Co. and Greene Cananea

Copper Co., as a result of which company acquired all but a small minority of the outstanding stock of these companies.

Stockholders of record April 30 were offered the right to subscribe, on or before June 15 1929 at \$55 per share, for 2 shares of stock for each 5 shares held. The purpose of the offer was to provide funds to discharge the then outstanding funded debt. Practically the entire offer was subscribed for. There was no underwriting or charge of any kind, except necessary expense actually incurred in connection with this financing.

On Jan. 2, at maturity, there was paid off from current funds, the outstanding \$16,933,000 10-year series A 6% secured gold bonds. On Aug. 1 the entire issue of \$104,401,000 1st consol. series A 6% sinking fund gold bonds, due 1953, was paid from funds obtained by subscription to the additional shares issued for that purpose. As of the same date the remainder of the \$50,000,000 15-year 7% conv. debts., due 1938, amounting to \$13,143,000, were either converted or paid.

By virtue of the foregoing transactions, company and subsidiary companies were relieved of all funded indebtedness except \$2,182,000 1st mtg. 5% sinking fund gold bonds of the Butte, Anaconda & Pacific Ry. and \$35,000,000 20-year 5% gold debentures of Chile Copper Co.

In February 1929 the Anaconda Wire & Cable Co. was organized to take over the Great Falls Rod and Wire Mill of company and the Kenosha Wire Mill of The American Brass Co. It subsequently acquired the plants and assets of the following companies: Inland Wire & Cable Co., Sycamore, Ill.; Tubular Woven Fabrics Co., Pawtucket, R. I.; Maring Wire Co., Muskegon, Mich., and Anderson, Ind.; Marlon Insulated Wire & Rubber Co., Marion, Ind.; Hastings Wire & Cable Corp. (a subsidiary of American Brass Co.), Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y. The Anaconda Wire & Cable Co. is an organization with facilities for the manufacture, and distribution throughout the United States and for export, of a complete line of copper rods and of bare, weatherproof and insulated copper wire, cable and strand. Anaconda Copper Mining Co. owns a majority of the outstanding shares of this company.

On March 15 The American Brass Co. acquired for a cash price of \$3,000,000 all of the issued stock of the French Manufacturing Co., of Waterbury, Conn., one of the most successful fabricators of small seamless tubes. Due to the various corporate transactions outlined above, the outstanding capital stock of company increased from 3,648,311 shares at the beginning of the year to 8,828,063 shares Dec. 31, and there was discharged either by conversion or payment a total of \$134,477,000 funded debt.

Financial.—The consolidated balance sheet at Dec. 31 1929 includes the assets and liabilities of Chile Copper Co., Andes Copper Mining Co. and Greene Cananea Copper Co., as company owned substantially all of the issue shares of those corporations on that date. In order to properly state the income of the consolidated companies for the year, the total income of the above-mentioned companies has been included in the consolidated income account. The income which accrued to the minority interests outstanding at the close of the year, and the dividends paid by those companies on shares of stock subsequently acquired by the Anaconda company, are shown in the statement of surplus account. The bonds for redemption of bonds on Aug. 1 were provided through the subscription to stock. Interest paid and discount on such bonds, amounting to \$4,080,866 up to Aug. 1, the date of redemption, should be added to income shown to arrive at true income on total shares outstanding at the end of the year. Including this amount, net earnings for the year, after all charges except depletion, amounted to \$73,196,596. In ascertaining earnings for the year, no profit has been taken on unsold production. Metals in inventories at the close of the year were priced at cost, with the exception of the normal metal inventories of the fabricating plants, which were priced at the basis fixed in 1926.

Capital Expenditures.—Miscellaneous mining claims and lands were acquired at a cost of \$978,985. Construction expenditures during the year totaled \$9,596,569, and were distributed as follows:

Table showing construction expenditures for various projects like Butte Mines, Internat'l Lead Refining Co., etc.

Copper Operations.—The production of metals of the Anaconda company and its subsidiary companies from copper operations for the year 1929 was as follows:

Table showing copper operations with columns for Copper, lbs., Silver, ozs., Gold, ozs.

Total 990,569,463 11,384,776 106,420,677 Of the above, 188,050,954 pounds copper, 3,598,424 ounces silver, and \$59,079,558 ounces gold were produced from custom ores and ores treated on toll.

Zinc Operations.—The production of electrolytic zinc at the Anaconda and Great Falls plants during 1929 amounted to 273,557,416 pounds.

In addition, metals in dross and residue produced amounted to 13,854,061 pounds zinc, 26,913,502 pounds lead, 2,921,526 pounds copper, 3,585,368 ounces silver, and 8,702,023 ounces gold. Of this amount 2,404,051 pounds copper, 290,463 ounces silver, and 139,945 ounces gold were treated through operations of the copper plant.

Lead Operations.—The lead plant of the International Smelting Co., Tooele, Utah, produced from custom ores 152,536,672 pounds lead, 6,356,611 ounces silver, and 38,163,637 ounces gold.

Miscellaneous Products.—Miscellaneous production consisted of 128,115,171 feet lumber; 19,714 tons treble superphosphate and phosphoric acid; 10,628.97 tons arsenic; 57,619,579 pounds zinc oxide; 17,831,740 pounds white lead; 802,753.65 pounds cadmium; 379,100 pounds nikel sulphate, and 800,493 pounds copper sulphate.

Fabricating Plants.—The output of manufactured products of the plants of American Brass Co. (eliminating the Kenosha Wire Mill and the Hastings Rod and Wire Mill which were sold to Anaconda Wire & Cable Co.), amounted to 695,059,213 pounds, which established a new high record, with an increase of 69,823,589 pounds over the output of 1928.

The copper used in the fabricated products of the plants of Anaconda Wire & Cable Co. amounted to 354,994,832 pounds. The combined output of the fabricating plants totalled 1,050,054,045 pounds.

Silesian-American Corp.—The principal amount of outstanding bonds was reduced to \$11,512,000 at Dec. 31 1929.

The various Polish companies increased output in all departments, particular improvement developing in the coal business. The price of zinc was lower than in the previous year, declining to 5.39c. per pound as compared with 1928 average of 5.467c., in contrast to which price in the United States averaged .455c. more than in 1928. London price of zinc at Dec. 31 1929, for spot and future, had declined to equivalent of 4.335c. per pound. Principal production for the year was as follows:

Zinc, 153,946,000 pounds; lead, 14,559,000 pounds; coal, 3,208,000 metric tons; sulphuric acid, 121,060 metric tons; superphosphate, 71,880 metric tons.

During the year \$1,410,506 was expended for construction.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT—YEAR ENDED DEC. 31 1929.

Income account table with columns for 1929, 1928, 1927, and 1926. Rows include Gross sales and earnings, Cost of sales—oper. exps., develop., maint. & repairs, admin., selling & general expenses & all taxes, Operating income, Other income—int., divs. & miscell. income, etc.

Total income \$90,262,453 Amount charged off this year for depreciation & obsolescence 11,685,736 Interest, incl. discount on bonds 8,258,977

Table showing net income, earnings per share, surplus, etc. Total surplus \$171,656,260

companies involved on the actual cost of the properties or securities as shown by the books.

The change proposed will unite six wholly owned Bell System companies into one organization known as the Southern California Telephone Co. The entire transaction, as proposed, will involve the transfer of properties at their book value, which means that the transfer will take place at the actual amount originally paid.

In addition to these four companies, the properties of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. south of the Tehachapi will be purchased by the Southern California Telephone Co. at the actual cost, which is \$36,907,274.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like 'Plant in Southern California to be sold by Pacific Co.', 'Money advanced by Pacific company to the Southern California Telephone Co.', etc.

Philadelphia Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 3 columns: Description, 1930, 1929. Includes 'Gross earnings', 'Net earnings', 'Other income', 'Net earnings including other income'.

Public Service Corp. of New Jersey.—To Offer \$5 Cumul. Pref. Stock to Customers.—Announcement is made by the corporation of a new offer of its \$5 cumul. pref. stock (no par value) in a popular-ownership campaign which will start June 2.

Radio Corp. of America.—Stock Increased—Unification Program Approved.—A statement issued by President David Sarnoff says:

At the special meeting of stockholders held on May 6, the President of the corporation, who presided, stated that the meeting was for the purpose of authorizing an increase in the capital stock of the corporation in connection with the program of unification previously announced to the stockholders.

The President told the stockholders that the proposed unification program is in the public interest industrially and economically, and that the corporation had been advised by counsel and was confident that both the basic agreements from which the corporation derives patent rights and the proposed action are entirely within the laws of the United States.

Listing of Common Stock.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 6,580,376 additional shares of common stock (no par) on official notice of issuance thereof in connection with the acquisition by the corporation of rights and properties as stated below, making the total number of shares of common stock applied for 13,160,780 shares.

The 6,580,376 shares of common stock will be issued to General Electric Radio Co., Inc., and Westinghouse Radio Co., Inc. in payment for rights and properties to be acquired.

Rights and Properties to be Acquired.—The corporation will acquire through reorganization arrangements with General Electric Radio Co., Inc. and Westinghouse Radio Co., Inc. exclusive licenses (with certain reservations) under all General Electric Co. and Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co. United States patents to manufacture radio apparatus (other than transmitting apparatus and transmitter tubes), certain real estate, factories and other manufacturing facilities heretofore employed by said companies in the manufacture of radio apparatus, and shares of stock held by them in National Broadcasting Co., Inc., RCA Victor Co., Inc., RCA Radiotron Co., Inc., RCA Photophone, Inc. and General Motors Radio Corp.

The tangible assets to be acquired by the corporation under the proposed arrangements are substantially equal to the tangible assets of the corporation represented by the present outstanding common stock and, in the judgment of the board of directors, the rights and properties to be acquired by the corporation are well worth the stock proposed to be issued for them.

Consolidated Income Statement Years Ended Dec. 31. Table with 3 columns: Description, 1929, 1928. Includes 'Gross income from operations', 'Net income', 'Depreciation', 'Net profit', 'Dividends on A preferred', etc.

Justice Department to Act on Radio Merger in week—Pres. Sarnoff Promises to Await Legality Tests.—

The Department of Justice May 8 informed Senator Couzens, chairman of the Inter-State Commerce Committee, that action would be taken against the Radio Corp. of America within a week. The department has been investigating to determine whether the corporation was violating the patent laws and might violate the anti-trust laws in its proposed merger.

The assurance to Chairman Couzens followed his committee's insistence upon judicial procedure as a result of its hearings in the matter.

The Radio corporation, however, has notified the Department of Justice that it will not consummate its proposed General Electric-Westinghouse merger until the legality has been established by investigation.

This position was made known in a letter from David Sarnoff, President of the corporation, which John L. O'Brian, assistant to the Attorney General, sent May 8 to the Couzens committee.

In the letter addressed to the Attorney-General under the date of May 4, Mr. Sarnoff said:

"You have advised us that it may be necessary for the Department of Justice to test the legality of the unification program recently proposed by the company, and that unless you receive the assurance, hereinafter given in order that the Government may not be prejudiced in such action, it may be necessary for you to apply for a stay order prior to the stockholders' meeting called for May 6.

"The company is confident that investigation will disclose that its proposed action is entirely lawful and economically desirable, and it will co-operate in such an investigation.

"The purpose of the meeting on May 6 is to adopt an amendment to the charter of the company increasing the capital stock. The action to be taken will not in any sense complete or consummate the proposed unification of property, but deals with the creation of the stock proposed to be issued in payment for the property.

"In order that the status quo may be preserved pending completion of your investigation and any possible interest of the public be protected without the necessity of any application for the stay order, the company gives you assurance that the deeds, bills of sale and other documents of conveyance will not be delivered, and the stock of the company will not be issued nor will the title be otherwise conveyed without such notice in advance to the Department of Justice as will enable you to take such action, if any, as you may think desirable."

Direct Circuit to Panama.—

A further extension of the radio communication system centering in New York City was established on May 1 when a direct circuit from New York to Panama was placed in operation with the transmission of a message from President Roosevelt of the Republic of Panama to President Hoover. The New York end of the circuit is operated from the Central Radio Office of R.C.A. Communications, Inc. at 64 Broad St., N. Y. City, and the Panama end by the Tropical Radio Telegraph Co., which has just completed the erection and installation of high speed sending and receiving stations for the purpose.

This new service constitutes a further communication link between the United States and the Canal Zone.—V. 130, p. 2771.

San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.

Table with 3 columns: Description, 1930, 1929. Includes 'Gross earnings', 'Net earnings', 'Other income', 'Net earnings including other income'.

Saranac River Power Co.—Larger Dividend Rate.—

The stockholders have been notified by Vice-President John V. Guilford, that the dividend rate on the common stock has been increased to \$1.50 a share annually from \$1, payments to be made quarterly on the first of July, October, January and April.

Commenting on the dividend action, Mr. Guilford said: "In accordance with standard prices for power in the district, rates for power to industrial consumers have been raised effective May 1, next, so that there will be an increase in gross revenues of approximately 20%. Net earnings will approximate \$2.50 a share per year on the common stock under the increased schedules."—V. 130, p. 3161.

Southern California Telephone Co.—Acquisitions.—

See Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. above.—V. 130, p. 2771.

Southern Colorado Power Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 3 columns: Description, 1930, 1929. Includes 'Gross earnings', 'Net earnings', 'Other income', 'Net earnings including other income'.

Standard Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 3 columns: Description, 1930, 1929. Includes 'Gross earnings', 'Net earnings', 'Other income', 'Net earnings including other income'.

Underground Electric Rys. of London.—1929 Results.—

Table with 5 columns: Description, Metropolitan District Ry., London Ry., London Ry. Omnibus, Ltd., London Gen'l. Includes 'Passengers carried', 'Increase over 1928'.

Combined Results of Above Five Companies.

Table with 5 columns: Description, 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Includes 'Passengers carried (no.)', 'Traffic receipts, &c.', 'Net receipts', 'Total net income', 'Balance forward'.

United Gas Co.—Acquisition.—

The company has purchased the natural gas system of the Moran Gas Corp. which transports gas from the White Point field in San Patricio County, Texas, and distributes in the towns of Taft, Gregory, Portland, Aransas Pass and Ingleside.

This system at the present time is delivering approximately 4,500,000 cubic feet of gas a day to domestic and industrial consumers, including the Humble Oil & Refining Co.'s refinery and ocean loading terminal at Ingleside.

Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co.—New Contract.—

The company has received a contract for the construction of 2 60 foot gyratory crushers for the new Pedro de Valdivia nitrate plant of Lautaro Nitrate Co., controlled by Anglo-Chilean Consolidated Nitrate Corp. The New Lautaro plant, which will be the largest and most modern nitrate plant in Chile, will be in operation late in 1932.—V. 130, p. 2965.

Aluminum Industries, Inc.—Earnings.—

Quarter Ended March 31—	1930.	1929.
Net income after all charges & Federal taxes.....	\$63,907	\$46,442
Earns. per share on 100,000 shares capital stock....	\$0.64	\$0.46

Amerada Corp.—Earnings.—

Quar. End. Mar. 31—	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
Gross operating income.	\$2,090,533	\$2,355,913	\$2,913,753	\$4,938,689
Operating & adm. exps., taxes, leases aband., &c.	1,386,756	1,708,114	1,503,986	2,216,999
Operating income.....	\$703,777	\$647,799	\$1,409,767	\$2,721,689
Other income.....	199,402	468,620	163,639	49,525
Total income.....	\$903,179	\$1,116,419	\$1,573,406	\$2,771,214
Deprec., depletion and drilling expenses.....	979,764	1,065,656	1,013,512	1,605,540
Net income.....	df.\$76,585	\$50,763	\$559,894	\$1,165,674
Number of shares outst'd	922,075	922,075	922,075	915,675
Earnings per share.....	Nil	\$0.06	\$0.61	\$1.27

The first quarter's unsatisfactory earnings, according to officials of the company resulted from low crude oil prices and curtailed production as required by the stabilization program adopted by the industry. Our greatly increased potential production has enabled us to increase our actual allowable output since the end of March and the second quarter should show substantial improvement in earnings. The outlook for the balance of the year is distinctly favorable.—V. 130, p. 3162.

American Basic-Business Shares Corp.—New V.—Pres.

John Y. Robbins, former Vice-President of the Equitable Trust Co., has been elected a Vice-President of the American Basic-Business Shares Corp. of New York. This corporation is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Administrative & Research Corp., of which Mr. Robbins is President.—V. 130, p. 2394.

American Capital Corp.—Special Common Dividend.—

The directors have declared the regular semi-annual dividend of 50c. per share and a special dividend of 50c. per share on the class A common stock, both payable June 1 to holders of record May 15. An initial semi-annual distribution of 50c. and a special of 50c. were made on June 1 1929. Like amounts were also paid on Dec. 1 last.

The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.37½ per share on the prior pref. stock, payable June 1 to holders of record May 15.—V. 130, p. 1461.

American Maize Products Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1929.	1928.	1927.
Gross profits.....	\$4,001,209	\$3,075,084	\$2,313,074
Selling expenses, &c.....	2,107,991	2,145,896	1,955,818
Operating income.....	\$1,893,218	\$929,188	\$357,256
Other income.....	146,759	54,037	55,169
Total income.....	\$2,039,977	\$983,225	\$412,425
Depreciation.....	311,537	317,095	318,208
Federal taxes.....	180,000	76,925	12,394
Net income.....	1,548,440	589,205	\$1,823
Preferred dividends.....	105,000	105,000	105,000
Common dividends.....	600,000	30,000	60,000
Surplus.....	\$843,440	\$454,205	def\$83,177
Earns. per sh. on 300,000 shs. com. stock (no par).....	\$4.81	\$1.61	Nil

Earnings for 3 Months Ended March 31—
Net income after charges but before Fed. taxes... \$401,918 1929. \$552,020
—V. 129, p. 3638, 3013.

American Investors, Inc.—Appreciation in Holdings.—

As of March 31 1930 the company reports increase in market values portfolio of \$3,685,000 or over 34% between Dec. 31 and March 31. Market values of securities were practically \$14,500,000 at the end of th quarter as against about \$10,810,000 at the end of the year. Total assets at book values (costs), not taking into account appreciation in market values, were \$14,605,000. Market values of securities held were more than \$1,070,000 in excess of cost. Total cash resources available were over \$900,000. Net income after deduction of expenses was in excess of \$89,000, not taking into consideration stock dividends received in the period, nor market transactions.—V. 130, p. 624.

American Pneumatic Service Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Gross income.....	\$6,806,301	\$5,421,087	\$5,031,093	
Total exp. incl. deprec and taxes.....	6,148,836	4,865,461	4,607,174	Not reported.
Net combined income.....	\$657,464	\$555,625	\$423,919	\$440,942
Dividends paid:				
Minority Lamson stk.....	32	16	24	24
First pref. stock.....	105,000	105,000	105,000	105,000
Pref. stock.....	379,731	126,577	253,154	221,510
Balance, surplus.....	\$172,701	\$324,032	\$65,741	\$114,409
Shares of com. outstanding (no par).....	198,501	198,501	198,501	198,504
Earns. per sh. on com.....	\$0.86	\$0.35	Nil	Nil
Earns. for Quar. End. March 31—	1930.	1929.	1928.	
Net income after all chgs. incl. deprec. & taxes.....	\$1,805	\$113,356	\$2,472	

American Piano Co.—Reorganization Plan Operative Offer for Assets Made.—

An order to show cause why the offer of the reorganization committee to purchase from the Irving Trust Co., receiver, for the account of the new company to be organized for that purpose, the assets of the company, should not be accepted, has been signed by Hon. Alfred C. Cox, Federal Judge, and is returnable on May 20. The offer is for the purchase of all of the assets and goodwill of the company and its affiliated companies, including the real estate, cash on hand, accounts receivable, and all other assets of every kind, name and nature, and is in such form as in the opinion of the reorganization committee will result in the payment in full of all creditors of the company and expenses of administration under the receivership. A check for \$100,000 accompanied the offer to the receiver as a deposit to be applied on the purchase price if the offer is accepted and confirmed. [It is understood that the committee has offered to pay \$1,348,167 for the assets, &c., and to assume responsibility for liabilities of \$862,166 as well as obligations of \$2,500,000 claimed by creditors in court actions.] At a meeting of the reorganization committee the plan of reorganization adopted by the preferred stockholders protective committee and promulgated by the reorganization committee was declared operative. Walter A. Hall, Secretary of the reorganization committee and Counsel for the preferred stockholders' protective committee, commenting on the order of Judge Cox, and the results of the meeting of the committee, stated, "The offer to the receiver to purchase the assets of the American Piano Co., is a formal step in the proceedings under the plan of reorganization adopted by the preferred stockholders' protective committee, and is not predicated in any way upon holders of preferred and common stock ex-

cising their rights granted to them under the plan but in reliance upon the underwriting of the cash provisions of the plan.
"More than two-thirds of the preferred stockholders have deposited their shares of stock and assented to the plan, and more than 10% of the outstanding common stock has been deposited, together with substantial cash subscriptions, even prior to the plan being declared operative.
"The new company is now in process of organization pursuant to the plan and according to the terms of the agreement of reorganization and will immediately issue warrants to the preferred stockholders who have deposited their certificates of stock and to all common stockholders of record, entitling them to subscribe on or before May 26 1930, for securities of the new company, in accordance with the terms of the plan.
"If the offer to the receiver by the reorganization committee is accepted and confirmed, announcement will immediately be made as to the personnel of the management of the new company and its future policies."—Compare plan in V. 130, p. 2395.

American Rolling Mill Co.—5% Stock Dividend.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 50c. a share and a 5% stock dividend on the common stock. A similar annual stock distribution was made in July of each year from 1924 to 1929, incl. The directors decided not to extend again the expiration date on the rights to purchase additional stock at \$104 a share, which will expire June 16. The cash dividend is payable July 15 to holders of record June 30, while the stock distribution will be made on July 30 to holders of record July 1.—V. 130, p. 2016.

American Seal-Kap Corp.—Transfer Agent.—

The American Express Bank & Trust Co. has been appointed transfer agent for the common stock.—V. 127, p. 3400.

American Steel Foundries.—Earnings.—

Quar. End. Mar. 31—	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
Net earnings.....	\$1,407,192	\$1,570,219	\$1,200,345	\$1,429,964
Depreciation.....	325,532	333,031	298,959	267,004
Balance.....	\$1,081,660	\$1,237,188	\$901,386	\$1,162,960
Other income.....	84,395	152,461	127,911	130,201
Total income.....	\$1,166,055	\$1,389,649	\$1,029,297	\$1,293,161
Net of subs. appertaining to minority stock, &c.....	6,095	7,633	6,470	7,713
Federal taxes.....	140,500	171,000	See a)	(See a)
Balance, surplus.....	\$1,019,460	\$1,211,016	\$1,022,827	\$1,285,448
Shs. com. stock outstand. (no par).....	993,020	902,745	902,745	902,745
Earnings per share.....	\$0.91	\$1.21	\$0.96	\$1.25

American Writing Paper Co., Inc.—Earnings.—

3 Months Ended March 31—	1930.	1929.
Net sales to customers.....	\$3,062,395	\$3,182,939
Paper sales to divisions & departments.....	25,442	42,821
Total income from sales.....	\$3,087,837	\$3,225,760
Total mfg. cost of sales billed.....	2,598,450	2,762,458
Administrative expenses.....	58,457	71,299
Selling expenses.....	219,330	234,297
Operating profit.....	\$211,600	\$157,706
Other income.....	45,012	41,623
Total income.....	\$256,612	\$199,329
Income charges.....	32,137	36,009
Bond interest.....	\$1,312	\$1,990
Reserve for Federal taxes.....	15,748	9,759
Net profit.....	\$127,414	\$71,571

Balance Sheet March 31.					
Assets—	1930.	1929.	Liabilities—	1930.	1929.
Cash.....	779,393	1,229,897	Accts. payable.....	444,339	428,065
Notes & accepts. received.....	87,744	22,507	Accrued acc'ts.....	183,993	179,204
Accts. receivable.....	1,231,238	1,360,166	Res. for Fed. taxes.....	51,674	43,304
Inventories.....	2,209,408	1,986,678	First mtg. bonds.....	5,391,000	5,466,000
Plant & equipment.....	11,557,233	11,313,659	Serial notes.....	457,100	610,000
Investments.....	417,600	407,600	Capital stock.....	x9,345,322	9,345,322
Prepaid expenses.....	75,845	103,048	Surplus.....	435,195	360,326
Other def'd assets.....	10,826	13,485	Profits—current.....	127,414	71,571
Trade-marks, &c.....	1	1			
Payable on com. stk. in escrow for options.....	66,750	66,750	Tot. (each side).....	16,436,039	16,503,793

x Represented by 89,266 shares pref. stock and 188,077 shares common stock.—V. 130, p. 2584.

Anaconda Wire & Cable Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 12,000 additional shares of capital stock (no par) upon official notice of issuance in connection with the acquisition by Anaconda Wire & Cable Co. of California (a wholly-owned subsidiary of the company) of the property and assets, except certain accounts receivable and unimproved real property, of California Wire & Cable Co. (Calif.), making the total amount applied for 423,833 shares. Anaconda Wire & Cable Co. of Calif. was organized in California in April 1929 with an authorized capital stock of 100 shares (par \$100), all of which are owned by the company. This subsidiary is engaged in the manufacture and sale of copper wire and cable in the State of California.

Consolidated Income Account Year Ended Dec. 31 1929.	
Profit on manufacturing operations.....	\$3,950,657
Selling and administrative expenses.....	1,151,938
Net profit from operations.....	\$2,798,719
Other income.....	29,447
Total income.....	\$2,828,166
Depreciation charged off during year.....	478,565
Interest paid.....	136,500
Federal income tax.....	248,019
Income of year.....	\$1,965,082
Dividends paid.....	1,088,203
Balance, surplus.....	\$876,879
Earns per share on 411,620 shares (no par).....	\$4.77

Anchor Cap Corp.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1929.	1928.
Net profit from operations before reserves.....	\$1,666,988	\$1,786,020
Provision for reserves.....	423,482	422,099
Net profit from operations after reserves.....	\$1,243,506	\$1,363,921
Other income less other deductions.....	27,106	Dr.4,574
Balance.....	\$1,270,613	\$1,359,348
Provision for Federal & Canadian income taxes.....	137,000	153,815
Net income for period.....	\$1,133,613	\$1,205,533
Portion of net income required for divs. on \$6.50 dividend conv. pref. stock.....	206,167	295,750
Bal. of net inc., avail. for divs. on com. stock.....	\$927,446	\$909,783
Shs. com. stk. outstanding.....	230,758	176,000
Earns per share.....	\$4.02	\$5.18

For comparable purposes the operating results for the year 1928 include those of the American Metal Cap Co. which was acquired as of Oct. 31 1928.

Consolidated Earned Surplus Account for Year Ended December 31 1929.

Surplus, Dec. 31 1928	\$666,691
Net income, year ended Dec. 31 1929	1,133,613
Total surplus	\$1,800,304
Common dividend	509,725
\$6.50 convertible preferred dividend	254,079
Organization expenses, &c., written off	109,177
Book value of structures demolished to permit construction of new building	28,340
Miscellaneous	18,121

Surplus, Dec. 31 1929

Earnings for Quarter Ended March 31—	1930.	1929.
Gross Manufacturing profit	\$617,712	\$607,752
Selling, advertising & administrative expenses	238,352	263,477
Depreciation & other reserve appropriations	113,630	105,055

Net operating profit	\$265,730	\$239,220
Net income after net other deduc. & Fed. & Canadian income taxes	\$226,843	\$205,522

Allowing for dividend requirements on 31,718 shares of \$6.50 div. conv. pref. stock outstanding, as at March 31 1930, the balance of net income during the first 3 months of 1930 was equal to 76c. per common share on 230,758 shares outstanding at the same date.

The balance sheet as of March 31 1930 revealed current assets of \$2,278,900, which included \$516,678 cash and call loans, and amounted to 5.64 times current liabilities.—V. 130, p. 2966.

Amparo Mining Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—					
	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.	
Gross earnings	\$319,747	\$458,397	\$548,614	\$428,446	
Operating expenses	368,289	480,028	468,977	406,269	
Operating deficit	\$48,543	\$21,630	sur\$79,637	sur\$22,177	
Other income	26,368	24,928	85,122	96,973	
Total income	def.\$22,175	\$3,298	\$164,759	\$119,150	
Deprec. & depletion	47,014	78,024	78,771	78,009	
Int. paid on notes	1,110				
Taxes	2,000	2,005	7,005	2,005	
Miscellaneous expenses	12,693	12,180	12,043	19,020	
Net deficit	\$84,993	\$88,912	sur\$66,940	sur\$20,116	
Dividends paid	80,000	80,000	100,000	160,000	
Deficit	\$164,993	\$168,912	\$33,060	\$139,884	

Anglo-Chilean Consolidated Nitrate Corp.—Contract.
The corporation has contracted with the Bucyrus-Erie Co. for 12 dragline excavators and 12 high-lift shovels for the new Chilean plant of Lautaro Nitrate Co., now under construction, it was announced on May 6. Lautaro, which is controlled by Anglo-Chilean, will operate its new plant under the Guggenheim Process, controlled by the latter company.—V. 130, p. 3163.

Associated Oil Co.—Earnings.—

Quarter Ended March 31—					
	1929.	1928.	1927.	1928.	
Gross revenue	\$12,156,312	\$15,578,412	\$17,213,135		
Total operating expenses	8,079,984	13,046,163	13,858,208		
Operating income	\$4,076,328	\$2,532,249	\$3,354,927		
Other income	104,241	175,185	102,705		
Total income	\$4,180,569	\$2,707,434	\$3,457,632		
Interest, discount, &c	236,865	276,640	317,895		
Depreciation and depletion	1,276,957	1,316,910	1,226,253		
Estimated Federal tax	97,525	31,082	196,334		
Cancelled leases develop., exp., etc.	830,102				
Net income	\$1,740,020	\$1,082,802	\$1,717,149		
Dividends	1,145,206	1,145,206	1,145,206		
Balance surplus	\$594,814	def\$62,404	\$571,943		
Previous surplus	34,710,825	30,534,317	27,599,282		
Surplus adjustment previous year	Dr40,891		Dr40,232		
Appropriation surplus	Dr2,059,154	Dr1,715,010			
Profit and loss, surplus	\$33,205,594	\$28,756,903	\$28,131,540		
Earns. per share on 2,290,412 shs. capital stock (par \$25)	\$0.76	\$0.47	\$0.75		

Atlantic Gulf & West Indies SS. Lines.—Dividend Date Correction.
The dividend of \$1 per share declared last week on the common stock is payable May 31 to holders of record May 6 (not May 10 as previously stated). See V. 130, p. 3164.

Atlantic Lobos Oil Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—					
	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.	
Sales	\$326,203	\$344,068	\$635,370	\$588,741	
Net earnings	51,840	20,947	139,064	196,145	
Interest earned on invest	43,130	41,839	39,864	40,915	
Total income	\$94,971	\$62,786	\$178,928	\$237,060	
Depreciation of equip't	26,432	56,485	74,321	98,318	
Obsolescence of equip't	598,345	119,606	197,267	2,282,453	
Devel. work & drill exp	3,768,843	37,403	91,787	143,222	
Leaseholds abandoned	9,426,007			1,823,806	
Lease rentals, &c.		1,900	249	4,806	
Depletion	10,352	21,558	24,027	1,665	
Res. set up for est. loss on sale of aband. plant & equip. materials & supplies	Cr.112,000	Cr.4,150	Cr.41,384	55,867	
Balance, deficit	\$13,623,404	\$170,015	\$167,839	\$4,173,079	
Adj. of 1924 reserve				Cr2,250,142	
Adjust of develop. exp. written off in prior yrs.			Cr1,010	Cr9,729	
Previous deficit	11,327,883	11,157,867	10,991,038	9,077,831	
Profit & loss, deficit	\$24,951,286	\$11,327,882	\$11,157,867	\$10,991,038	

Atlantic Refining Co.—New Refinery Equipment.
The company has just entered into a contract with the M. W. Kellogg Co. for the construction of four de Florez units to produce 4,000 barrels of anti-knock gasoline per day from residual oils. The installation will be made at the Point Breeze refinery, Philadelphia, Pa., and involve, with auxiliaries, an expenditure of about \$2,000,000. The de Florez process, which is owned and operated by the Texas Co., is the result of years of experimental development and represents to-day the most advanced form of apparatus for the production of modern gasoline. It may be operated on residual oils as well as ordinary charging stocks to produce either ordinary gasolines or high anti-knock motor fuel.

While a number of units with an aggregate gasoline capacity of 5,000 barrels per day are how under construction by the Texas Co. for completion this year, the Atlantic development represents the first large commercial installation outside the Texas Company.—V. 130, p. 2775.

Auburn Automobile Co.—Unfilled Export Orders.—

Unfilled export orders of the Auburn Automobile Co. on April 1 were twice the number on hand March 1, following March export shipments this year of 12% better than for March 1929. R. S. Wiley, Export Manager, announced. March was the best month for Cord front drive exports since the car was put into the export field last August. These gains were made, Mr. Wiley pointed out, in the face of generally unfavorable trade conditions in many heretofore important foreign markets for American manufacturers.

Lycoming Mfg. Co. March Production.—

Total production of Lycoming Manufacturing Co., a subsidiary, for the month of March exceeded the total output during February by 70% and was 10% ahead of the average monthly production during 1929, Vice-President W. H. Beal reported. The volume of unfilled orders on April 1 was 7% ahead of the total on hand on April 1 1929.

Shipments to the Auburn Automobile Co. at Auburn and Connersville, Indiana, increased 39% during March as compared with February and new, increased commitments have been received recently.

New production machinery, installed some time ago, is all in use and schedules for manufacturing have been put into full operation in all departments. Both the aviation and motor boat divisions are working on expanded schedules, Mr. Beal said.—V. 130, p. 3164.

(The) Aviation Corp. of Del.—New Subs. President.—

James F. Hamilton, President of American Airways, Inc., has resigned, effective at once, and Frederic G. Coburn, President of The Aviation Corp., has been elected to succeed him.—V. 130 p. 3165.

Balaban & Katz Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Years Ended—					
	Dec. 27 '29.	Dec. 28 '28.	Jan. 1 '28.	Jan. 2 '27.	
Net oper. income	\$3,777,990	\$2,705,747	\$2,777,584	\$2,728,241	
Miscellaneous income	727,738	615,536	297,032	221,099	
Total income	\$4,505,728	\$3,321,283	\$3,074,616	\$2,949,340	
Interest charges	393,846	336,813	185,835	242,926	
Deprec. and amortiz.	1,063,318	865,361	593,057	562,153	
Federal tax reserve	298,323	258,310	274,631	286,559	
Net income	\$2,750,241	\$1,860,798	\$2,021,092	\$1,857,701	
Preferred dividends	199,591	199,591	199,591	199,591	
Common dividends	792,618	792,618	792,618	792,618	
Surplus	\$1,758,032	\$868,589	\$1,028,883	\$865,492	
Profit and loss surplus	6,904,147	5,161,115	4,124,526	3,183,136	
Earns. per sh. on 264,206 com. stock (par \$25)	\$9.65	\$6.28	\$6.89	\$6.28	

Baldwin Rubber Co.—Earnings.—

Earnings for Year Ended December 31 1929.	
Manufacturing gross profit	\$338,759
Sales, administrative & financing expenses	166,433
Federal income tax	20,112
Net income to surplus account	\$152,216
Earns. per share on 100,040 shares class B stock	\$0.77

Note.—The above net amount is after making provision for depreciation of \$44,337.—V. 129, p. 1445.

Bankshares & Listed Securities Corp.—Stock Sales Are Enjoined.—

A permanent injunction restraining the corporation, which occupied four floors at 82 Wall St., N. Y. City, and employed more than 200 salesmen, from further dealings in securities was granted April 16 by Justice John MacCrate of the Brooklyn Supreme Court. The injunction, together with the appointment of a receiver, was made on a motion by Henry B. Staples, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, who charged the firm with "gross fraud."

The firm, which had six branch offices in New York and other cities, was raided following complaints about the sales of stock of Ford Motors, Ltd., of England on the partial payment plan. Mr. Staples charged that much of the stock was not actually bought for the investors and that the concern was insolvent and had made several false representations.

Judge MacCrate appointed Stephen Callaghan, former Supreme Court Justice, as the receiver. Liquid assets of the firm are estimated as about \$100,000 and the four to five thousand creditors will receive about a third of their investments, Mr. Staples said.—V. 130, p. 2775.

Bank of Hollywood Bldg. (Hollywood Central Bldg. Corp.), Los Angeles, Calif.—Bonds Offered.—

An issue of \$800,000 1st mtge. leasehold 6½% sinking fund gold bonds is being offered by S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., at par and int. Dated April 15 1930; due April 15 1946. Title Insurance & Trust Co., Los Angeles, Calif., trustee; Straus National Bank & Trust Co. of New York, N. Y., security depository.

The land, which had six branch offices in New York and other cities, was secured by a direct closed first mortgage on the leasehold estate in the land and the completed building erected thereon and the addition about to be added thereto.

Bank of Hollywood Building is situated at the northeast corner of Hollywood Boulevard and Vine St., the land having a frontage of approximately 90 ft. on Hollywood Blvd. and 140 ft. on Vine St., comprising an area of approximately 12,600 sq. ft. The building covers the entire Hollywood Blvd. frontage of 90 ft. and 130 ft. on Vine St.; an easement having been granted on the northerly 10 ft. of the property for an entrance to the new Pantages Theatre.

The land is held by the borrowing corporation under a ground lease extending for 99 years for Sept. 1, 1923, at a ground rental averaging \$1,577 per month during the life of this bond issue.

The present Bank of Hollywood Bldg., completed in May 1929 is a 12-story reinforced concrete fireproof structure with exterior on the two street frontages of terra cotta to the second floor and concrete (pressed-board finish) with cast stone trim and ornamentation above. All of the ground floor of this building was engineered and constructed to carry 12 stories. However, at present only that portion of the building on the southerly 42 ft. is built to this height. It is now proposed to construct an additional unit on the northerly 42 feet to conform in architecture and construction to the present building.

The completed building will contain 5 stores on the ground floor, all of which are now under lease; the Vine and Hollywood Blvd. corner being leased to the Bank of Hollywood under a lease running for a term extending beyond the life of this bond issue. The office portion of the building will contain approximately 68,785 sq. ft. of rentable area subdivided into approximately 319 offices. The building will be served by a central steam-heating plant and four high-speed passenger elevators. The building will be adequately protected by fire and earthquake insurance.

Earnings.—Giving effect to the income derived from existing leases in the present building, and estimating the earnings from the new addition based on present day rentals in the existing building, shows a net annual income of not less than \$150,284, which is more than 2.88 times the greatest annual interest charge, and is \$77,929 in excess of the greatest combined annual interest and sinking fund charge after ground rental and ample deduction for taxes, insurance, vacancies and operating expenses.—V. 127, p. 2533.

Bank Shares Corp. of the United States.—Receiver Finds no Securities.—

Samuel I. Kessler of Newark, appointed custodial receiver for the corporation by Vice-Chancellor Backes in Trenton May 2, testified at a hearing before the Vice Chancellor in Newark May 6 that he had been unable to locate \$750,000 of securities which were supposed to be in the possession of the company. He said that the only assets he found in the New Jersey office of the company in Journal Square, Jersey City, consisted of a chair and a desk.

Hugh H. Harrison, Treasurer of the company, testified that all the securities had been placed with banks as security for loans or had been issued to subsidiaries to cover their loans. He said Frank C. Thomas, President of the company, had been authorized by the directors to handle the loans personally.—V. 130, p. 139.

Barnsdall Corp.—Earnings.—

Quar. End. March 31—					
	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.	
Profit after int. & Fed. taxes	\$2,781,951	\$3,379,605	\$1,921,936	\$2,373,309	
Depletion & deprec.	1,361,356	1,491,233	1,532,805	1,417,710	
Net profit	\$1,420,595	\$1,888,372	\$389,131	\$955,599	
Dividends	1,108,254	911,233			
Surplus	\$312,341	\$977,139	\$389,131	\$955,599	
Sls. combined cl. A & B outstanding (par \$25)	2,258,317	2,258,107	1,249,673	1,137,661	
Earns per share	\$0.63	\$0.84	\$0.31	\$0.84	
Includes intangible development cost.—V. 130, p. 2775.					

Beatrice Creamery Co.—Listing, etc.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of (a) 1,110 additional shares of 7% cummul. pref. stock (par \$100), on official notice of issue, for sale to employees, making the total amount applied for, 74,320 shares. (b) 11,578 additional shares of common stock (par \$50), on official notice of issue as part consideration for acquisitions, making the total amount applied for, 281,973 shares. The 11,578 additional shares of common stock applied for are to be issued for:

Table with columns: Shares, Assets of Tyler Brothers, Assets of Cadillac Produce Co., Assets of Shadeland Dairy Co., Assets of John L. Merrigan, Portion minority interest in Lackawanna Cold Storage Co.

The stockholders on May 1 authorized an increase in the board of directors from 15 to 21. The increase, President C. H. Haskell, explained, is to provide for future acquisitions or consolidations which would be accorded representation on the board, and does not indicate any naming of additional directors in the near future.

Commenting on business since the start of the company's fiscal year, Mr. Haskell said: "We have completed one month of our new fiscal year and sales and profits show up very satisfactorily. March business was in excess of March last year. The outlook is very favorable for 1930."

He also stated that the company would continue a conservative expansion program during 1930. Mr. Haskell stated that the company was now negotiating for the acquisition of 6 additional creamery properties, the Galena (Ill.) Citizens Creamery Co., Kankakee (Ill.) Pure Milk Co., Old Dairy, Dayton, Ohio; Bard Dairy, Dayton, Ohio; and Wells Creamery Co., Delphos, Ohio.

The stockholders also authorized the sale of 2,500 additional shares of 7% pref. stock for resale to employees at not less than par.—V. 130, p. 3165.

Belding Hemingway Co.—Annual Report.—

Table: Calendar Years—1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows: Total income, Depreciation, Int. & amortization, Federal income taxes, Inventories written down.

Table: Balance, deficit, Prof. stock dividends, Common stock divs, Balance, deficit, Earns. per sh. on 415,032 shs. common (no par).

Comparative Balance Sheet December 31.

Table: Assets—1929, 1928, Liabilities—1929, 1928. Rows: Fixed assets, Call loans, Good-will, Cash, Accts. & notes rec., Inventories, Accrued interest, Investm'ts, Deferred charges.

x After deducting \$2,584,223 reserve for depreciation. y Represented by 415,032 shares of no par value.—V. 129, p. 1445.

Berger Mfg. Co., Canton, Ohio.—Control, &c.—

Shirley S. French, for the past 3 years President of the Berger Mfg. Co., now a subsidiary of the Republic Steel Corp., and for the past 18 months Vice-President and Treasurer of the Central Alloy Steel Corp., has resigned, effective May 1. Before assuming the Presidency of the Berger company at Canton, Ohio, Mr. French was for 10 years Vice-President and General Manager of the Fireproofing Co. at Youngstown, Ohio.

Tom M. Girdler, Chairman of the Republic Steel Corp., announced that the Berger Mfg. Co. will continue under the active leadership of Joseph B. Montgomery, as Vice-President and General Manager; J. S. Sprout, General Sales Manager; George B. Harlan, Secretary and Treasurer; and Fred A. Schmitz, Factory Manager.

The Berger Mfg. Co., now a subsidiary of the Republic Steel Corp., has been for the past 44 years manufacturer of fabricated steel products and is an important factor in the manufacture and distribution of steel office furniture, shelving, lockers, steel ceilings, metal lath and other building products.—V. 128, p. 1401.

Bestbern Realty Corp.—Reorganization Plan.—

A plan of reorganization has been adopted by the committee (below) for the 1st mtg. 12-year 7% serial gold loan (Bestbern Apartments). The committee consists of Arthur K. Ohmes, Chairman; William L. Carns, Joseph Keating, Alex H. Pizee and Louis N. Cassett, with Cook, Nathan & Lehman, counsel, and William L. Carns, Sec'y, 165 Broadway, N. Y. City. The American Trust Co., 135 Broadway, N. Y. City, is depository.

Corporation, being the owner of a large parcel of improved property located at 1775 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, executed its mortgage securing an issue of \$650,000 1st mtg. 12-year 7% serial gold loan certificates. Certain of the certificates matured and were paid, reducing the aggregate principal amount outstanding to \$626,000. Default was made by the corporation in the payment of installments of interest and of principal as they became due and in the payment of taxes and in other respects.

In May 1929 the situation became such that it was deemed advisable that a committee be organized for the protection of the holders of the certificates. Accordingly, a committee was organized and a deposit agreement, dated May 14 1929, was prepared and entered into. Certificates in the amount of \$583,700, constituting more than 93% of the outstanding issue, have been deposited with the committee.

The committee duly investigated the situation and concluded that the interests of the holders of the certificates required the foreclosure of the mortgage. At the committee's request the American Trust Co., as trustee under the mortgage, instituted an action to foreclose the mortgage.

It is expected that a judgment will be entered shortly fixing the amount of the mortgage debt and directing a sale of the property and the application of the net proceeds of the sale in satisfaction of the mortgage debt, and that a sale will be held about the end of May 1930. The committee intends to be represented at the sale and to bid for the property up to such amount as in the exclusive discretion of the committee it shall deem proper for the protection of the interests of the holders of the certificates represented by it. If the committee is the successful bidder at such sale, it intends to carry out the following plan of reorganization, which the committee has adopted:

Digest of Plan of Reorganization.

The committee will bid for the property at the foreclosure sale up to such amount, and no more, as shall be determined by the committee in its exclusive discretion. The committee will pay the purchase price of the property partly by the presentation of the certificates deposited with it for credit of so much of the purchase price as may be distributable in respect to such certificates and partly in cash. If the committee is the successful bidder it will cause to be organized in New York a new corporation with a capital stock consisting of 6,260 shares of no par value. Directors of the new corporation for the first year will be selected by the committee. The committee will cause title to the property to be transferred to the new corporation.

The new corporation will place a first mortgage on the property in such sum as the committee in its discretion shall determine for the purpose of providing the new corporation with funds with which (1) to pay the taxes and other liens against the property amounting to approximately \$63,000; (2) to pay to the committee such sum in cash as will reimburse the committee for advances made by it on account of the purchase price of the property at foreclosure sale and as will enable the committee to pay its own compensation, expenses and other obligations; (3) to pay the expense incident to the organization of the new corporation and to the creation and issuance of the mortgages and securities provided for in the plan; and (4) to retain in its treasury for improvements to the property and for working capital approximately the sum of \$15,000.

New corporation will issue to or upon the order of the committee its entire authorized capital stock and will execute and deliver to or upon the order of the committee \$626,000 principal amount of 2nd mtg. 15-year income certificates on which interest up to but not exceeding 5% per annum shall be payable only if, as and when earned and declared, such certificates to be secured by a 2nd mortgage upon the property, in a like principal amount. Such mortgage and the certificates to be issued thereunder shall be in such form and contain such terms, conditions and provisions as the committee shall determine, including provision for the release of the property or the discharge of such mortgage in case of a sale of the property by the new corporation, provided, however, that unless the net proceeds of sale deposited with the trustee shall be sufficient to pay in full the principal and interest of the outstanding certificates no such release or discharge shall be given except upon the filing with the trustee under the 2nd mtg. of the written consent to such sale of holders of a majority in amount of the outstanding certificates.

In order to facilitate the management and possible sale of the property, the procuring of necessary financing and the general conduct of the business of the new corporation, its entire authorized capital stock shall be deposited under a voting trust agreement for a period of five years, under which agreement some or all of the members of the committee shall be the original voting trustees, with power to add to their number or to substitute other trustees and with power from time to time to authorize and consent to such sales, leases or mortgages of any or all of the property as they in their discretion may deem desirable.

The 2nd mtg. income certificates and voting trust certificates representing stock shall be distributed by the committee among the holders of certificates of deposit who shall assent to the plan.

Each holder of a certificate of deposit assenting to the plan shall receive for each \$100 of certificates represented by his certificate of deposit (1) a voting trust certificate representing one share of stock of no par value of the new corporation; and (2) \$100 of 2nd mtg. income certificates.

Any voting trust certificates not required for distribution will be turned over to the new corporation for its corporate purposes.

B-G Sandwich Shops, Inc.—Sales.—

Table: Sales for 4 and 16 Weeks Ended April 25. 1930-April-1929, 1930-Year-1929. Rows: 1930-April-1929, 1930-Year-1929.

Bickfords, Inc.—Gross Sales.—

Table: 1930-April-1929, 1930-4 Mos.-1929. Rows: 1930-April-1929, 1930-4 Mos.-1929.

E. W. Bliss Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.—Annual Report.—

Table: Calendar Years—1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows: Total earnings after deduct., Depletion, Carrying charges, Net income, Previous surplus, Surplus account capital, Total, Adjust. of inventory, &c., Miscell. exps., Miscell. adjustment, Divs. paid (E.W. Bliss Co.), Surplus, bal. Dec. 31, Earns. per sh. on 356,270 no par com. shares.

x After Federal taxes.—V. 128, p. 3355.

Blue Ridge Corp.—Preference Div. No. 3.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend on the optional conv. pref. stock, series of 1929, payable June 1 to holders of record May 5, at the rate of 1-32 of one share of common stock per share of such pref. stock, or at the option of such holders, provided written notice is received by the corporation on or before May 15, 75c. per share in cash. An initial distribution of like amount was made on Dec. 1 1929, followed by a similar payment on March 1.—V. 130, p. 2397.

Botany Consolidated Mills, Inc.—Earnings.—

Table: Calendar Years—1929, 1928, 1927. Rows: Gross profit from operations, Other income credits, Gross loss, Interest on bank loans, Bond indebtedness, Amort. of organz. exp. & bond direct, Miscellaneous, Net loss, Profit and loss credits, Deficit for the year, Less portion applic. to minority int. in subsidiary, Deficit for year applic. to parent co.

Brandram-Henderson, Ltd.—Annual Report.—

Table: Calendar Years—1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows: Net profits, Bond int., discount, &c., Depreciation reserve, Pension reserves, Dom. of Can. income tax, Prof. dividends (7%), Common dividends, Balance, surplus, Previous surplus, Profit and loss, surplus, Earn. per sh. on 11,799 sh. com. stk. (par \$100), x After deducting head office charges.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table: Assets—1929, 1928, Liabilities—1929, 1928. Rows: Real est., patent rights, Capital stock, Merchandise, Accts. receivable, Cash, Deferred charges, Bond discount and charges, Preferred stock, Common stock, 6% s. f. ist M. bds, Consol. 6% bonds, Bond prem. acct., Res. for depr., &c., Royal Bk. of Can., Bills payable, Accounts payable, Res. for pref. div., Res. for bona div., Res. for bona int., Res. for Dom. of Can income tax, Deferred liability, Unclaimed divs., Surplus.

Total (each side) \$4,486,040 \$4,435,709 —V. 130, p. 470.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Metal, &c., mines & mineral, &c., leases, plant equipment, &c.	26,298,154	28,098,566	
Investments	1,815,079	1,277,594	
Deferred charges—	37,769	97,987	
Supplies for operations, &c.—	4,105,006	4,050,358	
Mdse. inventory—	363,913	381,844	
Accts. receivable—	2,981,092	2,767,369	
Ore inventory—	1,525,048	1,969,321	
Metal & concentrate inventory—	6,006,350	6,736,020	
U. S. Treas. cts.—	12,000,000	12,835,000	
Cash—	6,678,528	5,804,803	
Total (each side)	61,813,940	64,018,865	

x Metal and coal mines, mining leases and miscellaneous properties, \$49,573,681; plant, equipment, concession, construction, &c., \$37,185,948; less reserves for depreciation and depletion, \$60,461,475. y 1,122,842 shs. without par value.—V. 128, p. 2998.

Canadian Westinghouse Co., Ltd.—Earnings—

Years End. Dec. 31—	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Net after expenses—	\$4,153,181	\$3,748,503	\$2,551,189	\$1,796,742
Depreciation—	387,000	395,000	240,000	250,000
Domination taxes—	320,000	280,000	187,000	140,000
Donation to pension fund—	100,000	100,000	50,000	40,000
Net income—	\$3,346,181	\$2,973,503	\$2,074,190	\$1,366,742
Patents, rights, &c.—		499,999	838,116	
Dividends paid—	1,440,000	1,080,000		743,290
Balance, surplus—	\$1,906,181	\$1,893,503	\$736,074	\$623,452
Shares of capital stock outstanding (no par)—	540,000	x90,000	x90,000	x74,329
Earn. per sh. on cap. stk.—	\$6.19	\$33.04	\$17.49	\$18.39

x Par \$100.—V. 130, p. 471.

Certain-teed Products Corp.—Earnings—

Quar. End. Mar. 31—	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
Gross oper. prof. after deduct. repairs & maint.—	\$1,116,413	\$1,065,239	\$1,090,840	x\$1,272,049
Inc. from other sources—	26,758	1,885	39,941	8,508
Total—	\$1,143,171	\$1,067,124	\$1,130,781	\$1,280,557
Selling, admin. & general expenses & bank int.—	1,177,795	1,074,176	883,738	884,068
Depreciation—	360,488	372,909	211,914	x
Depletion—	4,077	5,384	1,883	
Interest on bonds—	177,032	188,196	30,938	
Federal taxes—	5,760	10,700		53,500
Sundry adjustments (net)—	Cr.32,016	Cr.665	Cr.734	Dr.193
Net deficit—	\$550,564	\$583,575	sur\$3,042	sur\$342,797

x After depreciation and depletion.

President Geo. M. Brown, May 2, wrote in part: After 24 successful years, company began to show a net operating loss during the fourth quarter of 1928, and these losses have continued down through the recent quarter, showing a total for the entire 18 months' period of \$2,314,150, leaving the book value of common stock at \$43.76 as of March 31 1930, after setting aside par value for the preferred stock and the bonds. The market shrinkage from the high price on all issues of the company's securities has been over \$30,000,000, or about 13 times the operating loss.

During the greater part of 1929 the losses were entirely due to low prices, as volumes were good to excellent. Through the recent quarter our prices have been good enough to afford a reasonable margin of profit with normal volume, but the volume in many of our lines has been so greatly reduced, due to slack total volume of business in those lines, that the resulting increased cost of manufacturing has been almost as destructive of net profits as low prices were during the greater part of 1929. Increased manufacturing cost accounted for a large part of the poor showing during the quarter, because such charges against cost of goods as depreciation and depletion of \$364,555, insurance, taxes and other fixed items had to be charged against the very small amount of goods manufactured. The total manufacturing burdens, due to lack of proper production in plants, during the quarter covered by this report, were \$510,186 which means that at a standard rate of production the cost of the very same goods would have been that much less. As we never put goods into inventory at more than standard costs, this had the effect of increasing the company losses by that amount.

A comparison of our records with Government reports and other sources of general information indicates that our volumes are paralleling the operations of the entire industries. There is no doubt that our industries have been extremely slow during the period covered by this report. The low watermark occurred in late January and February. We are glad to report that our March shipping showed a substantial increase over our exceedingly poor February shipping in dollars and cents, and our April shipping in latest reports show creditable gains over corresponding days in March. The reports indicate that the distributors and dealers in most of our lines are as nearly stripped of goods as they have ever been in their history, so at some time the demand for all of these staple lines should show a strong reaction in our favor. The lines are not being driven out by competitive lines. On the contrary, our types of roofings are believed to be continually representing a larger and larger percentage of the country's total consumption of roofings. In the same way, all gypsum products are growing in popularity. Our types of floor coverings and other lines show increasing general use.

The gross profits of our present business, with standard or normal production, would be about identical with the gross profits during the year 1926, when we made a very satisfactory showing. We are endeavoring to bring about a return to as good a basis. In addition to our reduction of expense, above referred to, we have closed down some of the less important plants and discontinued the manufacture of some less desirable items in some lines. Company will be able, in case of increased sale of its goods, to resume operations in such shut down plants as may be desirable from time to time.

We anticipate a continued slow improvement of business through the second quarter of the year and hope for a normal business condition in our lines during the second half of the year.—V. 130, p. 1646.

Chain & General Equities, Inc.—Earnings—

The company reports for the quarter ended March 31 1930 profit after all charges, but before taxes of \$45,058 and a deficit after preferred dividends of \$19,942.—V. 128, p. 1281.
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Childs Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Quarter Ended March 31—	1930.	1929.
Gross income—	\$7,301,076	\$7,217,241
Costs & expenses—	6,589,106	6,732,782
Operating profit—	\$711,970	\$484,459
Other income—	66,867	69,243
Total income—	\$778,837	\$553,702
Interest—	148,540	147,406
Federal taxes—	49,487	27,229
Depreciation—	202,610	203,072
Other deductions—	968	15,979
Net profit—	\$377,232	\$160,016
Shs. com. stock outstanding (no par)—	362,334	362,046
Earnings per share—	\$0.80	\$0.20

Sales for Month and Four Months Ended April 30, 1930—Month—1929. Increase. 1930—4 Mos.—1929. Increase.

\$2,330,411	\$2,298,801	\$31,610	\$9,199,030	\$9,091,433	\$107,597
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—V. 130, p. 2587.

Charis Corp.—Earnings—

Calendar Years—	1929.	1928.	
Gross profit on sales—	\$1,230,565	\$1,072,318	
Selling & administrative expenses—	713,809	603,703	
Net profit on sales—	\$516,755	\$468,615	
Other trading income—	59,153	53,410	
Income on investments—	17,273	9,518	
Net profit before taxes—	\$593,181	\$531,543	
Federal income taxes—	65,065	63,785	
Net profit after taxes—	\$528,116	\$467,758	
Earns. per sh. on 100,000 shs. com. stock—	\$5.28	\$4.67	
Earns. for Quar. End. March 31— 1930. 1929. 1928.			
Net profit after taxes—	\$130,623	\$119,178	\$90,939
Earns. per sh. on 100,000 shs. cap. stock (no par)—	\$1.31	\$1.19	\$0.91

—V. 130, p. 2778.

Chrysler Corp.—Quarterly Report—

3 Mos. End. Mar. 31—	x1930.	x1929.	1928.	1927.
Net sales—	\$60,607,155	\$99,831,619	\$43,503,918	\$41,084,152
Cost of sales—	53,463,855	81,734,918	34,566,274	33,408,851
Gross profit—	\$7,143,300	\$18,096,701	\$8,937,644	\$7,675,301
Interest and brokerage—	381,151	920,271	340,538	240,290
Total income—	\$7,524,451	\$19,016,972	\$9,278,182	\$7,915,591
Expenses—	6,498,292	8,029,179	3,810,767	2,793,519
Interest paid & accrued—	771,792	917,889	44,331	44,040
Profit after charges—	\$254,367	\$10,069,903	\$5,423,084	\$5,078,031
Estimated Federal taxes—	73,650	1,231,730	720,618	685,463
Net profit—	\$180,717	\$8,838,173	\$4,702,466	\$4,392,568
Preferred dividends—			431,108	429,502
Common dividends—	3,323,673	3,308,992	2,037,810	2,030,310
Surplus—	def.\$3,142,956	\$5,529,181	\$2,233,548	\$1,932,756
Shs. com. stk. outstanding (no par)—	4,431,575	4,411,990	2,717,080	2,707,080
Earnings per share—	\$0.04	\$2.00	\$1.57	\$1.46

x Includes Dodge Brothers.

W. P. Chrysler, President and Chairman, says in part: During the period net profits, after providing for taxes, interest charges and depreciation, amounted to \$180,717. Lessened business activity generally and a consequently decreased demand for automobiles naturally affected both operations and earnings in the first quarter, but an analysis of the corporation's strong financial position, its better marketing facilities and its consistent progress in adjusting its production to changing public demands indicates that the return to normal business conditions, which is to be expected, must immediately be reflected in substantially improved operating results for the balance of this year. The ratio of current assets to current liabilities at the end of March, after providing for the regular dividend for the first quarter, was 4.05 to 1, as compared with 2.77 to 1 on March 31 1929. During the first three months of 1930 it will be noted that the corporation's net investment in permanent assets decreased \$2,463,720.28, reflecting the continued operation of ample depreciation reserves and schedules. For the 12 months ended March 31 1930 net profits totaled \$13,244,711. In other words, notwithstanding the current recession in business, the corporation during the past 12 months earned its dividend, reduced its funded debt by \$9,639,500 and substantially maintained its net current asset position. Conditions in the automobile industry are now more stabilized than they have been for many months. Real progress has been made in liquidating stocks of cars in dealers' hands. For the most part production for some months has been adjusted more nearly to current demand. More so than ever before retail sales to the public determine actual production so that both the industry itself and the dealer organizations are in a better position to realize immediately on any improvement in business. Meanwhile, there has been a marked shift in the character of the automobile business towards lower priced models. Chrysler Corp., anticipating this movement, has placed itself in a new strategic position with respect to both its production and its distributor and dealer organization. With its new Dodge line; the Chrysler Six; the Plymouth, now selling competitively in the lowest priced field, and the De Soto Eight, the lowest priced eight-cylinder car produced, the corporation has benefited correspondingly and is enabled to improve progressively its share of the changing automobile market. Admittedly conditions in 1929 were abnormal and therefore, to gauge in their true light current conditions, comparison should be made with average conditions of 1927, 1928 and 1929. In this respect automobile registrations which are now available for March 1930 for 42 States shed a significant light on present operations. Domestic registrations for March 1930 as compared with the average of 1927, 1928 and 1929 indicate that the number of units delivered in March 1930 was 101.25% of the previous three-year average. The figures show that if Plymouth, Ford and Chevrolet, the three lines of cars selling in the lowest price field, are eliminated, sales of all higher priced units in the industry were approximately 64% of the previous three-year average. Sales of Chrysler Motors units on this comparative basis amounted to 80% of the previous three-year average. The obvious inference to be drawn from the foregoing analysis is that Chrysler Motors products enjoys an unusual degree of public acceptance. Moreover, it is evident that Chrysler Motors distributors and dealer organization has a vitality which, with the certain ultimate return of more normal general conditions, will be immediately reflected in this company's operations. In this connection it may be particularly noted that the stocks of unsold cars in the hands of Chrysler Motors dealers now stand at only 71% of last year, and any improvement in the retail demand for automobiles must necessarily result immediately in improved factory operations. Meanwhile, recent operations have demonstrated Chrysler Corporation's stamina in maintaining its position both financially and in the market for its products during an extraordinarily adverse period. A turn for the better in general business conditions which cannot now be long delayed may therefore be expected to reflect itself primarily in substantially improved operating results for this company.

Consolidated Balance Sheet March 31.

Assets—	1930.	1929.	1930.	1929.
Land, bldgs., machinery, eq., &c.—	x81,160,461	84,235,546	Stated capital—	y73,756,355
Cash—	29,627,731	35,313,098	Gold bonds—	49,753,500
Market's secur.—	13,677,308	11,081,609	Dodge Br. notes—	2,295,000
Bk. loan & drafts—	8,894,093	16,423,928	Accts payable—	18,694,437
Notes receivable—	3,544,520	1,501,036	Divs. payable—	
Accts receivable—	3,082,715	4,514,795	Accrd int., tax, &c.—	1,583,550
Inventories—	36,478,980	53,791,823	Dealers' depos.—	1,329,629
Other assets—	8,560,198	5,345,475	Fed'l tax prov.—	1,932,857
Good-will—	25,000,000	25,000,000	Reserves—	10,555,440
Deferred charges—	1,228,419	1,413,419	Surplus—	53,648,657
Total (each side)	211,254,425	238,620,729		

x After depreciation of \$50,082,620. y Represented by 4,431,575 outstanding no par shares of common stock.

April Shipments Increase— April shipments of Chrysler built passenger cars, trucks, buses and commercial vehicles totaled 37,527, an increase of 3,711 units or 11% over March, as compared with an increase of 9% in April 1929 over March 1929. April retail sales of Chrysler Motors products were 32% above sales to the public in March. Field stocks are 39% below the figure for the corresponding period of 1929. Shipments of cars bearing the Chrysler name were 11,045; of Dodge passenger cars 10,571; Plymouth, 8,887, and DeSoto, 4,541. In the commercial field, Dodge shipped 2,170 trucks and buses and Fargo, 313 vehicles. Shipments of Plymouth cars in April were 70% ahead of March, this increase reflecting the Plymouth price reduction which was effective March 10.

Shipments of cars of the Chrysler name during April showed gains not only over March but also over April 1929, the increases being 12% and 3%, respectively.—V. 130, p. 2778.

City Ice & Fuel Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Quarter Ended March 31, 1930, and 1929. Rows include Sales, Net earnings after all charges except depreciation, and Federal taxes.

Claude General Neon Lights, Ltd., London, England.—Organized.—

Claude Neon interests, in association with General Electric Co., Ltd., of England, and Aktiengesellschaft für Elektrizitäts-Industrie, of Germany, commonly known as the Gram Co., have organized the Claude-General Neon Lights, Ltd., with headquarters in London. The new company will operate under the Neon patents of Georges Claude throughout Great Britain and Ireland. They will manufacture gaseous tube lighting for commercial displays, outdoor advertising and other illuminating purposes.

Clinchfield Coal Corp.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years—1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Operating loss, Fixed charges, Tax reserve, Pref. stk. sink. fund, Net loss, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Balance, deficit, after depreciation and depletion.

Clorox Chemical Co.—Listing.—

The San Francisco Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 2,276 additional shares of "A" stock, no par value, upon official notice of issuance. The directors on Dec. 19 1929, and the California Corporation Department on Jan. 6 1930, authorized the issuance of 2,276 shares of "A" stock on Jan. 30 1930, as a 2% stock div. to holders of "A" stock and "B" stock as of record on Jan. 15 1930. The company did not issue certificates for fractional shares or scrip therefor, but paid stockholders entitled to fractional shares in cash at the average price of the "A" stock on the San Francisco Stock Exchange on Jan. 15 1930.—V. 130, p. 2214.

Coca Cola Co.—Special Meeting.—

The stockholders will vote May 16 on a plan of undomesticating the company, as recommended by the board of directors. This is being done in order to make the technical position of the company better during the period in which the recent Georgia income tax law is under construction and interpretation. The action does not in any way affect the company as a Delaware corporation or its stockholders as such. The Georgia laws provide that a foreign corporation may domesticate by complying with certain formalities. Such domestication does not in any wise affect the foreign character of the corporation so domesticated. About three years ago, the company domesticated under these laws.—V. 130, p. 3167.

Colonial Beacon Oil Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for 3 Mos. End. Mar. 31—1930, 1929, 1928, 1927. Rows include Gross income, Operating expenses, Interest, Depreciation, Net profit, Preferred dividends, Balance, surplus.

Columbia Finance Corp.—Indictments Returned.—

Kings County (N. Y.) Judge W. Bernard Vause, Brooklyn, Louis N. Vause, and eight officials of the defunct Columbia Finance Corp., alleged to be a fake banking concern with offices in Manhattan, the Bronx and Brooklyn, were indicted May 6 by a Federal grand jury on the charge that they used the mails to defraud. It is alleged that "depositors," many of them tenement-house residents, lost \$400,000. The indictment, which contains 13 counts and also charges conspiracy, was handed up to Federal Judge Henry W. Goddard after an investigation, begun a month ago following the indictment last February of the corporation's eight officials on charges of first and second degree grand larceny. Although Judge Vause was questioned by the State authorities when it was discovered that two checks had been made out to his order by the corporation—checks said to have aggregated \$5,815—neither he nor his brother, who is said to have drawn a salary from the "bank" for an insurance scheme was never carried out, was indicted by the State grand jury. The officials indicted with them are Solomon Cruso, Pres. of the corporation; Abraham Rayman, Treas.; Joseph P. Barmack, Secy.; Samuel Schuchman, William Rayman, Harry Cruso, Samuel M. Cruso and Max Barmack, all of whom are awaiting trial in the State court for the alleged larceny of the "bank."

The alleged fraud, according to the indictment, was committed between Dec. 17 1927, and October 1929. Prior to the first date the defendants, it is charged, operated as the Pharmaceutical Finance Corp., 154 Nassau St. When the name was changed, offices were opened at 16 Court St., Brooklyn, and branch offices were established at the Nassau St. address, 296 Grand St., Seventh Ave. and 38th St., and in the Bronx. (New York Times.)

Columbia Pictures Corp.—Initial Common Divs.—

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 37½c. a share on the common stock, payable July 2 to holders of record June 19, and an initial semi-annual dividend of 2¼% in common stock on the common stock, payable Oct. 2 to holders of record Sept. 3. The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of 75c. a share on the convertible preference stock, which carries the same dates as the common cash dividend.—V. 130, p. 3167.

Commercial Instrument Corp.—Business Volume of Sargent Co.—

The corporation reports that first quarter business volume of the Sargent Co. division approximated that of the first 3 months of 1929. April has kept pace with the first quarter level, it is stated, and operating economies effected by the new interests are steadily improving this unit's profit margin.—V. 130, p. 3167.

Continental Baking Corp.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Results 15 Weeks End.—Apr. 12 '30, Apr. 13 '29, Apr. 14 '28, Apr. 9 '27. Rows include Net earnings, Other income, Total, Int. & amort. of bd. disc., Depreciation, Estimated Federal taxes, Minority interest, Net profit.

Consolidated Paper Co.—Earnings.—

The company reports for the quarter ended March 1 net income of \$150,073 after all charges and provision for Federal taxes, equal after preferred dividends to 16c. a share on the 750,000 com. shares outstanding.—V. 130, p. 979.

Continental-Diamond Fibre Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31 1929. Rows include Sales, less returns, allowances, &c.; Cost of sales; Depreciation of buildings, mach. & equipment; Selling, administrative & general expenses; Operating income; Other income; Total profit; Allowance for domestic & foreign income taxes; Net profit; Dividends paid; Organization expenses, &c., written off; Surplus, Dec. 31 1929; Earnings per sh. on 450,000 shs. cap. stk. outstand. (no par); Earnings for Quarter Ended March 31—1930, 1929; Net income after all chgs. incl. deprec. & Fed. taxes; Shares common stock outstanding (no par); Earnings per share.

Continental Oil Co. (Del.)—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Earnings for Quarter Ended March 31 1930. Rows include Gross operating income; Operating and administrative expenses; Merchantable costs; x Taxes; Intangible development costs; Depletion and lease amortization; Depreciation, retirements and other amortization; Net operating income; Non-operating income; Total income; Interest charges; Profit for period; Profit applicable minority interest; Net income; Earnings per sh. on 4,743,103 shs. cap. stk. outstand. (no par); x In addition to the amount of taxes shown above, there was paid (or accrued) for State gasoline taxes, the sum of \$2,023,880.

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Table comparing assets and liabilities for Mar. 31 '30, Dec. 31 '29, Mar. 31 '30, Dec. 31 '29. Assets include Prop. account, Inv. & advances, Cash, Prime bk. accept, Mrkt'le secur., Notes & accts. receivable, Oil inventory, Mats. & suppl., Oth. cr. assets, Funds for red. of bonds, Unadjust. debits & sund. assets, Deferred charges. Liabilities include Capital stock, Surplus, Funded debt., Notes payable, Fund. debt. due in 6 months, Accts. payable, Acct. int., taxes, &c., Min. interests, Def. credit items, Contingent res., Other reserve, Mortgages pay., Notes pay. (not current), Unred. interest coupons, &c.

Cooper-Bessemer Corp.—Large Compressor Order.—

The corporation announces the receipt of an order for approximately 21,000 h. p. of gas engine driven compressors for the new 900-mile natural gas pipeline now under construction from the Texas Panhandle to Lincoln, Neb. The total contract will amount to approximately \$1,250,000 and is the largest single order of its kind ever placed for compressors. The contract, according to the announcement, was awarded by the Lone Star Gas Co., Dallas, Tex., who with the North American Light & Power Co. and the Illinois Power & Light Corp. are behind this project. It is one of the largest natural gas pipeline attempts to date and it is expected that the project will be completed and in use late this fall. Shipment of the compressors will be inaugurated in June.—V. 128, p. 3690.

Coty, Inc.—Annual Report.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years—1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Gross profit, Gen. adm. sell. exps. &c., Balance, Other income, Total income, Depreciation, Federal taxes, Ad. of min. stkholders int., Net income, Dividends, Rate per share, Stock dividend (6%), Surplus, Shares capital stock outstanding (no par), Earnings per share.

Note.—The 1929 figures are exclusive of company's equity in undistributed earnings of foreign subsidiaries for six months ended Dec. 31 1929, amounting to \$439,550. Including this latter amount the earnings for 1929 are equal to \$3.01 a share.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table comparing assets and liabilities for 1929, 1928. Assets include Building impts, Mach., equip., &c., Rent deposit, Other dep. foreign, Inv. Cody, L. d., Eng., Advances, Marketable securities, Goodwill, formulae &c., Cash, Accts. receivable, Inventories, Secur. held as coll., Prepaid items. Liabilities include Capital Stock, Accts. pay. for, Notes payable, 10-yr. bonds, Min. stockholders int. in subs., Tenant deposit, Accrued expenses, Ros. Fed. taxes, Paid in surplus, P. & L. surplus.

x Represented by 1,492,655 shares in 1929 and 1,311,048 shares in 1928. y Temporary borrowings which have been all paid off prior to March 3 1930.—V. 130, p. 1122.

Copper Range Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years— 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Copper produced (lbs.), Proceeds, Interest, etc., received. Gross income, Net after expenses, Surplus earnings of Copper Range R.R. Co., Deduct Champion net, Deprec. and depletion, Dividends.

Cord Corp.—Subs. Unfilled Orders.—

The Columbia Axle Co., a subsidiary, has made such substantial gains in the export field that 25% of the total output for the first quarter of the calendar year 1930 went abroad, President E. H. Parkhurst announced. Unfilled export orders of the company now total \$250,000 and further commitments are expected to increase this amount considerably.

Credit Alliance Corp.—Retires \$500,000 Notes, &c.—

The corporation on May 1 retired \$500,000 of its industrial equipment trust notes, making \$2,000,000 redeemed of the \$2,500,000 issued on May 1 1926, President Clarence Y. Palitz, announced also that the corporation had retired on May 1, \$104,000 of its 5 1/2% debentures, making \$298,000 retired since their issuance in Nov. 1928.—V. 130, p. 2588.

Crocker-Wheeler Mfg. Co.—To Amend Chf. of Incorp.—

The stockholders will vote May 14 on amending the certificate of incorporation so that the only authorized capital stock will be 400,000 shares of no par common, and that no power will be vested in the directors to issue the unissued 1,368 shares of pref. stock, and no pref. stock thereafter can be issued without legal action on the part of the stockholders.

Crown Cork & Seal Co., Inc.—Income Account.—

Calendar Years— 1929, 1930. Gross sales, Returns, cost of sales, sell. & general expense, Depreciation of patents, Amortization of patents, Other ordinary exps. less net of other ord. inc. Profit bef. extraordinary items, bond int. & disc. prof. of sub. cos. and Federal income taxes.

Imbrie Securities Co., Ltd.—Forms Piedmont Associates, Inc., in Hope to Realize Potential Value of Remaining Assets.—

See Piedmont Associates, Inc., below.—V. 127, p. 3090.

Crum & Forster Insurance Shares Corp.—5% Stk. Div.

The directors have declared a dividend of 5% in class B stock on the class A and class B common stock, both payable May 31 to holders of record May 15.

Crucible Steel Co. of America.—Debentures Offered.—

Chase Securities Corp., New York, and Mellon National Bank, Pittsburgh, are offering at 99 1/2% and int., to yield 5.06%, \$10,000,000 10-year 5% gold debentures.

Dated May 1 1930; due May 1 1940. Principal and int. (M. & N.) payable in New York at principal office of Chase National Bank, New York, trustee, without deduction for Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Personal property tax in Pa. up to 4 mills refundable within 90 days after payment.

Data from Letter of H. S. Wilkinson, Chairman, May 6 1930. Company.—Incorp. in 1900. Is the largest manufacturer in the world of high speed and tool steels, which are used in a wide diversity of industries. In addition, the company is a large producer of alloy and special carbon steels.

Consolidated Capitalization Dec. 31 1929 (Giving Effect to This Financing). 10-year 5% gold debentures, Pittsburgh Crucible Steel Co. 1st mortgage 6s, 7% preferred stock, Common stock (550,000 shares).

Consolidated Income Account for Calendar Years (Company & Subsidiaries). 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929. Operating profit, after all taxes, incl. Fed'l taxes, Repairs, maint., deprec. and renewal of plants.

Net available for interest on funded debt, Annual int. requirements on funded debt to be outstanding, Net income for 1929, as shown above, totalled \$7,847,076, equivalent to over 11 times the annual interest requirements of the entire funded debt to be outstanding on completion of this financing.

Consolidated Balance Sheet as of Dec. 31 1929. Giving effect to the purchase of an interest in Snyder Mining Co., to present financing and to other adjustments incident thereto. Assets— Real estate, plant & equip., Good-will, patents, &c., U. S. Govt. securities.

Crystal Oil Refining Corp.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years— 1929, 1928, 1927. Gross income, Operating expenses and maint., Operating income, Taxes (not incl. Fed. income tax).

Cuban Tobacco Co., Inc. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31 1929. Net earnings for the year, Minority stockholders' dividends & their proportion of undistributed net earnings of subsidiary companies.

Cunard Steamship Co., Ltd.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Year— 1928, 1928, 1927, 1926. Gross earnings, Exp., int., depr., tax, &c., Net profit, Preference dividends, Divs. on ordinary stock.

Cushman's Sons, Inc.—Earnings.—

Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 28 1929. Net sales, Cost of sales, incl. selling, general & administrative expenses, Operating profit, Other income, incl. discount on purchases & interest received.

Cutler-Hammer, Inc.—Acquisition.—

The corporation has acquired the assets of the Union Electric Manufacturing Co., Milwaukee, Wis., specialists in the manufacture of a complete line of drum type control apparatus, effective May 1. The Union Electric will be operated as a manufacturing division of Cutler-Hammer, Inc.—V. 130, p. 2779.

Darby Petroleum Corp.—Reduces Capital Stock.—

The directors have voted to change the authorized capital stock from 1,250,000 shares to 750,000 shares of no par value and to issue the new stock at the rate of one share of new for each two shares of old stock out-

standing. Stockholders will vote on the plan at a special meeting to be held on May 26.

This will provide approximately 240,000 of treasury stock which will be available to use in further expansion. At present the company has outstanding 1,019,392 shares of which approximately one-third is owned by the Tide Water Oil Co.

Dardlet Threadlock Corp., N. Y.—Stock Incr.—Rights.

The stockholders on May 7 increased the authorized capital stock from 10,000 shares of common stock without par value to 20,000 shares of common stock without par value. The stockholders of record May 10 will be granted rights to subscribe, on or before June 25 1930, at \$100 per share, for additional shares at the rate of one-half share for each share held. The proceeds of the sale of the shares of common stock to be offered to the stockholders will be used for research, laboratory and development work in expanding the corporation's business and for providing additional machinery and plant and engineering staff. The remaining authorized unissued shares (approximately 6,672), as well as all of the shares offered to stockholders as aforesaid and not subscribed for, are to be reserved for future corporate purposes, to be issuable from time to time in the discretion of the board, except that 200 shares may be issued to employees of the corporation upon such terms as the directors may deem desirable.

Whole share warrants will provide for payment of 25% of the subscription price upon subscription, at which time transferable installment subscription receipts, in form to be approved by the board, will be issued, and will further provide for payment of the balance of the subscription price as follows: 25% on Sept. 30 1930 and 50% on Dec. 30 1930.—V. 130, p. 2971.

Detroit Gasket & Mfg Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1930.	1929.
Net income after deprec. & Federal taxes, &c.	\$514,109	\$250,925
Shares common stock outstanding	164,350	143,750
Earnings per share	\$3.13	\$1.74

Earnings for Quarter Ended March 31.

	1930.	1929.
Net income after all charges & Federal taxes	\$85,959	\$184,030
Earns. per share on 164,250 shares capital stock	\$0.52	\$1.12

—V. 130, p. 2035.

Direct Control Valve Co.—Bookings Gain.

The company reports orders booked in the first four months of 1930 amounting to \$437,044, as compared with total orders booked in the full year 1929 of \$480,164 and with \$286,090 in the full year 1928. The company has now established more than 20 branch or sales offices in important cities in this country.—V. 129, p. 4144.

Distributing & Management Corp.—New Director.

C. Morgan Aldrich of the firm of Fuller, Richter, Aldrich & Co. of Hartford, Conn., has been elected a director.—V. 130, p. 1658.

Distributors' Group, Inc.—Four New Directors.

The directorate has been increased from 15 to 21 members and the following elected to the board: Newton P. Frye (Vice-President of Central Illinois Co.), William M. Spencer (partner of Jackson Brothers, Boesel & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange), R. C. O. Matheny (President of Matheny, Dixon Co., Springfield, Ill.) and Wilson J. Mac Laughlin (partner of Ewing & Co., New York).

Mr. MacLaughlin, through Ewing & Co., becomes the representative of Distributors' Guild, Inc., on the board of Distributors' Group, Inc. Distributors' Guild, Inc., is composed of the following New York Investment bankers: Beverley Bogert & Co., Colston, Heald & Trail, Craigmyle & Co., DuBosse, George & Co., Goldsmith, Myer & Lobdell, R. W. Halsey & Co., Ingraham & Ashmore, Inc., Reinhart & Bennet, C. D. Robbins & Co., Vought & Co., Inc., F. A. Willard & Co., and Ewing & Co.—V. 130, p. 3168.

Dominion Rubber Co., Ltd. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Net sales	\$20,130,677	\$20,249,954	\$19,201,648	\$19,708,041
Cost of goods sold, selling & gen. exps., depreciation & provisions for bad debts, taxes & contingencies	19,202,113	18,545,416	17,658,125	18,501,431
Interest on bonds	556,000	556,000	556,000	558,000
Other interest	30,597	Cr. 34,766	32,742	97,502
Balance of profit	\$341,967	\$1,183,305	\$954,780	\$553,108
Previous surplus	6,218,168	8,050,363	7,305,583	6,962,475
Total surplus	\$6,560,135	\$9,233,668	\$8,260,363	\$7,515,583
Preferred dividends	210,000	210,000	210,000	210,000
Common dividends	—	2,805,500	—	—
Balance, surplus	\$6,350,135	\$6,218,168	\$8,050,363	\$7,305,583

—V. 128, p. 2097.

(John) Dunlop's Sons, Inc.—Transfer Agent.

The American Express Bank & Trust Co. has been appointed Transfer Agent for the 1st pref. stock.—V. 127, p. 113.

Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.—Gross Sales.—

1930—April—1929.	Increase.	1930—4 Mos.—1929.	Increase.
\$501,153	\$296,682	\$204,471	\$1,405,327
\$319,898	\$1,085,429	\$319,898	\$319,898

—V. 130, p. 2588.

Eastern Steamship Lines, Inc. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Operating revenues	\$12,692,603	\$12,375,197	\$12,166,375	\$11,508,242
Operating expenses	10,283,880	10,515,555	10,157,218	10,281,874
Net operating revenue	\$2,408,723	\$1,859,643	\$2,009,156	\$1,226,369
Tax accruals (excl. Fed.)	—	82,177	77,277	95,803
Operating income	\$2,408,723	\$1,777,466	\$1,931,879	\$1,130,566
Other income	315,094	227,070	238,688	220,916
Gross income	\$2,723,817	\$2,004,536	\$2,170,567	\$1,351,481
Other expenses	654,520	757,897	772,777	751,841
Federal taxes	167,116	73,186	162,510	33,346
Sinking fund	—	—	1,953	6,761
Net income	\$1,902,181	\$1,173,452	\$1,233,326	\$559,533
Dividends paid	499,904	499,904	499,904	499,904
Balance, surplus	\$1,402,277	\$673,548	\$733,422	\$59,629
Shares com. stock outstanding (no par)	372,200	124,056	99,454	99,454
Earnings per share	\$3.77	\$5.43	\$7.38	\$0.59

x Includes tax accruals.—V. 130, p. 1658.

Eastman Kodak Co.—Extra Dividend of 75c.

An extra dividend of 75 cents a share has been declared on the common stock in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.25 a share. Like amounts were paid on the common stock in the previous 15 quarters. The dividends just declared are payable July 1 to holders of record May 31.—V. 130, p. 2948.

Eitington-Schild Co., Inc. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Earnings for 13 Months Ended Dec. 31 1929.	
Operating loss	\$1,121,324
Other income	372,738
Net loss	\$748,587
Interest, net of interest received	823,999
Depreciation	235,717
Provision for taxes, sundry reserves, &c.	215,280
Provision for special contingencies	400,000
Loss for year	\$2,423,584

Comparative Balance Sheet.

	Dec. 31 '29.	Nov. 30 '28.		Dec. 31 '29.	Nov. 30 '28.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Cash	2,049,326	2,202,076	6½% conv. cuml.		
U. S. & British Govt. bonds	10,840	61,653	1st pref. stock	4,691,800	4,951,800
Customers' notes, acceptances—trade	6,655,465	7,009,801	7% class A cuml.		
Inventories	7,830,123	7,883,834	junior pref. stk.	600,000	600,000
Adv. to foreign agts	431,756	—	6% class B non-cum. junior pref. stock	2,640,000	3,640,000
Adv. to manuf. loans, joint acct. &c.	2,434,507	1,527,715	Common stock	6,361,202	9,603,040
Cash val. of life ins	77,832	59,379	Notes payable	5,510,000	—
Mtge. rec. on Lehigh real estate	299,880	299,880	Bankers' accept. iss. against commercial letters of credit & disc.	3,834,743	2,750,000
Land, build. mach. & equip., &c.	4,661,266	4,034,237	Notes pay. of Kruskal & Kruskal, Inc.	—	762,500
Adv. for purch. of machinery	102,875	—	Accts. payable	863,748	798,826
Notes & trade accept. depos. with bankers (net)	5,782	—	Joint accounts	109,032	133,704
Adv. for purch. of merchandise	499,425	—	U. S. Govt. due on sealin cont.	—	104,097
Cash in escrow for pay. of int. & princ. on mort. bonds of subs.	12,164	10,411	Officers' balance	—	152,207
Invest. in adv. to associated cos. & miscell. invest.	1,910,420	1,473,248	Prov. for Fed., state & foreign taxes, &c.	177,998	485,632
Prep. & def. exp., &c	312,701	306,485	Deferred inc., int. unearned B	—	114,444
Good-will of Kruskal & Kruskal, Inc., purchase	355,983	349,830	Res. for contng.	400,000	—
Good-will, formulae processes, trademarks, &c.	—	—	Int. of minority stkhldrs. in cap. stk. & surpl. of subs.	129,229	163,817
	2	2	Surplus	1,797,963	1,493,115
Total	27,115,716	25,753,183	Total	27,115,716	25,753,183

x After deducting mortgages aggregating \$378,836 and providing for depreciation. y Represented by 404,674 (no par value).—V. 130, p. 2588.

Electrical Products Corp., Ltd.—Stock Offered.—Pemberton & Son Vancouver, Ltd., Vancouver, B. C., are offering at \$12.50 per share 6,000 class A shares.

Class A shares are preferred as to assets in the event of either voluntary or involuntary liquidation up to \$12.50 per share. After payment of this amount to class A shares the remaining assets will be distributed equally among class A and class B shares without preference or priority. Class A and class B shares rank equally, share for share, in the distribution of dividends. Class A shares are non-callable and non-voting. Class B shares carrying the entire voting rights.

	Authorized.	Outstand'g.
Class A common shares (no par)	6,000 shs.	6,000 shs.
Class B common shares (no par)	300 shs.	300 shs.

Company.—A holding company to be formed under the laws of the Province of British Columbia to own certain preferred and common shares of the Claude Neon Lights of Australasia, Ltd.

While the company will have powers to make other investments, and to do business generally as an investment company, it is intended for the time being, at least, that its only investment shall be in shares of the Claude Neon Lights of Australasia, Ltd.

Claude Neon Lights of Australasia Limited.—Pemberton & Son Vancouver Ltd. have purchased 750 preferred shares and 3,000 no par value common shares from the Claude Neon Lights of Australasia Ltd. These shares, which are being turned over to Electrical Products Corp., Ltd., together with a cash payment of \$1,500, represent the consideration for which Electrical Products Corp., Ltd., will issue to Pemberton & Son Vancouver Ltd. its entire authorized share capital.

Pemberton & Son Vancouver Ltd. through the sale of the class A shares of Electrical Products Corp., Ltd. will receive over and above the purchase price of the said shares of Claude Neon Lights of Australasia Ltd., which amounts to \$71,250, a cash profit of 3% or \$2,250 as reimbursement for the expense of distribution of the present issue of Electrical Products Corp. Ltd. It will also retain the 300 class B shares of that company representing less than 5% of the outstanding share capital. In addition thereto Pemberton & Son Vancouver Ltd. assumes all the incorporation expenses of Electrical Products Corp. Ltd. over and above \$500 and furnishes all managerial service hereafter without expense to the company.

The object in incorporating Electrical Products Corp. Ltd. and offering its shares to the public instead of making a direct offering of the shares of Claude Neon Lights of Australasia Ltd., is to enable a much greater number of investors to participate in this issue than would have been possible had the offering been made direct.

Electrical Products Corp. of Washington.—Earnings.

The company reports for the quarter ended March 31 1930, net income of \$37,797 after charges, equivalent to 38c. a share on the 100,000 no par capital shares outstanding.—V. 130, p. 1468.

Electric Boat Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Consolidated Income Account Year Ending December 31 1929.	
Net income	\$3,391,059
Depreciation	350,852
Reserved for Federal taxes and contingencies	275,000
Net surplus	\$2,765,207
Balance, Jan. 1 1929	7,232,950
Total surplus	\$9,998,158

—V. 130, p. 2973.

Empire State, Inc.—Trustee.—

The Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. has been appointed trustee of an issue of \$13,500,000 sinking fund gold debentures, due June 1 1948.—V. 129, p. 3971.

Federal Bake Shops, Inc.—April Sales.—

1930—April—1929.	Increase.	1930—4 Mos.—1929.	Increase.
\$395,870	\$369,517	\$26,353	\$1,576,577
\$1,492,484	\$1,929,199	\$436,715	\$436,715

Quarter Ended March 31—
Net profit after taxes and charges—\$81,860
Earnings per share on 216,000 shs. com. stock (no par) \$0.29
—V. 130, p. 2589.

Fidelity Investment Association.—Gains in Resources.—

This Association, which is devoted to the sale of guaranteed annuities, reports resources as of May 1 of \$21,711,514 compared with \$20,151,567 as of Jan. 1 1930, an increase of \$1,559,946. The month of April set a new high record for the year thus far, annuities sold being double that of April 1929.

The Association has opened new offices recently in Atlanta, Ga.; Richmond, Va.; Saginaw, Mich.; St. Petersburg, Fla.; and Youngstown, Ohio. There are now 27 offices in operation.—V. 130, p. 2589.

(Wm.) Filene's Sons Co.—Filene Loses Suit.—

E. A. Filene, by decision of full bench of Massachusetts Supreme Court has lost his suit to establish that transfer of stock of Louis E. Kirstein, E. J. Frost and A. Lincoln Filene to themselves as a deposit committee, as a part of proposed merger of Wm. Filene's Sons Co. with Abraham & Straus, Inc., of Brooklyn and F. R. Lazarus & Co. of Columbus, O., was an illegal scheme to deprive him of rights under the so-called settlement agreement with them in July 1928. Court affirms action of Superior Court in dismissing bill, and says settlement agreement gave plaintiff equality with defendants as a stockholder of the Wm. Filene's company, but did not extend beyond that.—V. 130, p. 2781.

First Chold Corp., Dover, Del.—Cancels Fee.—

Sidney Loeb, Secy. & Treas., April 30, says: On Friday, April 25, the directors met and accepted the offer of the manager to cancel the 10% management fee and serve instead without any compensation other than that derived from the increase in his holdings. The company has no option warrants outstanding.

(M. H.) Fishman & Co., Inc.—Gross Sales.—

Table with 4 columns: Year, Sales, Increase, and another Year. Rows for 1930-April-1929, 1930-4 Mos.-1929, and V. 130, p. 2590.

Follansbee Brothers Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Table with 5 columns: Year, Net amount of sales, Cost of sales, Gross profit on sales, Divs., rents, int., &c., Total income, Taxes paid, Selling & gen'l expenses, Minority interest, Depreciation, Interest, U. S. income tax, Net earnings, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Stock dividend, Balance, surplus, Shs. com. stk. outstand. (no par), Earns. per share. Includes V. 130, p. 2590.

Earnings for Quarter Ended March 31.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Net loss after interest, Earns. per sh. on 180,000 shs. com. stk. (no par), x After depreciation and Federal taxes. Includes V. 129, p. 3018.

(Edward) Ford Plate Glass Co.—Merger.—

See Libbey-Owens Glass Co. below—V. 130, p. 3170.

Foundation Co.—Earnings for Calendar Years.—

Table with 5 columns: Year, Gross (incl. other inc.), Federal taxes, Expenses, &c., Net income, Common divs. (cash), Common stock, Surplus, Shs. of cap. out. (no par), Earns. per share on com.

Surplus Account Dec. 31 1929.—Previous surplus \$504,535; balance for 1929, \$195,018; reserve for contingencies transferred, \$300,000; total surplus \$999,554; deduct miscellaneous extraordinary charges not applicable to year's operations, including adjustments of value of materials, equipment and plant reserves for possible losses on stocks of affiliated companies and other investments, adjustments of Federal tax dispute of years 1917 to 1927, &c. \$2,267,456; deficit Dec. 31 1929, \$1,267,902.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with 4 columns: Assets (Cash, Notes receivable, Accts. receivable, Value of life insur., Adv. on contracts, Materials on hand, Prep. & def. accts., Real est. & bldgs., plant & equip., Good-will & patents, Stock issue exp., Other assets), Liabilities (Capital stock, Accts. payable, Res. for contingent, Adv. pay. on incom-plete con., Oth. acer. accts., Mtge. on Founda-tion Bldg., Due to Founda-tion Co., Ltd., Can., Surplus). Includes V. 129, p. 3481.

Fox Film Corp.—Scrip Dividend Certificates Called.—

The company has elected to redeem on May 15 1930 the dividend certificates issued for the dividend, at \$1 per share, on the class A and class B common stock declared Dec. 5 1929 and payable on Jan. 15 1930, the dividend certificates being due Jan. 15 1931. The holders of the dividend certificates should present the same to the office of the Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall St., N. Y. City. Interest will be paid on such certificates up to and including May 15 1930. Interest will cease to accrue after May 15 1930.—V. 130, p. 3152, 3170.

Gardner-Denver Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Rows for Gross income from operations, Selling expense, Office and administrative expense, Net income from operations, Other income, Total income, Federal income taxes, Surplus for the year, Balance Jan. 1 1929, Total surplus, Surplus adjustment prior years, Dividends paid on preferred stock, Dividends paid on common stock.

Earnings for Quarter Ended March 31.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Operating income, Other income, Total income, Federal taxes, Miscellaneous expenses, Net income, Preferred dividends, Balance for common, Shares common stock outstanding, Earns. per share. Includes V. 130, p. 2036.

General Cable Corp.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Year, Quarter Ended March 31, Gross profit, Selling and administrations, Operating profit, Miscellaneous charges (net), Interest, Federal taxes, Net income, Shs. cl. A stock outstand. (no par), Earnings per share. Includes V. 130, p. 2036.

General Cigar Co., Inc.—Quarterly Earnings.—

Table with 5 columns: Year, Quarter End. Mar. 31, Net profit after charges & Fed. taxes (est.), Shares common stock outstanding (no par), Earnings per share. Includes V. 130, p. 981.

(F. & W.) Grand 5-10-25 Cent Stores, Inc.—Registrar.—

The American Express Bank & Trust Co. has been appointed registrar for 6 1/2% cumul. conv. pref., 6% pref. and common stock.—V. 130, p. 2592.

(F. & W.) Grand-Silver Stores, Inc.—Acquires New Units.—

The company has purchased at receiver's sale six of the former A. A. Adams Co. stores. Five of these stores are prime locations in Somerville, Mass.; Quincy, Mass.; Altoona, Pa.; Saginaw, Mich.; Burlington, Vt., and will be opened under Grand-Silver management on or about June 1. In addition to store sites, fixtures and improvements to the properties as well as considerable amount of merchandise were included in the terms of the sale. Long term leases at favorable rentals have been secured. The total sales volume of these six units is estimated by the Grand-Silver management in excess of \$1,000,000 annually. The sixth store acquired is located at Far Rockaway, L. I., where only the fixtures were purchased. These are to be utilized in a new Grand-Silver location in the same vicinity, a lease on which had already been obtained.

Sales for Month and Four Months Ended April 30.

Table with 4 columns: Year, 1930-April-1929, Increase, 1930-4 Mos.-1929, Increase. Includes V. 130, p. 2592.

Granite City Steel Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Rows for Sales billed, Cost of sales, incl. deprec. renewals and maint., selling and administrative expenses, Operating profit, Miscellaneous income, Total income, Special charges, including Federal taxes, Net profit applicable to stock, Common dividends, Increase in surplus for period, Earnings per share on 292,347 shares capital stock (no par). Includes V. 130, p. 2782.

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Table with 4 columns: Assets (Cash, Accounts and notes receivable, Inventories, Invests. at cost, Unexpired insur., Other prepaid chgs, Real estate, bldgs., plant & equip.), Liabilities (Accts. pay. & p'roll, Acrr. Fed. inc. tax, Acrr. property tax, Reserves, Capital stock, Surplus), Total (each side). Includes V. 130, p. 2782.

(W. T.) Grant Co.—Sales Increase.—

1930-April-1929. Increase. 1930-4 Mos.-1929. Increase. \$5,731,069 \$4,421,035 \$1,310,034 \$18,391,614 \$16,407,969 \$1,983,645 The company had in operation, 287 units at the end of April 1930, as compared with 226 units at the end of April 1929.—V. 130, p. 3173.

Great Eastern Casualty Co.—Liquidation.—

Liquidation of the company has been completed, Albert Conway, New York State Superintendent of Insurance has announced. Assets in possession of the superintendent total \$85,820, of which \$50,000 is on deposit with the Insurance Department at Albany for the benefit of policyholders and creditors.

Income received by the liquidator was \$5,472 and the expenses of liquidation \$68. After payment for the only unpaid debt, \$3, the deposit fund and the other assets will be distributed pro rata to the stockholders as soon as the report of Superintendent Conway is confirmed by the Supreme Court. The Great Eastern Casualty Co. was organized on Dec. 30 1892, under the title Great Eastern Casualty & Indemnity Co. with capital of \$125,000 and surplus of \$25,000. In June 1904, capital was increased to \$150,000; in April 1906, to \$200,000; in May 1909, to \$250,000 and in Jan. 1916, to \$350,000.

In May 1920, the company entered into a reinsurance agreement with the Union Indemnity Co. which reinsured all outstanding and unexpired policies covering accident and health, automobile and team's property damage, automobile liability, burglary theft, plate glass and workmen's compensation.

The Great Eastern agreed to discontinue business and it immediately commenced voluntary liquidation of its affairs. It paid all its debts in full and paid five dividends to its stockholders. The first dividend was 20%; the second 10%, a third dividend resulted in the reduction of its capital stock from \$350,000 to \$150,000. The number of shares was reduced from 3,500 to 1,000 shares. In September 1925, the company declared a dividend of 280% on the reduced stock. A fourth dividend of 4% was declared on Jan. 18 1927, and a fifth, of 25%, on Feb. 14 1928. At this point the board of directors requested the superintendent to liquidate the company.

Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.—Sales—Tonnage.—

Table with 4 columns: Year, Sales, Tonnage. Rows for April, March, February, January, December, November, October, September, Total. Includes V. 130, p. 2954.

Note.—The higher sales volume for October and January as compared with the other months reported is accounted for by the company's system of reporting business on a weekly basis. October and January are both five weeks months, while September, November, December, February, March and April are carried as four weeks.

Consolidated Income Account (Co. & Subs.)—Years End. February.

Table with 5 columns for years 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Total earnings, Depreciation, Federal taxes, Net profit, etc.

Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Table with 5 columns for years 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Assets (Plant & equip., Cash, Good-will, etc.) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, etc.).

Total 147,390,939 132,740,468 Total 147,390,939 132,740,468

Great Lakes Terminal Warehouse Co. of Toledo.—Protective Committee Extends Time for Deposit of Bonds.

The time for the deposit of first mortgage bonds has been extended to May 31 1930. This has been necessary because of the difficulty in bringing the true situation to the attention of the holders of first mortgage bonds.

The bankers who originally distributed bonds are in control of the enterprise. They refuse to give any actual information in regard to the past transactions or the present condition of the business and are using their influence to prevent the deposit of first mortgage bonds with the bondholders protective committee.

In our opinion their real purpose is to prevent any serious investigation of the transactions of the past or the actual conditions of the present lest the disclosures may impose a financial liability upon them for the wrongful use of funds of the enterprise.

We shall continue our efforts to locate the holders of first mortgage bonds and bring to their attention the facts of the situation so far as we are able to ascertain them.

In some instances we have been asked for personal information in regard to the members of the bondholders protective committee and the character and amount of their interest in the first mortgage bonds.

Grocery Store Products, Inc.—Registrar.

The American Express Bank & Trust Co. has been appointed registrar for voting trust certificates for common stock.—V. 129, p. 3807.

Guardian Investors Corp.—Offers to Exchange Stock for Stock of Allied American Industries, Inc.—See latter company above.—V. 130, p. 3173.

Hahn Department Stores, Inc. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Table with 5 columns for years 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Calendar Years (Net sales, Cost of sales, etc.), Net profit, and Earnings per share.

Hale Bros. Stores, Inc.—Earnings.

Table with 5 columns for years 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Calendar Years (Net sales, Net earnings, etc.), Net profit, and Earnings per share.

Harrison's Orange Huts, Inc.—Bankruptcy Dismissed.

The involuntary petition in bankruptcy filed against the company, has been dismissed on a finding of solvency by Federal Judge Wilkerson, of Chicago.

Harrison's Heart o' Orange, Inc., the new company formed in December 1929, to take over active operation of the locations found profitable, reports net profit from the 100% owned huts for the period from Dec. 25 1929, to March 1 1930, of \$2,503.

Hazeltine Corp.—Larger Dividend &c.—

The directors have declared a regular quarterly dividend of 50c. a share, payable May 31 to holders of record May 15.

In connection with the increased dividend rate, President Edgar Rickard said: "The new dividend rate reflects improved earning power of the company resulting from additional licensees. The company's policy of rendering continuous direct engineering advice and service to its licensees, has been instrumental in assisting the licensees to maintain their position of leadership in quality of merchandise and the majority thus avoided disastrous liquidation through cut price operators during the year-end depression in the radio industry.

"The directors have had an increase in the dividend rate under consideration for some time, but have refrained from action until they believe it was reasonably certain the increased rate could be consistently maintained out of regular income from licensees.

"Estimated gross income from all sources for the quarter ended March 31 amounted to \$427,794. Expenses for the quarter were \$94,782, leaving a net income, before provision for amortization of patents and Federal tax, of \$333,011.

"On May 7 the company had cash and securities on hand in the amount of \$872,114. Accounts receivable, \$182,174. Accounts payable amounted to \$35,015."—V. 130, p. 2976.

Hazel-Atlas Glass Co.—Earnings.

Table with 5 columns for years 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Years Ended (Mfg. profit after deducting cost of goods sold, etc.), Net profit, and Dividends paid.

Table with 5 columns for years 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Earnings for Three Months Ended (Gross income, Repairs and maintenance, etc.), Net profit, and Dividends paid.

Houdaille-Hershey Corp.—Acquisition.

President Claire L. Barnes announces the acquisition of the Lyon Cover Co., producers of metal tire covers. In connection with the transaction, which marks another step in the expansion of the Houdaille organization, Mr. Barnes stated that sales of the Lyon metal tire cover have increased tremendously since the product was introduced to the automobile industry and that plans are already in preparation for the immediate expansion of productive facilities.

Manufacturing under a patent which has several years to run the Lyon Cover Co. also does a large replacement business, principally because of the decorative feature of the metal cover.

Without bolts or clamps, the cover consists of a circular plate which fits around the side wall of the tire and a ring designed to fit closely around the tread.

Table with 5 columns for years 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Earnings for Period from Date of Merger, Jan. 30 1929, to Dec. 31 1929. (Net profit, Selling, administrative and general expenses, etc.)

Consolidated net profit 1,518,690 Dividends paid 1,080,083 Provision for minority stockholders' equity in earned surplus subsequent to date of acquisition 253

Balance 438,355 This statement sets forth the earnings of the corporation from date of merger, Jan. 30 1929 to Dec. 31 1929 and of its subsidiaries from the date of acquisition to Dec. 31 1929, but does not include the operations of Biflex Products Co.

Earnings for Quarter Ended March 31.

Table with 2 columns for years 1930, 1929. Rows include Net profit after deprec., int., Fed. taxes, &c., President Barnes states that "Earnings for April are very satisfactory and that the outlook for the next few months is bright.

There has been a distinct turn in the business beginning at the end of February.—V. 130, p. 809.

Household Finance Corp.—Earnings.

Table with 2 columns for years 1930, 1929. Rows include Quarter Ended March 31 (Gross income, Expenses, etc.), Operating profit, and Other income.

Net profit 987,453 917,875 Earnings per share on combined 77,655 shares class A stock and 412,509 shares class B stock (no par) 1.55 1.41

Houston Oil Co. of Texas (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Table with 4 columns for years 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927. Rows include Quarter Ended Mar. 31 (Gross earnings, Oper. & gen. exp. & taxes, etc.), Income from operation, Other income credits, Total income, etc.

Insurshares Corp. (N. Y.).—New Director.

See Insurshares Management Co. below.—V. 130, p. 2594.

Insurshares Management Co.—Changes Name.

The name of the company has been changed to the Insurshares & General Management Co. The company is the management unit of the Insurshares group of investment companies, including the Insurshares Corp. of Del. and Insurshares Certificates, Inc., and of other companies outside the group.

Thomas S. Trail of Colston, Heald & Trail of Baltimore has been elected a director of the Insurshares Corp. of New York, banking unit of the Insurshares group, succeeding Daniel Heald of the same company.—V. 130, p. 2594.

Indian Refining Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Table with 2 columns for years 1930, 1929. Rows include Earnings for 6 Months Ended Dec. 31 1929 (Net sales, Cost of sales, Selling and general expenses, etc.), Net profit from operations, Gross income, etc.

Net profit from operations 1,019,549 Other income credits 78,322 Gross income 1,097,782 Income charges 43,300 Depreciation 474,869 Interest and discount on funded debt and bank loans 73,578

Net income 506,035 Profit and loss surplus, June 30 1929 596,002 Profit and loss credits 64,789 Gross surplus 1,166,826 Dividends paid on pref. and refunding pref. capital stock 34,158 Loss on sales and abandonments of capital assets 107,567 Profit and loss surplus, Dec. 31 1929 1,025,101

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, and rows for 1929, 1928, and various categories like Cash, Receivables, Advances, etc.

holders entitled to fractional shares in the distribution of this dividend. The time allowed for the exercise of these warrants was extended from Feb. 1 1930, the original expiration date of the warrants, to Feb. 14 1930; (b) 6,853 shares as a stock div. payable on March 1 1930 to holders of record Feb. 15 1930, upon the basis of one share for each 50 shares outstanding on that date.

Table showing Earnings for Calendar Years, with columns for 1929 and 1928, and rows for Gross profit from sales, Operating expenses, Operating profit, etc.

Insuranshares General Management Co.—New Name.

See Insuranshares Management Co. below.

International Commission Engineering Corp.—Reorg. Committee.

The creditors committee (George L. Bourne, Chairman), has sent a letter to the creditors of the company in which it is stated orders have been entered in the District Courts of the United States having jurisdiction of the receiverships of the corporation and its subsidiaries in receivership, directing creditors to file proofs of claims on or before June 30 1930.

The letter further states: "The committee wishes further to inform the creditors that a reorganization committee has been constituted, consisting of Eugene W. Stetson and J. M. Darrow, as nominees of the preferred stockholders' committee; Nathan L. Amster and Charles Hayden, nominees of the common stockholders' committee; and George L. Bourne and Robert F. McMath as nominees of this creditors' committee, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Stetson.

"Such reorganization committee has been organized to formulate as promptly as possible a plan of reorganization that will take care equitably of the interests of all parties, so that the corporation may resume operation under its own management at the earliest date, in sound financial condition. The committee is now studying the preliminary report of Ford, Bacon and Davis, engineers, employed by the receivers under authority of the court, to examine the properties, and also the report of Arthur Anderson & Co., certified public accountants, who have made an audit for the receivers. This committee will inform you when a plan of reorganization is ready for submission."—V. 130, p. 2039.

International Printing Ink Corp.—Proposed Consol.—

Formation of a new company, under a plan for the consolidation of the Dye Stuffs & Chemical Division of the Newport Co. with the International Printing Ink Corp., was announced this week by Dillon, Read & Co., bankers for both companies. The consolidated company will have assets exceeding \$25,000,000 and an authorized capitalization consisting of 350,000 shares of cum. pref. stock (par \$100) and 2,000,000 shares of common stock without par value, of which there will be outstanding as contemplated by the plan 119,239 shares of pref. stock and 657,844 shares of common stock. Net earnings of the properties to be combined, available for dividends, totaled \$3,500,000 for the year 1929.

The Newport Co., formed in 1919, has one of the most widely diversified organic and inorganic chemical businesses in the United States with three manufacturing plants producing more than 375 chemical products, including dyestuffs and their intermediates, perfume bases, hydrogenated products (detergents, photographic, pharmaceutical and numerous other fine chemicals).

The International Printing Ink Corp. is the largest manufacturer of printing ink and allied products, having nine manufacturing plants and numerous service stations and distributing facilities located in many of the larger cities in this country. It also has branches in China and the Argentine. Through a subsidiary, Ault & Wiborg, Ltd., it has a manufacturing plant in London. Ault & Wiborg Varnish Works, Inc., another subsidiary, with plants located in Cincinnati, Ohio, conducts a substantial business in the manufacture of varnish, enamel and lacquer, marketed directly to industrial users. The International Printing Ink Corp. was formed in 1928 by consolidation of the Ault & Wiborg Co. of Ohio. The latter was formed in 1928 by consolidation of The Ault & Wiborg Co. of Ohio, The Ault & Wiborg Co. of New York, Philip Ruxton, Inc., and the Queen City Printing Ink Corp.

Terms of the proposed consolidation call for the acquisition of the new corporation of all or the major part of the outstanding securities of the International Printing Ink Corp. and all the stock of the Newport Chemical Corp., which is to be formed under Delaware laws to acquire all of the business and assets of the dyestuffs and chemical division of the Newport Co. The latter will continue in existence, retaining its wood distillate division.

The consolidation will be effected by exchanging the outstanding common and preferred shares and warrants of the International corporation for pref. and common shares and warrants of the new corporation and by issuing to the Newport Co. pref. and common stock and warrants in exchange for the outstanding shares of the Newport Chemical Corp. The exchange basis for holders of International Printing Ink securities follows: (a) 1 share of 6% cum. pref. stock, series A, of the new company for each 6% cum. pref. share of International Printing Ink Corp.; (b) 1 share of common stock of the new company for each common share of International Printing Ink Corp.; (c) A detached warrant for the purchase of 1.4 shares of common stock of the new company at \$45 per share, expiring June 1 1935, for each subscription warrant (now or originally attached to International pref. shares) for 1 common share of International at \$60 per share, expiring June 1 1931.

The Newport Co. will receive in exchange for outstanding shares of the Newport Chemical Corp. 46,688 shares of pref. stock, 255,645.8 shares of common stock and warrants for 32,677.2 shares of common stock of the new company.

It is understood that A. A. Schlesinger, now President of the Newport Co., will head the consolidated company as Chairman of the Board of Directors and John M. Tuttle, now President of the International Printing Ink Corp., will become President of the new company.

To provide flexibility in the method of effecting the consolidation, an alternative merger plan, providing for the acquisition of Newport Chemical Corp. shares by the International corporation on a basis maintaining the relative interests of the two corporations, has been outlined and may be adopted in the discretion of a reorganization committee composed of John M. Tuttle and A. A. Wallace Chauncey, representing the International corporation, and A. A. Schlesinger and Edwin Gruhl, representing the Newport Co.—V. 130, p. 3174.

International Shares Corp.—Time for Deposits Extended.

The deposit date under the terms for the merger of International Shares, Inc., and Continental Shares, Inc., has been extended from April 30 to May 31. See also V. 130, p. 3174.

Interstate Department Stores, Inc.—New Store.

President Leo G. Federman has announced that the company has signed a 15-year lease for the property located at 131-135 Main St. in Fond du Lac, Wis. The property was formerly occupied by Zimmermans Dept. Store and has a frontage of 60 ft. wide and 120 ft. deep with 4 selling floors. According to Mr. Federman the plans are to open the store the last of May. The store will be called the Fond du Lac Dry Goods Co. and will represent the 32nd unit in the Interstate Dept. Stores chain.—V. 130, p. 2402.

(Byron) Jackson Co.—25c. Cash Dividend, &c.—

The directors have declared a cash dividend of 25c. a share, payable June 1 to holders of record May 15 and a 2% stock dividend, payable Sept. 1 to holders of record Aug. 15. Since and incl. Dec. 1 1929, the company has paid a 2% stock dividend in lieu of the former quarterly cash dividend at the rate of 50c. per share.

The San Francisco Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 108,573 additional shares of capital stock no par value, effective upon official notice of issuance. This brings the total listed to 444,573 shares.

These additional shares were authorized to be issued for the following purposes: (a) 6,720 shares as a stock div. payable on Dec. 1 1929 to holders of record Nov. 15 1929, upon the basis of one share for each 50 shares outstanding on that date. Fractional share warrants were issued to stock-

Jantzen Knitting Mills (Ore.)—Pref. Stock Offered.—

An additional issue of \$500,000 7% cum. pref. stock is being offered at par (\$100) by Geo. H. Burr, Conrad & Broom, Inc., Portland, Ore.

Capitalization—

Table showing Authorized and Outstanding stock for Jantzen Knitting Mills, with columns for \$1,500,000, 100,000 shs., etc.

Data from Letter of J. A. Zehnbauer, President of the company.

History and Business.—Is the largest manufacturer of swimming suits in the world. Was founded by the present management in 1910. From a purely local concern doing principally a retail business, the company has grown into a manufacturing enterprise having a world wide market for its merchandise. Jantzen swimming suits are to-day sold in every State in the Union and in 56 foreign countries which include all the principal countries of the world.

Purpose.—The steady growth of company's European business has made it desirable to erect a manufacturing plant in Europe. The proceeds of the present financing will be used to reimburse the company for capital expenditures made in acquiring a site in London, for erecting suitable buildings, for equipping the plant and for operating capital.

Sales and Earnings.—Sales and earnings for the past 4 years (fiscal years ended Aug. 31) were as follows:

Table with columns for Net Avail. for Prof., *Net Avail. Per Share for Prof. Divs., No. Times Pref. Div. Earned., and rows for 1929, 1928, 1925, 1926.

* Based on 10,582 shares to be outstanding, but giving no effect to earnings on the proceeds of this financing.

Dollar sales of the company for the 6 months ended Feb. 28 1930 (first 6 months of company's current fiscal year) totaled \$3,191,900. This is an increase of \$686,111 or 27.3% over sales for the 6 months ended Feb. 28 1929.—V. 130, p. 3175.

Kaybee Stores, Inc.—April Sales.—

Table showing April sales for Kaybee Stores, Inc., with columns for 1930-April-1929, 1930-4 Mos.-1929, and Increase.

(G. R.) Kinney Co., Inc.—April Sales.—

Table showing April sales for (G. R.) Kinney Co., Inc., with columns for 1930-April-1929, 1930-4 Mos.-1929, and Decrease.

Kline Brothers Co.—Gross Sales.—

Table showing Gross Sales for Kline Brothers Co., with columns for 1930-April-1929, 1930-4 Mos.-1929, and Increase.

Kolster Radio Corp.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of certificates of deposit for 824,922 shares (no par) common stock on official notice of issuance on deposit of common stock now outstanding.

The certificates of deposit are or will be issued under an amended deposit agreement dated April 24 1930, which agreement is between a committee composed of John C. Duncan, Lawrence M. Bainbridge, J. Theus Munds, A. Harry Moore, W. Kempton Johnson, Martin K. Fowler, Herman F. Neuschaefer and Paul C. Beardslee, and those of the holders of the common stock who shall become parties thereto by depositing their certificates of common stock thereunder.

On Jan. 21 1930 an order appointing receivers was made by the Court of Chancery of New Jersey at the suit of a stockholder. The order appointed Harry G. Hendricks, Harry Meyers and Ellery W. Stone as receivers.

Thereafter and on March 18 1930 a protective committee of common stockholders was formed consisting of A. Harry Moore, Chairman, Martin K. Fowler, Lawrence M. Bainbridge and Paul C. Beardslee.

On March 31 1930 another similar committee was formed consisting of John C. Duncan, Chairman, J. Theus Munds, W. Kempton Johnson and Herman F. Neuschaefer.

The two committees met, discussed the situation and agreed to merge the two committees in order to save duplication of effort and expense, in the belief that the new committee is better fitted to serve the said common stockholders.

This merger has taken place, resulting in the present committee named above.—V. 130, p. 3175.

(S. S.) Kresge Co.—Sales Increase.—

Table showing Sales Increase for (S. S.) Kresge Co., with columns for 1930-April-1929, 1930-4 Mos.-1929, and Increase.

(S. H.) Kress & Co.—April Sales.—

Table showing April Sales for (S. H.) Kress & Co., with columns for 1930-April-1929, 1930-4 Mos.-1929, and Increase.

Kreuger & Toll Co.—Earnings of Two Controlled Pulp Companies In rease.—

The Bergvik & Ala Nya Co. and the Kramfors Co., two of the largest companies in the pulp and lumber industry of Sweden and both of which are controlled by Kreuger & Toll Co., showed increased profits for 1929, according to their annual reports just published.

The Bergvik company showed record profits of Kr. 5,580,000, an increase of over 100% over profits of Kr. 2,552,000 for 1928. The dividend on its shares of Kr. 180 par value has been increased from 15 Kr. to 16 Kr., which is at the rate of 8.88%. Total assets of the Bergvik concern exceed Kr. 55,000,000.

The Kramfors company for 1929 reports net profit of Kr. 1,650,000, an increase of more than 20% over 1928. The dividend of 6% which has been paid for the last eight years will be continued.

Both of these concerns are controlled by the Swedish Pulp Co., organized in the fall of 1929 by Kreuger & Toll Co. to consolidate ten of the leading concerns in the wood pulp and lumber industry of Sweden. Since organization of the Swedish Pulp Co., additional properties have been acquired and the company now controls a production of chemical and mechanical pulp of over 600,000 tons a year, which corresponds to approximately 30% of the total Swedish production. The entire capital stock of the Swedish Pulp Co. is owned by Kreuger & Toll Co.—V. 130, p. 3175.

Kroger Grocery & Baking Co.—Revised Earnings.—

President Albert H. Morrill in a letter to shareholders dated April 23 says: I submit herewith corrected financial statement for 1929, prepared by Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery.

Following the original statements submitted to you for 1929, a general audit was asked for and this corrected statement is the result. This corrected statement gives effect to the following:

- (1) A reduction in earnings previously reported for 1929 of \$456,692.
- (2) A reduction in earned surplus as of Jan. 1 1929, of \$760,000.
- (3) The establishment of a contingent reserve of \$500,000, set aside out of abundant caution, to cover further errors, discrepancies or inaccuracies, if any, affecting prior years.

It will be noted that as of Dec. 31 1929, the paid in surplus is increased in the amount of \$997,219.

Reliable earnings figures for the first quarter are not available, but it is evident that earnings for that quarter were small. The management has the situation thoroughly in hand and views the future with complete confidence.

Earnings for Calendar Years.			
	1929.	1928.	1927.
Sales	286,611,215	207,372,551	161,261,354
Cost of sales	241,730,872	173,737,555	133,152,734
Gross profit	44,880,342	33,634,996	28,108,619
Interest	116,873	112,428	25,667
Discount on purchases	1,610,825	1,183,434	896,760
Accrued earnings of affil. company	821,793		
Gross income	47,429,834	34,930,857	29,031,047
Store expense	37,640,733	26,234,017	22,032,798
Depreciation	1,860,260	1,273,181	1,054,643
Administrative expense	1,313,135	1,152,454	852,050
Interest	58,653	218,779	23,643
Federal income taxes	637,955	728,839	690,809
Net profit	5,919,097	5,323,586	4,377,104
Previous surplus	15,859,170	13,063,111	9,875,646
Totalsurplus	21,778,267	18,386,696	14,252,751
1st preferred, 6% dividends	91,743	4,884	6,180
2nd preferred, 7% dividends		4,571	5,761
7% cumulative pref. dividends			35,693
Common—cash dividends	1,693,007	1,127,953	1,025,168
Common—stock dividend	405,194	262,567	250,075
Direct credits & charges to surp. prof. realized by sale of prop. less prov. for income tax thereon			Cr. 194,368
Prem. paid on redemption pref. stk.			96,340
Adjust. in val. of invest. in stk. of affiliated company	970,843		
Cost of good-will & sundry businesses acquired written off	787,262		
Sundry other adjustments	Dr. 163,164	Cr. 14,924	Cr. 35,210
Earned surplus	17,667,052	17,001,645	13,063,111
Shares com. stock outstanding	1,725,726	1,534,618	1,050,423
Earnings per share	\$3.34	\$3.46	\$4.12
x As adjusted. y Appropriated for stock dividend, \$1,621,707 appropriated for adjustments, if any, affecting prior years, \$500,000 unappropriated, \$15,545,345.			

Following the original statements submitted to you for 1929, a general audit was asked for and this corrected statement is the result. This corrected statement gives effect to the following:

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.				
	1929.	1928.		
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Cash	7,516,136	7,242,311	Accts. payable	7,581,619
Marketable sec.	371,027	1,122,230	Notes payable	561,746
Accts. & notes rec.— customers	419,734	443,045	Accrued expenses	1,513,637
Office & employees	402,380	120,190	Divs. decl. & pay	2,323
Claims & adv.	503,184	301,734	Prov. for Fed. taxes	825,799
Inventories	22,080,550	21,784,496	Res. for ins., &c.	398,978
Inv. & advances in other cos.	7,039,436	6,280,679	Receipts fr. empl. on subscrip. for com. stock	1,712,606
Def. install. notes receivable		261,229	Mortgage payable	733,000
Com. stk. held for sale to employ.	264,479	247,770	Mortgage bonds	127,500
Land, bldg., equip. &c.	24,151,355	18,844,733	Baking Co. 7% pref. stock	1,173,600
Good-will	1	1	1st pref. stock	81,400
Cash sur. val. life insurance	20,189		2nd pref. stock	63,000
Prepd. insur. rents, taxes, &c.	761,389		Common stock	31,358,150
Deferred charges	135,166	465,838	Paid-in surplus	1,379,694
			Earned surplus	17,667,052
			Tot. (each side)	63,665,059
				57,114,257
			a 1,725,726 shares outstanding Dec. 31 1929.	
			b See also y under income statement above.—V. 130, p. 3175.	

Lane Bryant, Inc.—April Sales.—
 1930—April—1929. *Increase.* 1930—4 Mos.—1929. *Decrease.*
 \$1,659,161 \$1,657,871 \$1,290 \$5,295,504 \$5,333,362 \$37,858
 —V. 130, p. 3175.

L. C. L. Corp.—New Contract.—
 President William T. Hoops on May 5 announced that the Lehigh Valley RR. had signed a contract for the use of its drop-side cars. The New York Central RR. signed a similar contract.—V. 130, p. 3176.

Leighton Industries, Inc.—Omits Class B Dividends.—
 The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 37½ cents a share on the class A stock, payable May 15 to holders of record May 6. The quarterly dividend on the class B stock, which was reduced to 12½ cents a quarter from 25 cents in February, was omitted, and in this connection President J. H. Leighton said: "Earnings of the company for the first quarter of 1930, in line with the decline in general business, have dropped off unexpectedly. In view of this, the directors have decided to pass the dividend which ordinarily is payable on May 15 on the class B stock. The restaurant business of the Pacific Coast has been particularly affected by present conditions and there is as yet no indication of great improvement. Until the general outlook is clearer, the directors feel the prudent policy is to conserve the company's working capital. As soon as conditions warrant, the dividend on the B stock will be resumed."—V. 130, p. 1125.

Lerner Stores Corp.—April Sales.—
 1930—April—1929. *Increase.* 1930—4 Mos.—1929. *Increase.*
 \$2,162,259 \$1,313,538 \$848,721 \$6,912,103 \$4,673,480 \$2,238,623
 —V. 130, p. 2595.

Lessing's, Inc.—Earnings.—	
Earnings for 3 Months Ended March 31 1930.	
Sales	\$171,492
Cost of sales, operating and general expenses	142,453
Profit from operations	\$29,039
Other income	377
Total income	\$29,417
Provision for Federal and State taxes	4,704
Net income	\$24,712
Dividends paid	10,030
Balance	\$14,682
Earnings per share	\$0.74
—V. 130, p. 1473, 984; V. 129, p. 3176.	

Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co.—New Name.—
 See Libbey-Owens Glass Co. below.

Libbey-Owens Glass Co.—Consolidation.—
 A letter to the stockholders, dated April 30, says:
 The directors have arranged for the purchase of the properties, going business and good-will of the Edward Ford Plate Glass Co., of Rossford, Ohio, which for the past 30 years has been an important producer of plate glass. Its products and methods have earned for it, under the capable management of three generations of the Ford family, a good-will and esteem of inestimable value. Its physical properties will supplement ours without

wasteful duplications. The Ford company's factory site is located about two miles from the Libbey-Owens company's East Toledo plate and laminated glass factories.

For the Ford Company's assets 475,000 common shares of Libbey-Owens Glass Co. will be issued. These shares are approximately a one-fifth stock interest in your company. The authorized capitalization of the Libbey-Owens company is sufficiently large so that the shares to be given in payment of the Ford assets can be issued without changing the authorized capital of the Libbey-Owens company.

According to the Ford company's March 31 1930 balance sheet the net worth of their properties, exclusive of good-will and patent and license rights, is equal to approximately \$28.00 for each of the shares to be issued therefor the current assets were in excess of \$2,900,000, of which over \$2,000,000 were government bonds and cash its liabilities were approximately \$250,000. Its profit and loss statement for 1929 showed earnings of \$477,000, after depreciation and taxes, in spite of the fact that it was engaged in making extensive additions to, and changes in, its manufacturing methods and facilities, the increased efficiency of which was available in part for only a portion of the year.

During the year 1929 the Ford company discarded the old method of rolling plate glass blanks and adopted the Bichroux process, a more efficient method of manufacturing. This comparative recent European development is controlled in this country by the Libbey-Owens Glass Co., the National Plate Glass Co. (a subsidiary of General Motors Corp.), the Blue Ridge Glass Corp. (a subsidiary of Corning Glass Works), together with the original European owners, and the only installation in the United States other than at Rossford is at the Ottawa, Ill., plant of the National Plate Glass Co. A large factory building has been completed by the Ford company within the last few months in which two continuous lines of grinding and polishing machinery of the Heuze type are being installed. This equipment is about ready to be placed in operation. These up-to-date installations are expected to greatly increase the efficiency and earning capacity of the Ford plant.

By the agreement of purchase the directors have agreed to, and hereby do, recommend that the company's name should be changed to the Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co. and that John B. Ford, George R. Ford and George P. MacNichol Jr., officers and shareholders of the Edward Ford Plate Glass Co., be elected as directors of the Libbey company. For these, among other purposes, a special shareholders' meeting has been called for May 20 1930.—V. 130, p. 3176.

Lion Oil Refining Co.—Earnings., etc.—			
	1929.	1930.	
3 Mos. Ended Mar. 31—			
Sales	\$1,229,302	\$1,925,749	
Cost of sales	981,743	1,444,391	
Gen. admin., selling & transport. expenses	49,291	114,771	
Net profit from operation	\$198,268	\$366,588	
Miscellaneous income	11,843	10,949	
Total income	\$210,111	\$377,538	
Interest charges	2,537	28,385	
Depreciation—refinery & equipment	71,995	89,311	
Depreciation & depletion—prod. property	151,388	238,127	
	\$223,394	\$327,438	
Net income	def.\$15,819	\$1,715	

Balance Sheet March 31 1930.				
	1929.	1928.		
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Cash	\$247,765		Notes payable	\$407,619
Accts. & notes receivable	724,663		Accounts payable	665,117
Inventories	1,763,778		Reserves & accruals	248,899
Prepaid expenses	37,533		Purchase money obligation	1,362,380
Invest. in other cos.	504,932		Res. for deprec. & depletion	5,870,359
Advances to sub. cos.	105,895		Capital stock surplus	17,691,662
Producing property & equip.	7,371,784			
Non-producing leases	462,770			
Refining plant, tank cars, pipe lines, etc.	5,024,937			
Total	\$16,244,038		Total	\$16,244,038
x Represented by 270,000 no par shares.—V. 130, p. 3176.				

The company has started drilling operations on a 5,000-acre tract of the McFadden ranch in Victoria County, Texas. President T. H. Barton announced. The Lion acreage adjoins a tract of similar size leased by the Texas Co., on which drilling is to be started at an early date.

The company has acquired 6,000 acres in Live Oak County, Texas. Col. Barton announced. An active drilling campaign is looked for in this field, Col. Barton said, many of the major companies, including Humble, Sun and others, having acquired substantial blocks of acreage.—V. 130, p. 3176.

London (Ont.) Realty Co., Ltd.—Bonds Offered.—
 R. A. Daly & Co., Ltd., Toronto, Ont., and Midland Securities Corp., Ltd., London, Ont., recently offered at 99½ and int. \$1,200,000 6½% 1st mtge. 20-year sinking fund gold bonds.
 Dated May 1 1930; due May 1 1950. Interest payable M. & N. Prin. and int. payable in gold at any branch of the Bank of Montreal in the Dominion of Canada. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Red. in whole or in part before maturity on 30 days' notice at following prices and int.: 104 up to and incl. May 1 1935; thereafter at 103 up to and including May 1 1940; thereafter at 102 up to and including May 1 1945, and thereafter at 101. Legal investment for life insurance companies under the Insurance Act of Canada. Trustee, London & Western Trusts Co., Ltd.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
6½% 1st mtge. 20-yr. sinking fund gold bonds	\$1,400,000	\$1,200,000
6½% 2nd mtge. gold bonds	100,000	est. 90,000
7% cum. pref. stock (\$100 par)	400,000	300,000
Common stock	300,000	300,000

Data from Letter of J. J. Lussier, Pres. of the Company.
Company.—Incorporated in Ontario in 1926 with supplementary letters patent in 1930 and owns and operates an 8-story modern, fireproof hotel building, known as the "Hotel London," situated at the southeast corner of Dundas and Wellington Sts., London, Can. At the present time, the Hotel London contains 204 rooms, while an additional 120 rooms will be provided upon completion of the addition now under construction.
Purpose.—Proceeds will be used in part to retire the principal amount of first mtge. bonds now outstanding to the extent of approximately \$750,000, second mtge. bonds now outstanding to the extent of approximately \$150,000, the balance to be used for a portion of the cost of erecting and equipping the addition to the present building.
Security.—A first specific mtge., charge and pledge of and on all the company's real and immovable property, building and equipment, and a first floating charge on its undertaking and on its other assets, present and future. The remaining first mtge. bonds shall be issued only against permanent improvements and the acquisition of additional property after completion of the present addition, and then only to the extent of 60% of the cost or fair value thereof, whichever is less.
Earnings.—The net earnings of the company for the years ended Dec. 31 1928 and Dec. 31 1929, after all operating expenses and available for the payment of the interest on the bonds to be issued and for depreciation and income taxes were as follows: 1928 \$144,757; 1929 \$158,240. Consequently, the earnings for the year ended Dec. 31 1929, were equal to over twice the interest charges on this issue of first mtge. bonds. The management estimate that the earnings of the company, upon completion of the extension will amount to over \$250,000 per annum, which is equal to over 3.2 times interest requirements on this issue of first mtge. bonds.
Sinking Fund.—Mortgage will provide that company will create a semi-annual cum. sinking fund and will pay to the trustee in each half year an amount equal to 1% of the largest amount of bonds at any time outstanding, plus an amount equal to one-half year's interest at the rate of 6½% per annum on all bonds previously acquired or redeemed, or which should have been acquired or redeemed for sinking fund purposes, the first of such sinking fund payments to be made on Dec 31 1931.

Louisiana Oil Refining Corp.—Rights, &c.—
 The common stockholders of record May 9 have been offered the right to subscribe on or before May 29 for additional common stock (no par value) at \$11 per share on the basis of one new share for each ten shares held.

Earnings for Quarter Ended March 31.

Table with columns for years 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927. Rows include Net earnings from operations, Deductions from income, Interest paid, Depletion of cost, Depreciation, Drilling labor & expense, Amort. of pfd. stk. disc., Net income, Net prof. on sale of inv., Net profit before Fed. income taxes, Federal taxes, Balance, and V. 130, p. 2403.

Ludlum Steel Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 34,000 shares of common stock (no par) and 5,000 shares of preferred stock (no par) on official notice of issuance and payment in full, and 5,000 shares of common stock, on official notice of issuance on conversion of a like number of additional shares of \$6.50 cumulative convertible preferred stock, making the total amounts applied for 254,000 shares of common stock and 50,000 shares of \$6.50 cumulative convertible preferred stock.

MacMillan Petroleum Corp.—Co-transfer Agent.—

The Chase National Bank has been appointed co-transfer agent for an authorized issue of 171,232 shares \$25 par value common stock.—V. 130, p. 3176.

McCrory Stores Corp.—Sales.—

Table with columns for years 1930-April-1929, Increase, 1930-4 Mos.-1929, Increase. Rows include sales figures and V. 130, p. 3176.

McGraw Electric Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31 1929. Table with columns for Actual, As Now Constituted. Rows include Net sales after deduct. returns, allow. & cash disc., Cost of sales, Selling expenses, Administrative expenses, Net profit from operations, Other income, Total profit, Interest paid, Provision for Federal income taxes, Net profit, Earnings per share, and V. 129, p. 2398.

McLellan Stores Co.—April Sales.—

Table with columns for years 1930-April-1929, Increase, 1930-4 Mos.-1929, Increase. Rows include sales figures and V. 130, p. 2980.

Manhattan Electrical Supply Co.—State Starts Inquiry into the Market Situation of Company's Stock.—

The following is taken from the New York "Times" May 7: An investigation into the market situation of the company's common stock is being conducted by Deputy Attorney General Watson Washburn, it was announced May 6.

One of the mysteries of the slump in security prices on the New York Stock Exchange in the last week has been the complete absence of trading in Manhattan Electrical Supply stock. The shares advanced sensationally in March and April and on Thursday they closed at 53 1/2, within two points of the highest level for the year.

Howard Boulton of Howard Boulton & Co., specialists in Manhattan Electrical Supply on the floor of the Exchange, said that there was "no market" for the stock. A report that a large block had been offered and that buying orders could not be matched with the selling orders was current, but could not be confirmed.

The "Wall Street Journal" May 8 had the following: After four days in which no transactions occurred, in sharp contrast to the previous active market which had moved the price of the stock up steadily to a new high for the year, the stock reappeared on the tape to-day.

Marlin-Rockwell Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Table with columns for years 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927. Rows include Quar. End. Mar. 31, Gross earnings, Depreciation, Expenses, &c., Balance, Other income, Total income, Federal taxes, Net profit, Common dividends, Balance, surplus, Shs. com. stk. outstand. (no par), Earnings per share, and V. 130, p. 2403.

Marmon Motor Car Co.—2% Stock Dividend.—

The directors have declared a 2% common stock dividend, payable June 2 to holders of record May 19. A quarterly distribution of 50c per share in cash was made on March 1 last.

Maryland Casualty Co., Baltimore.—Proposed Stock Split-up—Rights.—

The directors have agreed on a plan to reduce the par value of the stock from \$25 to \$10 a share and to offer to stockholders of record June 2 the

right to subscribe on or before July 2 to one new \$10 par stock at \$25 a share for every two shares of the present \$25 stock held. The rights are incidental to an increase in surplus from \$2,500,000 to \$5,000,000.

In a letter to stockholders, President P. Highland Burns, said: The amount of capital stock issued and outstanding is first to be reduced as of July 1 from the present sum of \$5,000,000 to \$4,000,000, and it is then proposed to transfer to surplus the resultant release in capital of \$1,000,000. This decrease in capital, however, is to be immediately restored on reduction of the present par value from \$25 to \$10 a share, as of July 1 there is to be issued to each stockholder two shares for one.

It is proposed that for each two shares of the present stock held, equivalent to four shares of the new stock, stockholders will be entitled to subscribe to one additional share of the \$10 par issue at the price of \$25 a share. The rights to subscribe to the new stock will apply to stockholders of record June 2 and will expire July 2.

The sale of this additional stock will add \$2,500,000 to the assets of the company which will be distributed—\$1,000,000 to capital and \$1,500,000 to surplus. Since there will already have been added to surplus by the previous transfer from capital the sum of \$1,000,000 the additional sum of \$1,500,000 resulting from the sale of additional stock will increase the surplus by \$2,500,000 in all.

Massachusetts Investors Trust.—Cash Holdings.—

Massachusetts Investors Trust, which came through the October-Nov. stock market decline with its portfolio at all times having a value in excess of cost, also purchased substantial amounts of leading stocks during those hectic days.

Mavis Candies, Inc.—Receivers Discharged.—

Temporary receivers for the company, a subsidiary of Loft, Inc., have been discharged by Chancellor Walcott of the Chancery Court at Wilmington, Del. on application of counsel for Loft, Inc.

Maytag Co. (Del.).—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Net sales, Other income, Total, Mfg., sell. & gen. exp., Prov. for est. Fed. taxes, Other deductions, Depreciation, Net profits, 1st pref. dividends, Cum. pref. dividends, Common dividends, Balance, Shs. com. outst. (no par), Earnings per share on com., and includes depreciation and other deductions.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, years 1929, 1928, 1929, 1928. Rows include Land, bldgs. and equipment, Cash, Certif. of deposit, Marketable secur., Notes & accts. rec., Inventory, Life insurance, pref. stock, Employees' houses, Sundry accounts, Investments, &c., Pats., tr.-marks & good-will, Deferred assets, Total, Common stock, 1st pref. stock, Cum. pref. stock, Accounts payable, Res. for conting., Accts. payable for payroll, commis-sions, &c., Sundry accts. pay., Accrued expenses, Provision for est. Federal taxes, Earned surplus, Total.

* After deducting \$985,502 allowance for depreciation. y Represented by 1,617,822 shares of no par value.

Earnings for Three Months Ended March 31.

Table with columns for years 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Net sales, Net profit after taxes, Shares common stock outst. (no par), Earnings per share, and V. 130, p. 3176.

Merrimac Mfg. Co.—Smaller Dividend.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the common stock, payable May 13 to holders of record May 6. This places the stock on a \$6 annual basis against \$12 previously.—V. 128, p. 3200.

Metropolitan Chain Stores, Inc.—Sales.—

Table with columns for years 1930-April-1929, Increase, 1930-4 Mos.-1929, Increase. Rows include sales figures and V. 130, p. 2596.

Midland Natural Gas Co.—Formed—Financing.

Announcement is made of the organization in Delaware of this company to own and operate a combination of 26 important natural gas properties located in Washington and Greene counties, Pa., and in Monongalia, Marion, Harrison, Doddridge, Ritchie, Gilmer and Fayette counties, W. Va. The properties to be acquired by the new company total more than 15,000 acres on which are located 160 gas producing wells having a present daily production in excess of 6,500,000 cubic feet per day, and an open flow capacity of more than 20,000,000 cubic feet.

The area in which these properties are located, commonly referred to as the Appalachian District, has been the source of natural gas supply for many years for a number of important cities including Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Wheeling and Charleston and it is expected that gas will be moved to important eastern seaboard cities of New York,

Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington through additional pipe lines, on which field work has been started.

Financing for the new company will be handled by a syndicate headed by E. R. Diggs & Co., Inc.

Missouri-Kansas Pipe Line Co.—Places Large Order.—

Officials of this company on April 29 authorized the issuance of the following statement: "Negotiations for northern markets have been satisfactorily completed and an order has been placed for 725 miles of major pipe line. The contract calls for pipe deliveries to commence May 10. This line is designed to have an ultimate capacity of 200,000,000 cubic feet.

"The National Tube Co., recipients of the pipe contract, states this to be the largest single pipe line order ever placed."—V. 130, p. 3177.

Missouri Kansas Zinc Corp.—Bankruptcy.—

Bankruptcy proceedings have been filed in the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, against the corporation, with liabilities totaling \$1,254,112, and assets \$1,669,302, consisting mainly of mining properties located in Missouri and Kansas. The liabilities consist of an outstanding issue of debentures totaling \$1,033,500.—V. 127, p. 4149.

Missouri State Life Insurance Co.—Capital Increase.—

The stockholders have approved the proposal of the directors authorizing an increase in the capital stock from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000. This action, according to President Hillsman Taylor, was authorized by the stockholders in order to bring capital stock and surplus to a figure proportionate to the amount of business in force.

Under this authorization, subject to the formal approval of the Insurance Commissioner and the Secretary of the State of Missouri, the capital will be increased by issuing 100,000 additional shares, par \$10, and the right to purchase such additional shares at par will accrue to stockholders of record at the rate of one share of new stocks for each four shares of the old stock owned. Rights certificates will be issued by May 24 and must be subscribed by June 28.

The company has \$1,232,765,265 of insurance in force.—V. 130, p. 985.

Montgomery Ward & Co.—Sales.—

1930—April—1929. Increase. 1930—4 Mos.—1929. Increase. \$23,776,430 \$21,573,323 \$2,203,107 \$81,145,499 \$80,974,097 \$171,402 —V. 130, p. 3177.

Morison Electrical Supply Co., Inc.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared an extra quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% in stock and the regular quarterly dividend of 2 1/2% a share in cash on the common stock, no par value, payable June 1 to holders of record May 15. Like amounts were paid on this issue on Dec. 1 1929 and on March 1, last. —V. 130, p. 2596.

Mullins Mfg Corp.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 15,000 additional shares of common stock (no par value) on official notice of the issuance thereof under an option in favor of C. C. Gibson, making the total amount applied for 145,000 shares.

The directors Feb. 14 1930 authorized the granting of an option to C. C. Gibson to purchase 15,000 shares of common stock on the following terms, viz.: In consideration of the agreement of the president, C. C. Gibson, to continue as president and to devote his time to its business for the next three years he was given an option to purchase from the corporation at any time and from time to time during said three year period, dating from Feb. 14 1930 15,000 shares or any part thereof of its authorized but unissued common stock at the price of \$25 per share, such stock to be issued as and when requested by him upon receipt by the corporation of payment therefor.

The consideration for the purchase of the stock is to be capitalized and spread on the company's books as follows: \$5 carried to capital and \$20 to capital surplus.

Balance Sheet March 31.

Table with columns for Assets (Real est., plant, &c; Cash, Notes & acct's rec., etc.) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, etc.) for years 1930 and 1929.

Total... \$7,247,081 \$8,282,946 x Represented by 100,000 no par shares. y Represented by 30,000 no par shares.

Our usual comparative income account for the three months ended March 31 1930 was published in V. 130, p. 3178.

(G. C.) Murphy Co.—Gross Sales.—

1930—April—1929. Increase. 1930—4 Mos.—1929. Increase. \$1,290,648 \$1,112,339 \$178,309 \$4,401,929 \$4,035,413 \$366,516 —V. 130, p. 2785.

Murray Corp. of America.—Earnings.—

Table showing Quarterly Ended March 31 with columns for Gross profit, Expenses, &c, Depreciation, Interest, Federal taxes, Net profit, and J. W. Murray Mfg. Corp., preferred dividends.

Surplus... \$290,845 \$780,555 Shares stock outstanding... 762,342 538,055 Earnings per share... \$0.38 \$1.45 —V. 130, p. 2981.

(The F. E.) Myers & Bro. Co.—Rights—May Redeem Preferred Stock This Year.—

J. C. Myers, 1st Vice-President, May 1, says: All of the authorized common shares are outstanding and the management deems it desirable to have an additional number of common shares authorized, so that they may be available for issuance as circumstances may require, having in mind that conditions may, within the current year, justify the redemption of the outstanding preferred stock, (consisting of 20,000 shares, or \$2,000,000 par value), and that, in such case, it would be desired to offer to the common shareholders for pro rata subscription a portion of the increased common shares. See also V. 130, p. 3178.

Myles Salt Co., Ltd., New Orleans, La.—Bonds Offered.—

Whitney Trust & Savings Bank, New Orleans, La., recently offered \$1,350,000 1st mtge. 15-year 6 1/2% sinking fund gold bonds at par and int. (with non-detachable warrants for the purchase of Bay Chemical Co., Inc., stock).

Dated March 1 1930; due March 1 1945. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Principal and int. (M. & S.) payable at Whitney Trust & Savings Bank, New Orleans, La., or, at option of holder, at Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., N. Y. City, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Callable all or part by lot, on any int. date, upon 3 weeks' notice, at 102 1/4% if red. on, or prior to, March 1 1935, thereafter the premium being reduced 1/4% of 1% each year, or fraction thereof, up to and incl. March 1 1944, after which date the bonds are callable at par. Whitney Trust & Savings Bank, New Orleans, trustee.

Data from Letter of E. V. Benjamin, Pres. of the Company.

Security and Valuation.—Bonds are direct obligations of company and secured by a closed first mortgage on its land, salt mine, buildings, machinery and equipment situated at Weeks Island, Iberia Parish, La. The mort-

gaged property, exclusive of salt deposit and land, is carried on the company's books at \$852,194 after deducting reserve for depreciation of \$710,894 and James W. Billingsley, consulting engineer of New Orleans, places the present value of the salt deposit at \$2,000,000. The total value of the property securing this issue is: salt in mine and land (appraised), \$2,000,000; buildings, machinery, &c. (at depreciated value), \$852,194; total value, \$2,852,194. Based upon these values this loan is for less than 48% of the value of the mortgaged property.

Earnings.—Earnings of the company for the eight years ended Feb. 28 1930, available for interest on these bonds, depreciation, depletion and Federal income tax after adjusting officers salaries to basis of present contracts adjusted to eliminate \$845,556 for the last seven years of the period representing non-recurring experimental development and operating charges (net) of chemical business transferred to Bay Chemical Co., Inc., have been as follows:

Table with columns: Earnings as Above, After Deprec., Earnings as Above, After Deprec. for years 1923 to 1926.

The average annual net earnings available for interest for the above period as stated above were \$317,035 or more than 3.6 times the largest annual interest requirement on this loan. Such earnings for the year ended Feb. 28 1930, were over 5 times the maximum interest requirement and more than 2.7 times the maximum annual charge for interest and sinking fund.

Sinking Fund.—Company will establish and maintain a sinking fund with the trustee into which it will pay \$37,500 semi-annually from June 1 1932 to Dec. 1 1936, inclusive, and then \$42,500 semi-annually, beginning June 1 1937 in each year thereafter so long as any bonds remain outstanding. All sums paid into the sinking fund shall be used for the redemption of outstanding bonds by purchase at or below the call price, or, if not so obtainable, then through call by lot. The sinking fund provides for the retirement of not less than \$1,055,000 of the bonds before their maturity date.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to fund outstanding obligations of the company incurred in development of chemical properties, which have since been transferred to Bay Chemical Co., Inc.

Stock Purchase Warrants.—Each \$1,000 bond of this issue bears a non-detachable warrant entitling the owner to purchase 16 shares of common stock of Bay Chemical Co., Inc., at \$10 a share at any time on or prior to March 1 1935; at \$12.50 a share at any time thereafter and on or prior to March 1 1940; and at \$15 a share at any time thereafter and on or prior to Feb. 24 1945. Each \$500 bond bears a like warrant for eight shares of the stock. In the event of the redemption of the bond by call the privilege of the warrant may be exercised up to five days prior to the redemption date.

History and Business.—Company, a Louisiana corporation, was organized Feb. 25 1898. In 1903 commercial mining of the salt deposit was commenced and, with the exception of about six months in 1919 when the mill building was destroyed by fire, the company has continuously and successfully operated the mine.

Company distributes its 13 grades of salt direct to large industrial users, and to the retail trade through wholesalers houses and jobbers under its trade name "Myles"; including Myles table salt, Myles ice cream salt, Myles iodine salt, Myles water softening salt, Myles capping salt, Myles fly salt and Myles pickling salt. In 1929 company distributed salt in 39 States, Canada, Cuba, Mexico and other countries in Central America.

Muskegon Motor Specialties Co.—Proposed Merger—

Special Dividend.—A letter to the stockholders, dated April 24, says:

Recently the officers and directors of this company have had under consideration a plan for the merger or consolidation of this company and the Jackson Motor Shaft Co., a Michigan corporation.

Negotiations to effect the acquisition of the Jackson company have been carried on for several weeks past with the result that the following plan for such consolidation or merger has been unanimously agreed upon by the officers and directors of both companies, by a large majority of the stock of the Muskegon company, and it is now submitted to the stockholders for their approval.

It is proposed that the authorized number of shares of stock of the Muskegon company shall be increased from 250,000 to 500,000 shares, all of which stock shall remain without par value and of which 62,500 shares of the presently issued and outstanding class A stock shall be unchanged as to the relative rights of the holders thereof.

Upon the increase of such capital stock it is intended that this company shall acquire by exchange on a share for share basis the presently issued and outstanding shares of the capital stock of the Jackson company (consisting of 100,000 shares), that the management and direction of the affairs of both companies shall be consolidated, and that the assets of the Jackson company shall be acquired by this company.

Each of the companies is engaged in an allied line of business, namely, the machining of cam shafts, and the Jackson company is also engaged in the production of crank shafts, and it is believed that the economies which will result from the operation of the two companies under one management will be such as to insure increased earning power and a continued growth in the value of the securities held by the stockholders.

According to its consolidated balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1929, certified by Price, Waterhouse & Co., certified public accountants, the net tangible assets of the Jackson company as of that date amounted to \$1,475,194, of which \$375,195 was surplus. In the event that the proposed merger becomes effective this will mean an increase in the net assets of your company by this amount, and under our capital structure will place a book value of approximately \$44 on the class A stock, or in other words, will greatly increase the preference value thereof. Certified statements of account of the two companies for the period ended March 31 1930 will be available for examination and approval prior to the date the same shall become effective.

Approval of the increase for the purposes set forth is requested by your officers and directors in a formal notice of a meeting of the stockholders to be held on May 12. Upon the approval of the stockholders, application will be made to the Chicago and Detroit Stock Exchanges to list the 225,000 shares of the common stock of this company which will be issued and outstanding when such merger becomes effective.

The present capitalization of the class A stock now listed on the Chicago Exchange is concerned, will be unchanged. The directors have declared the regular quarter-annual dividend of 50c. per share on the class A stock, payable June 1 1930, to holders of record May 20 1930, and has also declared a special dividend of 37 1/2c. per share on the common stock, payable on May 10 1930, to holders of record May 1 1930.

[Signed by Fred L. Flanders, Chairman; L. O. Gordon, President, and Harris E. Galpin, Secretary.]

Earnings for Calendar Year 1929. Gross operating profit... \$789,713 Provision for depreciation... 65,043 Selling and administrative expenses... 116,004

Profit from operations... \$588,666 Interest and other income (net)... 20,921 Total income... \$609,587 Provision for Federal income taxes... 67,500

Net income... \$542,087 Dividends paid... 375,000 Balance, surplus... \$167,087 Earnings per share on 125,000 shares com. stock (no par)... 3.33

Earnings for 3 Months Ended March 31. 1930. 1929. Net income after all charges, including depreciation and reserve for taxes... \$100,550 \$140,550

Earnings per share on 125,000 shares com. stock (no par) after allowing for class A divs... \$0.55 \$0.87 —V. 130, p. 2981.

National Bellas Hess Co., Inc.—Sales.—

1930—April—1929. Decrease. 1930—4 Mos.—1929. Decrease. \$3,549,813 \$4,621,528 \$1,071,715 \$12,076,035 \$16,923,603 \$4,847,568 —V. 130, p. 2404.

National Assets Corp.—Enjoined from Dealing in Securities.—

The corporation with offices at 527 Fifth Ave., N. Y. City, and William H. Byington have been temporarily enjoined by Supreme Court Justice McCrate of New York, from further dealings in securities on motion by Deputy Attorney General Garvey of New York State Bureau of Securities.—V. 129, p. 2242.

National Cottonseed Products Corp.—Tenders.—

The Chemical Bank & Trust Co., sinking fund agent, 55 Cedar St., N. Y. City, or the Bank of Commerce & Trust Co., Memphis, Tenn., will until May 10 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st & ref. 6 1/2% gold bonds, dated July 1 1926, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$100,000.—V. 128, p. 1921.

National Investors Corp.—Div. Distributing Agent.—

The Bankers Trust Co. has been appointed dividend disbursing agent for the National Investors Corp., Second National Investors Corp., Third National Investors Corp. and Fourth National Investors Corp.—V. 130, p. 3178.

National Shirt Shops, Inc.—Gross Sales.—

Table with 4 columns: Year, Increase, 1930-4 Mos.-1929, Increase. Rows include 1930-April-1929, 1930-4 Mos.-1929, and V. 130, p. 2597.

National Surety Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years, 1929, 1928, and V. 130, p. 2597. Rows include Net premiums, Expenses, Balance, Income from investments, Total income, Reserves, Federal tax reserve, Profit, Dividends, Surplus, Previous surplus, Total surplus, Depreciation in securities, Reserve New York Indemnity Co., New York Indemnity Co. stock charged off, Mortgage loss reserve, Surplus Dec. 31, Earns. per sh. on 300,000 shs. com. stk. (par \$50).

Net after providing for decrease in miscellaneous reserves of \$100,413 and in voluntary reserves of \$30,000. y To provide against possible losses arising from the guaranteeing of real estate mortgage bonds and notes.

Quarterly Earnings.—The company reports for the quarter ended March 31 1930, after deducting reinsurance ceded, net premiums written amounted to \$5,057,488. After reserves and other deductions including regular quarterly dividend of \$375,600, balance of \$373,818 was carried to surplus.—V. 129, p. 3336.

National Tea Co.—Notes Offered.—Foreman-State Corp., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and Merrill, Lynch & Co., are offering at 99 and int., to yield 5.23% \$4,000,000 5-year 5% gold notes.

Dated May 1 1930; due May 1 1935. Int. payable M & N at Foreman-State Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee, without deduction for Federal income taxes not exceeding 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red. all or part on 30 days' notice at 100 and int., plus a premium of 1/4 of 1% for each year or fraction thereof from date of redemption to and incl. May 2 1934. Refund of certain Conn., Penn., Minn. and Calif. taxes not to exceed 4 mills, Maryland tax not to exceed 4 1/2 mills, Virginia tax not to exceed 5 mills, Mich. exemption tax not to exceed 5 mills, and Mass. income tax not to exceed 6% on application as provided in the Indenture.

Data from Letter of George Rasmussen, Pres. of the Company.

History and Business.—The business of the company was established in 1899 with a capital investment of \$5,400 in two grocery stores. Company has grown steadily, largely through the re-investment of surplus earnings. It is now one of the two largest chains of grocery stores in the middle-western territory which it serves. Company owns and operates, directly or through wholly owned subsidiaries, 1,635 stores and has more than 9,000 employees. Net sales were in excess of \$90,000,000 in 1929.

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of this issue of notes will be used to retire certain purchase money obligations, and to provide additional working capital.

Earnings.—Company's sales and net profits after all charges but before Federal income taxes for the five years ended Dec. 31 1929 were as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Year, Net Sales, Before Fed Taxes, This Issue, Net Profits After Times Int. All Charges but Earned on. Rows include 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929.

For the 3 months ended March 31 1930 the company reports net sales of \$21,786,614 and net profits, before Federal income taxes, of \$470,552 after giving effect to certain interest eliminations resulting from this financing, and after all adjustments due to reduced commodity prices.

Assets.—The balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1929 after giving effect to the sale of these notes and the application of the proceeds shows net current assets of \$8,757,799 equivalent to more than \$2,150 per \$1,000 note and net tangible assets (before deducting these notes) of \$20,557,528, equivalent to more than \$5,100 per \$1,000 note.

The equity junior to these notes based on current market quotations of the company's common and preferred stocks is in excess of \$21,000,000. The common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

Table with 2 columns: Capitalization, Authorized Outstanding. Rows include 5-year 5% gold notes (this issue), 5 1/2% cumulative pfd. stock (\$10 par), Common stock (no par value).

Nation-Wide Securities Co.—New Offering of Securities.—An initial offering of \$2,000,000 trust certificates, series B is being made by Calvin Bullock, the offering price being based upon the liquidating value plus a small commission.

Company is said to be the pioneer investment trust in the United States of the limited management type having been organized Dec. 5 1924. The company's first fund, represented by series "A" certificates, has shown an annual average appreciation of over 17%, and in addition the cash return to original certificate holders has averaged 10% annually.

The management of company is closely identified with Calvin Bullock & Co., which has sponsored investment trusts which now have total resources of between \$90,000,000 and \$100,000,000, namely, International Carriers, Ltd., the largest investment trust in the country specializing in railroad securities; and United States Electric Light & Power Shares, Inc., and International Superpower, the latter two trusts specializing in public utility securities.

Each unit to be issued by Nation-Wide Securities Co. will represent 333 shares of Stock of 77 important American corporations, including public utilities, railroads, industrials and banks and insurance companies. The approximate percentage of the various investments is as follows: 34.61% public utilities, 18.21% railroads, 10.38% banks and insurance companies and 36.80% industrials. The corporate structure of company is identical with that of United States Electric Light & Power Shares, Inc., excepting that the securities of the latter are confined to the public

utility field, whereas the investments of the former are spread over a much wider field.

Neisner Brothers, Inc.—Sales.—

Table with 4 columns: 1930-April-1929, Increase, 1930-4 Mos.-1929, Increase. Rows include 1930-April-1929, 1930-4 Mos.-1929, and V. 130, p. 987, 1475, 1669, 2597, 2785.

New England Venezuela Co.—Sale.—

City Bank Farmers Trust Co., trustee will sell at public auction May 12 at Boston, entire property, rights, &c., of company and New England Oil Corp., Ltd.—V. 121, p. 84.

Newport Chemical Corp. (Del.)—To Be Formed.—

See International Printing Ink Corp. above.

Newport Co.—Proposed Consolidation.—

See International Printing Ink Corp. above.—V. 129, p. 3178.

New York & Hanseatic Corp.—Dye Trust Raises Div.—

According to cable advices received by the above corporation, the directors of the I. G. Farbenindustrie on May 2 proposed a dividend of 12% plus a 2% bonus, which means an extra 1% on the debentures, subject to the approval of the shareholders' meeting, making this year's disbursement 14% as compared to 12% for the two previous years.—V. 129, p. 490.

North American Car Corp.—Equipment Trusts Offered.

Freeman & Co. and Blyth & Co., Inc., are offering \$2,300,000 5% equipment trust gold certificates, series M, at prices to yield from 4% to 5.30%, according to maturity.

Prin. and divs. unconditionally guaranteed by endorsement by the North American Car Corp. Issued under the Philadelphia plan. Girard Trust Co., Philadelphia, trustee.

Dated May 15 1930, prin. payable semi-annually in serial instalments of \$749 each from Nov. 15 1930 to May 15 1935 both incl., and \$77,000 each from Nov. 15 1935 to May 15 1945, both incl. Denom. \$1,000 c*. Red. on any div. date at 101 and divs., in accordance with the terms of the lease and agreement. Both principal and dividends are to be paid without deduction of normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2% per annum. Certificates and dividend warrants (M. & N.) payable at the office of the trustee, Philadelphia, or at principal office of Guaranty Trust Co. of New York. Pa. State tax (not to exceed 4 mills annually) refunded.

Security.—Certificates are to be secured through assignment to the trustee of title to the following equipment: 100 new steel underframe brine tank beef refrigerator cars, 75 new all-steel insulated asphalt tank cars, 50 new all-steel 8,000 gal. capacity 3-compartment tank cars, 15 new steel underframe combination refrigerator and poultry cars, 899 steel underframe poultry cars.

The American Appraisal Co. has currently certified that these cars have a total sound value of in excess of \$3,137,616 or more than 136% of the face value of the certificates to be issued.

Company commenced business in 1908 and on Feb. 1 1926, all the assets owned by it were acquired by the North American Car Corp. which has become one of the largest lessors of privately owned railroad equipment in the United States. Its business consists primarily in the ownership, operation and leasing of tank cars, refrigerator cars, Palace Poultry cars and live poultry transit cars. These cars are leased to and used by many of the larger railroad systems, large independent meat packers, poultry shippers, refiners of petroleum oils, shippers of gasoline and burning oils, manufacturers of chemicals and acids and the large dealers in molasses, alcohol, turpentine, creosote, tar roofing, road building and maintenance material, cotton seed oil, vegetable oil, greases, tallow and soap stocks, and mineral water. Shipments originate in nearly all quarters of the United States and such commodities are transported to points in the United States and Canada on a basis conceded to be very advantageous to both railroads and shippers. Including the cars under this trust, the corporation and its controlled subsidiaries, the Palace Live Poultry Car Co. and North American Equipment Corp., now own 3,796 tank cars, 2,060 refrigerator cars and 2,598 Palace Live Poultry cars. In addition the corporation owns well equipped car building and repair shops at Chicago, Coffeyville, Kan.; West Tulsa, Okla., and North Judson, Ind., where repairs are made upon its own cars and general car repairing is done for railroads and private car owners.

There are no mortgages or encumbrances on any of the corporation's plants or real estate, the only funded indebtedness of the corporation consisting of equipment trust obligations. Company has never had an unprofitable year since the time of its organization in 1908.

Table with 4 columns: Years Ended Jan. 31 1928, Dec. 31 '28, Cal. Yr. '29. Rows include Net earnings, and V. 130, p. 1841.

North American Trust Shares.—Over \$70,000,000 Sales to May 1—Holders Offered Rights on Additional Shares.—

As of May 1 1930, over \$70,000,000 of North American Trust shares, the largest fixed trust in the United States, had been purchased by more than 35,000 investors, it was announced. Monthly sales of North American Trust Shares have grown progressively since August 1929. For the month of April \$11,059,000 of these shares were distributed throughout the United States, bringing total outstanding as of April 30 up to \$70,494,475 and establishing a new monthly sales record.

On June 30, holders of North American Trust Shares will receive the third semi-annual coupon distribution since the organization of the trust in Jan. 1929. Currently the trustee has on hand over \$8,000,000 or 1.25 per North American Trust Share available for this distribution. A substantial portion of this distribution will represent return of capital, that is, proceeds from the sale of split-ups, stock dividends, etc.

Holders of trust shares will be offered rights to purchase additional North American Trust Shares at the bid price which is 50 cents below the asked price to the extent that the distribution involves non-cash return. Holders are urged to take advantage of this reinvestment program thereby assuring themselves a fair income return and at the same time preserving capital. A distinct majority of North American Trust Share holders to date have elected to retain the annual 6% coupon return payable semi-annually, reinvesting any amount over and above this return. This reinvestment program assures at all times a balanced diversification and prevents the trust from becoming overweighed with respect to holdings in individual issues through large capital distribution.

Had North American Trust Shares been in existence for the 18-year period 1912-1929 inclusive, average annual return per trust share would have been \$1.32. This assumes the sale of all distributions made upon the underlying stocks. Even on this basis, however, an investment made in 1912 would have remained intact through 1929. If, however, the trust had been in existence through this period and the holder had elected to take advantage of the reinvestment program, reinvesting all non-cash return in excess of 6% coupon return on original investment a marked appreciation in capital would have resulted for the period. For instance, on Jan. 1 1912 a unit of North American Trust Shares would have cost \$22,500 and this investment under the reinvestment program would have increased to \$128,616 by Dec. 31 1929.—V. 130, p. 2405.

North German Lloyd (Norddeutscher Lloyd).—Earnings.

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years, 1929, 1928. Rows include Gross income, Administrative costs, taxes and social welfare chgs., Interest (less credit interest), Depreciation—Ocean steamers, Coastwise and river steamers, &c., Lands, buildings and inventory, Surplus, Previous surplus, Total surplus, 8% dividend on common stock, 6% dividend on fully paid-up preferred stock, 4% to holders' profit sharing rights, Compensation to board of directors, Grant to employees' welfare funds, Carried forward to 1929.

at this low price, to pass on to stockholders in a substantial way a portion of the tangible and intangible values heretofore created.

The company has announced three additional acquisitions. These are the Sloan Oil Co., of Albion, Iowa, including bulk and service station facilities and resale accounts the service and bulk stations, &c., including resale accounts, of Newago Oil Co., Shawnee, Okla. and the bulk and service station facilities and resale accounts of the Mt. Vernon Oil Co., Mt. Vernon, Ill.

New Gasoline Plant.

The Phillips Petroleum Co. announced that designs have been completed and equipment purchased for the erection of its 47th plant for the production of gasoline from natural gas. It will be located in Gray County, Texas, with a capacity of 40,000,000 cubic feet daily operating under natural well pressure and designed to process 60,000 gallons a day. The plant will be of the absorption type with two distillation units and a 21 unit compressor plant of 4,995 h.p. Construction will start at once with completion expected in 90 days.

Big Pipeline Project to Cost \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000 Announced—Phillips Pipe Line Co. Formed.

President Frank Phillips announced this week the formation in Delaware of the Phillips Pipe Line Co., capitalized at 1,000,000 no par common shares. This company has been chartered for the purpose of building an eight and ten-inch pipe line to transport Phillips Petroleum products from the Panhandle of Texas to Kansas and points east, a total distance of 800 to 1,000 miles when completed and costing between \$12,000,000 and \$15,000,000. Either crude oil or natural gasoline, or both, and refinery gasoline, may be handled through this line, and Phillips Petroleum Co. already has sufficient production of any one of these products in adjacent territory to insure success of the project, Mr. Phillips said. The company for a long time has been making deliveries of natural gasoline to be transported with crude oil by pipe line to the Gulf.

Authorizes Third New Plant Within 30 Days.

Plans for the immediate construction of its 48th plant for the production of gasoline from natural gas, to be located at Judkins, Ector County, Texas, and adjacent to railroad switching facilities, are announced by the Phillips Petroleum Co. This is the third new Phillips natural gasoline plant to be authorized within the past 30 days.

The company has also authorized an increase in the capacity and output of its natural gasoline plant in the south end of the Oklahoma City field, from 50,000,000 to 100,000,000 cubic feet a day.

The Judkins plant, located 25 miles from the Phillips, Crane-Upton plant at Crane, Texas, and is supported by over six square miles of gas producing and potential gas reserves, which give strong indications of an even larger production. The plant will be of the absorption type with a capacity of 20,000,000 cubic feet of gas daily and capable of producing 25,000 gallons a day. Construction is designed to permit of speedy enlargement as the gas production increases in that area.

Trustee Appointed.

The Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. has been appointed trustee of an issue of \$1,250,000 5% equipment trust gold certificates, maturing \$250,000 annually from April 1 1931 to April 1 1935, incl.—V. 130, p. 3179.

Piedmont Associates, Inc.—Organized by Imbrie Securities Co.

In an attempt to realize the potential value of its remaining assets, the formation of the above company has been effected by Imbrie Securities Co., Ltd. The plan, as outlined in a letter dated April 26 to the holders of series A debentures of Imbrie Securities Co., Ltd. follows: Imbrie Securities Co., Ltd., was incorporated in 1923 and went into active operation about January 1, 1924, formed by the creditors of Imbrie & Co. for the liquidation of the assets of Imbrie & Co. purchased from the receivers, its corporate structure and its position as a trustee for creditors have rigidly limited its activities to liquidation and to steps necessary or convenient to that end. On account of this, its officers and directors have never felt justified in using the assets affirmatively to make money for the debenture holders. Notwithstanding the condition above described, the mere liquidation has more than justified the activities of the company. Far more will be received by you than by the non-assenting creditors.

The present management, which assumed office in 1928, has vigorously pushed the work of liquidating the assets and declared a 15% distribution on the class A debentures payable Dec. 1 of that year. All securities, claims and other assets have been diligently and carefully investigated by the present management, and, although a large percentage thereof was found to be entirely worthless, substantial amounts have been realized by the sale of certain other assets for which purchasers in many cases had to be found by the management and negotiated with.

Balance sheet as at Dec. 31 1929 is given below. The values shown for the various assets are very largely the values at which the assets were taken over from the receivers. These values in a large majority of cases are far in excess of actual or potential values, and as liquidation progresses all assets proved to be worthless after full investigation are being written off, resulting in some very large losses from such book values. On account of such losses and on account of wholly worthless securities and bad debts, there were charge-offs of \$215,009 in 1928 and \$147,968 in 1929, a total of \$262,977 for the two-year period.

After giving effect to the disposal of assets by sale and write-offs, directors are for the first time in a position to determine with reasonable accuracy the minimum and maximum value at which the remaining assets may be liquidated. As the estimated maximum values will be far from sufficient to pay the face amount of the series A debentures, it is obvious that neither the series B debentures nor the stock issues can participate in any future distribution, and hence none of the latter are of any value. If the unliquidated assets had to be sold within the next 30 days, and if they could be sold at all, it is estimated that the proceeds therefrom, together with the cash on hand, might result in a final distribution of around 15% on series A debentures after deduction of expenses. A careful survey of the remaining assets has satisfied the directors that they cannot be disposed of at the present time, if they could be disposed of at all on short notice, without a very material sacrifice of their potential value. The board is further convinced that in order to realize the value that can and ought to be obtained for these assets, it will require active efforts on the part of the management in many ways, and approximating the activities of a normal business corporation. Such work involves time and money and could not be attempted under the present corporate form of organization and financial set-up.

The potential values of certain securities and assets are not expected to be realized by the mere lapse of time. Without active attention on the part of this management their present frozen value is more likely to depreciate.

Any cash distribution made now would necessarily be small irrespective of whether or not the plan (below), or any other plan, is effected, and would seriously impair, if not entirely preclude, the realization of the increased values expected.

Ever since the organization of the company the officers and directors have served without compensation, and have given their time and efforts to secure the utmost out of the assets for the debenture holders.

As previously stated, the present management of the company has obtained exceptionally favorable prices for assets sold to date, and has also created a substantial part of the potential values which now exist, but those potential values can only be realized by the application of still greater efforts and attention and by exercising careful business judgment in making and taking advantage of opportunities for enhancing the value of the assets. Several such opportunities have already been presented to the management, but could not be utilized because of the corporate set-up and purposes of the present company. A number of definite opportunities for important and remunerative undertakings are expected to be open in the near future, two of which are in connection with assets held by the company and others being open on account of outside connections of the management.

In order to remedy the situation just described a plan has been worked out under which a new company has been organized, the objects, purposes and powers of which are more adaptable for the special work required to create larger values out of the remaining assets. The plan further provides for the issue of class A stock of the new company in exchange for series A debentures of Imbrie and of common stock of the new company to the management for cash and securities as referred to in the plan, all being on a basis and under conditions which fairly represent the respective interests and position of all parties concerned.

Over 52% of the holders of series A debentures have approved and accepted the plan. The new company has already acquired this amount

of series A debentures by the issuance of its class A stock in exchange therefor.

The same offer to the remaining holders of series A debentures (on which 15% distribution has already been made) has been made by the new company, and after careful consideration by directors it is their best judgment that this plan offers the best, if not the only, prospect for realizing the utmost out of the remaining assets. In the same way as assenting creditors profited over the non-assenting creditors under the plan of 1923, it is confidently believed that values under the present plan can be enhanced to an even greater extent and in much less time.

Directors have deemed as an unnecessary expense the appointment of committees or other bodies under this plan; in fact, all expenses are to be held to the absolute minimum.

Balance Sheet December 31 1929.
(Imbrie Securities Co., Ltd.)

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash in bank.....	\$26,882	Sundry unsecured creditors—	
Time and call loans.....	300,000	Claims not settled.....	a\$3,392
Transfer stamps.....	31	Accounts payable.....	5,010
Accounts receivable.....	16,172	4% debenture bonds—Series	
Interest accrued on call loans		" " " " " " " " "	2,843,570
and bank balances.....	640	Less 15% distrib. Dec. 1 1928	426,536
Total.....	\$343,726	Bal. deb. bonds, ser. "A".....	\$2,417,035
Due from receivers—Im. & Co.	28,342	4% deb. bonds—Ser. "B" sub-	
		ordinate to "A," Dec. 1 '28	838,510
Total liquid assets (including	receivership estate).....	Int. accrued "A" debentures	
Securities, deducting reserves.....	372,068	(due Dec. 1 1928).....	671,949
Misc. receiv. & debit balances.....	966,245	Int. acc. "B" debts, subordinate	
Adv. to ser. "A" deb. holders.....	911,132	to "A" (due Dec. 1 1928)...	204,121
Furniture & fixt. (after deprec.).....	441	Res. for unpaid 15% distrib.	
Land (foundation tract), Savannah, Ga.....	187	on deb. bonds—Series "A"	
		(due Dec. 1 1928).....	1,197
Land (Cuban Atlantic tract), Chatham County, Ga.....	175,000	Res. for fractional payments on	
Org. exp. (offset by cap. stock).....	180,859	"A" debts. issued but not del.	34
Deficit from oper. & liquidat'n	90,500	Reserve for fractional payments	
	2,899,543	on "B" debentures.....	15
		Credit balance on reacquisition	
		of claims & debentures.....	718,479
		Surplus paid in.....	b645,734
		Pref. stk. (9,000 shs., no par)....	90,000
		Com. stk. (100 shs., no par).....	500
Total.....	\$5,595,975	Total.....	\$5,595,975

a Payable in "A" debentures. b Subject to adjustment.

Note.—The above reflects values as set up on the company's books and is based on the closing balance sheet contained in the Federal income tax return of Imbrie & Co. (partnership) for the year ending Dec. 31 1929.

Plan and Offer, Dated April 26 1930.

Piedmont Associates, Inc., has been organized in Delaware as an investment trust with the usual powers of a corporation of that type, including authority to engage in underwriting, consolidation, mergers, &c. The authorized capital stock is as follows:

Class A stock (non-voting).....150,000 shares
Common stock (voting).....100,000 shares
The provisions of the class A stock have been especially drawn to harmonize the interests of the series A debentures under the plan of exchanging said debentures for class A stock on the basis of one share of class A stock for each \$100 face amount of series A debentures. In view of the greater values that should be realized through the operation of the new company, these shares will be taken in on the books of the company at \$20 per share, which figure represents a per share value about 5% in excess of the present theoretical liquidating value of the remaining assets in Imbrie Securities Co., Ltd., including the cash on hand.

Holders of series A debentures are hereby offered:
1. The right to receive one share of class A stock of Piedmont Associates, Inc., in exchange for each \$100 face amount of series A debentures.
2. The right to subscribe for one additional share of class A stock of Piedmont Associates, Inc., for cash at \$20 per share for each share of such stock exchangeable under the foregoing paragraph (1) of this offer.

3. Holders of fractional hundredths of series A debentures may subscribe for one share of said class A stock at \$20 per share, paying in cash for whatever fraction is required to even out \$100 face amount of debentures. For example, debentures aggregating \$70 face amount may be turned in at a value of \$14 and this together with a check for \$6 would entitle the holder to one full share of class A stock of the new company.

Both classes of stock are entitled to share alike as to dividends. The class A stock is subject to redemption at any time on 30 days' notice at a price of \$30 per share, and in case of dissolution, whether voluntary or involuntary, is entitled out of the assets to \$30 per share before any distribution is made to the common stock.

The right of redemption at \$30 a share is provided because this amount would represent the absolute maximum which series A debenture holders could expect through appreciation of unliquidated assets of Imbrie Securities Co., Ltd. As such increased values would be obtainable only through active efforts of the management and with the aid of assets brought into Piedmont Associates, Inc., by the holders of common stock (as referred to below), the privilege of such redemption should be reserved as an incentive to the management to put forth its best efforts in the enterprise as a whole. It is to the interest of the common stock to make such redemption as soon as possible, as it is only by such action that the management can secure the full benefit of its labors.

Of the authorized amount of common stock, 10,000 shares have been issued to individuals comprising the management of the company in exchange for cash and securities having a present value in excess of \$200,000, or approximately the same book value per share as the shares of class A stock to be issued in the exchange as aforesaid. The executive officers of the new company will be similar to those who have managed the affairs of Imbrie Securities Co., Ltd., during the past two years.

Of the class A stock approximately 28,440 shares will be held for issuance in exchange for the \$2,843,570 face amount of series A debentures of Imbrie Securities Co., Ltd., on the basis hereinbefore set forth. An additional 28,440 shares of the class A stock has been authorized by the directors of the new company for issuance at \$20 per share. The directors of the new company have authorized a total initial issue of not exceeding 60,000 shares of class A stock for exchange and subscription as aforesaid and for the sale of any excess not issued for such purposes.

When, as and if all of the stock is issued on the basis above referred to, there would be a total of 60,000 shares of class A stock and 10,000 shares of common stock of Piedmont Associates, Inc. The new company would then have total assets of approximately \$1,400,000, of which a substantial portion would be in the form of cash.

It is expected that application will be made in due course to list the class A shares on the New York Curb Exchange.

With a set-up of this type your management would be in an excellent position to create the additional values and to proceed with the undertakings referred to.

Directors.—Robt. M. Nelson, Stewart W. Chaffee, Benj. B. Watson, Welch Walker, Chas. P. Spooner.

Railroad Shares Corp.—Report.

The company reports net gain from July 3 1929 to May 3 1930 of \$356,541, after Federal taxes and expenses. For the three months period from Feb. 8 to May 3 1930 after deducting the March 15 dividend and taxes net gain was \$120,097. Liquidating value per share as of May 3 1930 amounts to \$9.23.—V. 130, p. 2787.

Pittsburgh Screw & Bolt Corp.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1929.	1928.	1927.
Gross profit.....	\$5,104,868	\$3,898,624	\$4,186,900
Operating expenses.....	1,059,946	994,181	960,160
Operating income.....	\$4,044,922	\$2,904,443	\$3,226,740
Other income.....	352,872	463,177	174,228
Total income.....	\$4,397,794	\$3,367,620	\$3,400,968
Other deductions.....	46,429	108,984	72,038
Depreciation.....	455,426	422,809	421,151
Interest.....	224,190	266,336	186,756
Provision, Federal taxes.....	400,000	299,356	369,839
Net income.....	\$3,271,749	\$2,270,135	\$2,351,184

Earnings for Quarter Ended March 31 1929.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Gross profit on sales, Expenses, Operating profit, Other income, Total income, Interest, Depreciation, Federal taxes, Net profit, and Earnings per share.

Consolidated Comparative Balance Sheet.

Table comparing assets and liabilities for March 31, 1930 and December 31, 1929. Assets include Land, equipment, cash, and receivables. Liabilities include capital stock, accounts payable, and dividends.

Total... After depreciation... After amortization... Represented by... Federal and general tax only... V. 129, p. 2871.

Rand Mines, Ltd.—Earnings.—

Table showing earnings for Rand Mines, Ltd. from 1926 to 1929. Rows include Dividends received, Total income, Administration exp., Taxes, Net income, and Dividends.

Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.—Earnings.—

Table showing earnings for Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc. from 1926 to 1929. Rows include Net sales, Net income available for dividends, Earnings per share, and a detailed note about assets and liabilities.

Reo Motor Car Co.—Registrar.—

The City Bank Farmers Trust Co. has been appointed registrar for voting trust certificates for \$10 par value capital stock... V. 130, p. 1296.

Ross Stores, Inc.—Sale.—

The offer of the Progress Stores, Inc., to take over the Ross Stores, Inc., for \$370,000 has been approved by Federal Judge Alfred G. Coxe... V. 130, p. 638.

(The) Ruberoid Co.—Transfer Agent.—

The American Express Bank & Trust Co., has been appointed transfer agent for the common stock... V. 129, p. 1459.

Safeway Stores, Inc.—April Sales.—

Table showing April sales for Safeway Stores, Inc. for 1929, 1928, and 1927. Rows include 1930-April-1929, 1930-4 Mos.-1929, and Last year's sales.

Sally Frocks, Inc.—Sales Increase.—

Table showing sales increase for Sally Frocks, Inc. for 1929, 1928, and 1927. Rows include 1930-April-1929, 1930-4 Mos.-1929, and Earnings per share.

St. Louis Rocky Mountain & Pacific Co.—Earnings.—

Table showing earnings for St. Louis Rocky Mountain & Pacific Co. from 1926 to 1929. Rows include Coal sales, Cost of sales, Gross revenue, Total income, Net income, and Earnings per share.

Results for Quarter Ended March 31.

Table showing quarterly results for St. Louis Rocky Mountain & Pacific Co. for 1929, 1928, and 1927. Rows include Gross earnings, Expenses, Interest, Depreciation, Net income, and Earnings on common stock.

St. Mary's Mineral Land Co.—Earnings.—

Table showing earnings for St. Mary's Mineral Land Co. for 1929, 1928, and 1927. Rows include Receipts, Disbursements, Cash on hand, and a note about dividends.

Schiff Co.—Gross Sales.—

Table showing gross sales for Schiff Co. for 1929, 1928, and 1927. Rows include 1930-April-1929, 1930-4 Mos.-1929, and Increase.

Shulte-United 5c. to \$1 Stores, Inc.—Sales.—

Table showing sales for Shulte-United 5c. to \$1 Stores, Inc. for 1929, 1928, and 1927. Rows include 1930-April-1929, 1930-4 Mos.-1929, and Increase.

Security Distributors Corp.—New Officer, &c.—

Farley Osgood has been elected a Vice-President and director... V. 130, p. 2788.

Seaboard Utilities Shares Corp.—Report.—

The company reports total net income from March 20 1929 to April 28 1930 of \$1,178,092 after deduction of Federal taxes and expenses which is a gain of \$277,386 since Feb. 3 1930. Liquidating value as of April 28 1930, after dividends, taxes and expenses amounts to \$7.94 per share... V. 130, p. 2985.

Shaffer Stores Co.—April Sales.—

Table showing April sales for Shaffer Stores Co. for 1929, 1928, and 1927. Rows include 1930-April-1929, 1930-4 Mos.-1929, and Increase.

At the end of April the company had 81 stores in operation against 56 on the same date last year and the average increase in sales for April in the old units in 1930 over 1929 was \$186 per store... V. 130, p. 2788.

Shattuck Dec. Mining Corp.—Earnings.—

Table showing earnings for Shattuck Dec. Mining Corp. for 1929, 1928, and 1927. Rows include Years Ended Dec. 31, Net income, Depreciation & depletion, Net loss, and V. 129, p. 491.

Shell Union Oil Corp.—Definitive Debentures.—

Permanent bonds are now ready in exchange for interim receipts of the issue of 5% sinking fund gold debentures, due Oct. 1 1949. Exchange may be made at the offices of Lee, Higginson & Co. in the cities of New York, Boston and Chicago... V. 129, p. 1757... V. 130, p. 480.

Simms Petroleum Co., Inc.—Earnings.—

Table showing earnings for Simms Petroleum Co., Inc. for 1929, 1928, and 1927. Rows include Quar. End. Mar. 31, Net crude oil prod., Daily ref. throput, Gross operating expenses, Net operating profit, Other income, Total income, Interest, taxes, &c., Drilling cost, Deprec., depletion & abandon, Net loss, and V. 130, p. 1816.

Due to installation of refinery improvements, refinery through-put for the first three months of 1930 averaged 3,496 barrels daily compared with 6,071 barrels daily in the first quarter of 1929. Both of the company's refineries are now operating at capacity and showing satisfactory gasoline yields... V. 130, p. 1296.

In March company acquired a half interest in a 160-acre lease in the Judkins pool in Ector County, Tex. The first well on this tract was completed on April 24, with an initial production of about 750 barrels a day. A second well is now being drilled.

Net quick assets on March 31 1930, amounted to \$5,373,914 compared with \$4,575,914 a year previous. The market value of the company's crude oil inventory on March 31 was approximately \$400,000 less than as carried on the books of account. This difference has been reduced by increases in crude prices since April 1... V. 130, p. 1816.

Skelly Oil Co.—Earnings.—

Table showing earnings for Skelly Oil Co. for 1929, 1928, and 1927. Rows include Quar. End. Mar. 31, Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Interest charges, Deprec., depletion, Surplus for quarter, Previous surplus, Total surplus, Cash dividend, Balance, surplus, Sls. com. stk. outstanding, Earnings per share, and V. 130, p. 3182.

The decline in earnings in the first quarter of this year, as compared with 1929, is attributed by the company to the lower prices obtained in the industry for crude oil and refined products. Since the quarter ended, it is stated, material improvement in this condition has been realized and that improvement is expected to continue... V. 130, p. 3182.

Societe Financiere de Transports et d'Entreprises Industrielles ("Sofina")—On New York Curb Exchange.

The stock of this company, one of the largest public utility holding and investment companies in Europe, has been admitted to unlisted trading privileges on the New York Curb Exchange in the form of Guaranty Trust Co. receipts for "Sofinettes," each of which represents a 60th part of one ordinary share. "Sofina" creates, constructs and manages electrical enterprises throughout the world, its participations in public utility companies in Europe, North and South America and elsewhere constituting an international business... V. 130, p. 3161.

The concerns managed by "Sofina" and those in which it has a very large interest produce at present over three milliards of K. W. hours and transport nearly 800,000,000 passengers yearly. The company has in hand the construction of several new hydraulic generating stations for its associated companies which will increase the production of electrical current to about four milliards of K. W. hours per annum within the next three years... V. 130, p. 3161.

Southern Pipe Line Co.—Further Capital Distribution To Be Considered—Sale of Part of the Lines Completed.—

Referring to letters of Nov. 25 1929 and Jan. 25 1930 in reference to proposed sale of a part of the lines of this company to the Manufacturers Light & Heat Co. The Pennsylvania P. S. Commission gave its approval April 24 1930 and the sale was completed on May 1. A meeting of the directors of the Southern Pipe Line Co. will be called, probably before June 30 1930, and the question of another payment from the capital stock reduction account will be considered... V. 130, p. 2788.

Southwestern Engineering Corp., Los Angeles, Calif.—Stock Increase.—

The stockholders have recently voted to change the authorized capitalization from 40,000 shares of 8% cum. pref. stock, par \$25 per share and 40,000 shares of common stock par \$25 to 40,000 shares of 6% cum. pref. stock, par \$25, and 100,000 shares of common stock, par \$25. The former preferred stockholders have been offered either of the following propositions for exchange at their option: (1) One share of old preferred for one share of common, or (2) One share of old preferred for one share of new 6% preferred, plus 1/4 share of common. The corporation are manufacturing and consulting engineers, and designers and builders of mills, refineries and industrial plants.

The directors are L. C. Penhoel, Edw. Thornton, B. M. Snyder, E. J. Atkinson and R. B. Millard.

Standard American Corp.—Trust Shares Offered.—The National Republic Co. and Lawrence Stern & Co., Chicago, are offering "Standard American Trust Shares"; price on application.

Bearer coupon certificates, in denom. of 10, 25, 50, 100, 250, 500 and 1,000 shares, or registered trust receipts in denom. of 100 shares or multiple thereof. Coupons payable M. & N. in Chicago at office of trustee or in New York at office of the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. Trustee: Chicago Trust Co.

Standard American Trust Shares represent equal undivided interests in a trust of the non-discretionary or fixed type. The trust has been created under an indenture entered into between Chicago Trust Co., as trustee, and Standard American Corp., as depositor.

Each of the shares represents an undivided interest of 1-500th in a unit of common stocks deposited with the trustee, together with a proportionate interest in any cash or other property held at any time by the trustee under the trust indenture. Each stock unit consists of the following shares, all of which are listed on the New York Stock Exchange:

<i>Shs. Railroads—</i>		<i>Shs. Industrials—</i>	
1 Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.	1 Allied Chem. & Dye Corp.	1 American Can Co.	
1 Canadian Pacific Ry.	1 Amer. Smelting & Refining Co.	1 American Tobacco Co. cl. "B"	
1 New York Central RR.	1 Borden Co.	1 E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.	
1 Union Pacific RR.	1 Eastman Kodak Co. of N. J.	1 General Electric Co.	
	2 International Harvester Co.	2 National Biscuit Co.	
	2 Standard Oil Co. (N. J.)	2 Texas Corp.	
	1 Union Carbide & Carbon Corp.	2 United States Steel Corp.	
	2 Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. Co.		

No stocks other than these may be held in the trust except in the event of recapitalization, merger, consolidation, sale of assets, or reorganization by exchange of stock.

Stock Unit.—For the purpose of convenience, the 25 stocks held by the trustee will be assembled in units representing, at market prices prevailing May 1 1930, about \$5,000 each. Since the market prices of certain stocks in the unit are higher than those of others, the value of each stock held is equalized to some extent by including in each unit one, two, three or four shares. Each unit will initially consist of 40 shares of stock as outlined in the above table. Each trust share will represent an equal undivided interest of 1-500th in a unit, together with a proportionate interest in any cash or other property held at any time by the trustee under the trust indenture.

Income of Trust.—The trustee will receive for the benefit of holders of Standard American Trust Shares all cash dividends (regular and extra) and all other distributions with respect to the deposited stocks, with which it will deal as follows. In accordance with the terms of the indenture:

Rights.—All rights shall be sold.
Stock Dividends.—All stock dividends received by the trustee shall be retained to the extent that such dividends or any part thereof result in an addition to each stock unit of one or more full shares of the stock of any corporation. Stock dividends shall be sold to the extent that the amount applicable to each unit is a fraction of a full share.

Split-ups.—All split-ups received by the trustee shall be retained to the extent that such split-ups or any part thereof result in an addition to each stock unit of one or more full shares of the stock of any corporation. Split-ups shall be sold to the extent that the amount applicable to each unit is a fraction of a full share.

Holder May Receive Deposited Stocks.—The holder of 500 Standard American Trust Shares or any multiple thereof may, at any time until 90 days after the termination of the trust, surrender his certificates to the trustee and receive in exchange, within five days, the underlying stocks which his shares represent, together with his proportionate interest in all cash or other assets held by the trustee.

Holder May Receive Cash.—The holder of less than 500 Standard American Trust Shares may, at any time until 90 days after the termination of the trust, surrender his certificates to the trustee and receive therefor, cash representing his proportionate interest in the trust, based on market values then prevailing, as provided in the trust indenture.

Termination and Amendment.—The term of the trust indenture extends to May 1 1950. However, it may be terminated at any time by a vote of the holders of certificates representing 66 2-3% of the trust shares then outstanding. After 90 days following the termination of the trust, the stock units and other property in the trust will be sold and the net proceeds, after charges and fees of the trustee, as provided in the indenture, will be distributed to certificate holders.

The trust indenture may be amended only by vote of holders of certificates representing 66 2-3% of the trust shares then outstanding, except that the depositor corporation has the right to amend the trust indenture so as to provide for split-ups or consolidations of trust shares, or to change the name of the trust.

Beneficial Trust Certificates.

Amount authorized----- Unlimited.
Amount outstanding----- 15,000 shs.

Listed.—The Chicago Board of Trade has admitted 15,000 shares to the list.

Standard American Corp. was organized in Illinois on April 1 1930. Its original name of American Shares, Inc., was subsequently changed to Standard American Corp. approved by the Secretary of State of Illinois on April 14 1930.

The corporation was organized primarily for the purpose of exercising its functions in connection with the trust indenture creating Standard American Trust Shares, but it also has full power to engage in the business of buying, selling and generally dealing in investment securities of all kinds.

Officers of Standard American Corp. are: Lawrence S. Stern, Pres.; John W. Newey, V.-Pres.; Frank L. Murrey, V.-Pres.; Alfred Ettinger, Treas.; Horace G. Towner, Sec.

All of the above officers hold like offices in Lawrence Stern & Co. and may be addressed at 231 South LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill.

Standard American Corp. is authorized to have five directors: George T. Buckingham, Dir. National Bank of the Republic, Dir., Chicago Trust Co.; Leonard A. Busby, Pres. and Dir., Chicago City Railway, Dir., Nat. Bank of the Republic; Henry P. Isham, Pres. and Dir., Chicago Transfer & Clearing Co.; Dir. National Bank of the Republic, Dir. Chicago Trust Co.; Lawrence S. Stern, Pres., Lawrence Stern & Co., and E. C. Wampler, V.-Pres., Lawrence Stern & Co.

The principal and executive offices of the corporation will be located at 231 South LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill.

Standard Dredging Co., N. Y.—Dividends.

The directors have declared a quarterly cash dividend of 15c. a share and 1-80th of a share of common stock on the com. stock, both payable June 1 to holders of record May 15. Initial divs. of like amount were paid on March 1 last.—V. 130, p. 990.

Standard Investing Corp.—Conversion Price Reduced.

The corporation has notified the New York Trust Co., trustee of its 10-year 5½% conv. debentures, that the conversion price at which these debentures are convertible into common stock has been reduced from \$50 per share of common stock to \$25.39 per share, owing to the issue of common stock in exchange for securities of the American, London & Empire Corporation.

The New York Trust Co. also is notifying holders of common stock purchase warrants of all series attached to certificates of preferred stock, \$5.50 dividend series, that the price at which these warrants can be exercised for the purchase of common stock of the Standard Investing Corp. has been reduced to \$25 per share.—V. 130, p. 2789.

Standard Oil Co. of Nebraska.—25c. Extra Dividend.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly div. of 62½c. per share, both payable June 20 to holders of record May 24. Like amounts were paid in each of the six preceding quarters. Dividends paid since 1913 follow:

	—On \$100 Par Value Stock—										—On \$25 Par Stock—														
Regular (%)	'13	'14	'20	'21	'22	'23	'24	'25	'26	'27	'28	'29		'13	'14	'20	'21	'22	'23	'24	'25	'26	'27	'28	'29
Extra in cash (%)	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Extra in stk. (%)	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	1	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* Paid on May 7 1926 on old \$100 capital stock which was also split up on a basis of four new \$25 par shares for each \$100 share owned.—V. 130, p. 1298, 1479.

Studebaker Corp.—Unsold Stocks.

The corporation reports total unsold stocks of new cars in the United States on April 20, this year, were 16,834 compared with 25,711 on the corresponding date of 1929, a reduction of 8,877 or more than 34%. The company's stocks amounted to 3,396 cars compared with 6,152 a year ago, while dealers reported 13,438 cars on hand, against 19,559 on April 20 1929.—V. 130, p. 3183.

Swan-Finch Oil Corp.—New President, &c.

E. V. Moncreiff has been elected President succeeding Wm. G. Moncreiff, deceased. H. F. Moncreiff has been elected Sr. Vice-President, succeeding E. V. Moncreiff. D. J. Kenefick has been elected a new director.—V. 130, p. 2988.

Swedish Match Co.—Listing.

The class B shares have been introduced to trading on the Brussels Stock Exchange. The Swedish Match Co. is now listed in 13 financial centers as follows: Stockholm, London, Paris, Amsterdam, Berlin, Hamburg, Frankfurt, Basle, Berne, Geneva, Lausanne, Zurich and Brussels.—V. 130, p. 2790.

Tennessee Copper & Chemical Corp.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—		1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Sales	-----	\$12,395,407	\$10,223,579	\$8,329,284	\$9,508,661
Interest received	-----	246,886	75,022	68,365	57,328
Other income	-----	207,480	202,879	122,471	95,152
Total	-----	\$12,849,772	\$10,501,481	\$8,520,122	\$9,661,142
Cost of sales, incl. all mfg. expts. except deprec.	-----	9,124,331	7,960,016	6,919,940	7,425,002
Sell. & admin. expts.	-----	915,956	726,606	556,338	506,189
Interest	-----	192,670	88,800	94,336	56,283
Organization expenses	-----	110,291	30,000	112,735	116,113
Depreciation	-----	458,252	427,597	428,273	446,547
Federal income taxes	-----	132,881	1,233	-----	21,390
Res. for min. interest	-----	37,959	-----	-----	-----
Net profits	-----	\$1,877,432	\$1,267,226	\$408,498	\$1,089,616
Dividends	-----	847,605	596,566	503,358	794,618
Surplus	-----	\$1,029,826	\$670,660	def\$94,860	\$294,999

—V. 129, p. 1302.

Texas Co.—New Units Under Construction.

See Atlantic Refining Co. above.—V. 128, p. 1073

Texas Pacific Land Trust.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—		1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Cash on hand Jan.	-----	\$191,951	\$163,053	\$362,928	\$75,983
Income fr. rentals, min. sales, bills rec. int. &c.	-----	1,226,758	693,484	584,361	575,134
Total receipts	-----	\$1,418,709	\$856,538	\$947,289	\$651,118
Gen. exp. & other costs	-----	1,184,638	206,946	226,269	197,407
Govt., State, county & municipal taxes	-----	130,213	337,640	377,967	90,784
Demand loans	-----	100,000	120,000	180,000	-----
Cash on hand Dec. 31	-----	\$3,858	\$191,951	\$163,053	\$362,928

—V. 130, p. 3184.

(John R.) Thompson Co.—Plans Expansion.

President John R. Thompson Jr., on April 28 announced a \$1,000,000 expansion program for the company's group of restaurants, which number 121 in 42 principal cities.

At our last annual meeting the directors favored acquisition of additional locations in some of the cities where our present facilities are inadequate to meet the demand," Mr. Thompson explained.—V. 130, p. 2988.

Tobacco & Allied Stocks, Inc.—Appreciation in Secs.

The value of investments held by the company increased about 25% between the time of its first annual statement, Dec. 31 1929, and May 1 1930. The break-up value Dec. 31 was \$44.40 a share; and subsequent appreciation brings the value above the offering price of \$54.50 a share as of May 1 1930.—V. 130, p. 1130.

Ulen & Co.—Earnings.

Three Months Ended March 31—		1930.	1929.
Gross earnings	-----	\$652,876	\$664,699
Total expenses	-----	200,760	219,084
Net profit before interest and taxes	-----	\$452,116	\$445,615
Net available to common stock for the 3 months ended March 31 1930 was \$231,235, equal to 85 cents per share on 271,522 shares of common stock outstanding. This indicates that the company is maintaining the rate of earnings reported for the calendar year 1929, which was equivalent to \$3.43 per share on the same number of shares. —V. 130, p. 2604.			

Union Bag & Paper Co.—Sells Stock of Union Bag & Paper Power Corp.

See Niagara Hudson Power Corp. under "Public Utilities" above.—V. 130, p. 2790.

Union Oil Co. of California.—Tenders.

The Equitable Trust Co. of New York, as trustee will until May 14 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st lien 5% 20-year sinking fund bonds, due 1931, series A, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$1,113,000.—V. 130, p. 3184.

United Carr Fastener Corp.—Reduces Dividend.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 15c. a share, payable June 2 to holders of record May 20. A quarterly dividend of 30c. a share was paid on Dec. 2 1929, and on March 1 last.—V. 129, p. 3490.

United States Freight Co.—New Officer.

President William T. Hoops, of the L. O. L. Corp., and Vice-President of the American Express Bank & Trust Co., has been elected Chairman of the executive committee of the United States Freight Co. Mr. Hoops is also Chairman of the executive committee of the Universal Carloading & Distributing Co., a subsidiary of the United States Freight Co., and a director of the American Express Co., Adams Express Co. and Wells-Fargo Express Co.—V. 129, p. 1932.

United Verde Extension Mining Co.—Status, &c.

Cash on hand		April 1 '30.		April 1 '29.	
U. S. Government securities	-----	\$1,426,880	\$719,717	-----	-----
Notes payable	-----	5,636,506	4,282,000	-----	-----
-----	-----	700,000	-----	-----	-----
The output of copper (in pounds) for the first quarter follows:		1930.		1929.	
Month of—		1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
January	-----	4,447,540	4,675,640	3,265,898	3,405,712
February	-----	3,737,914	4,047,610	3,247,052	2,303,712
March	-----	3,362,598	5,207,946	3,397,172	2,621,000

—V. 130, p. 2790.

Universal Pipe & Radiator Co.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 30,000 additional shares of com. stock (no par) upon official notice of issue and sale to bankers, making the total listing of com. stock applied for 488,288 shares. The authorization of the issue and sale of 30,000 additional shares was ratified by directors April 22 1930. The sale of 25,000 such additional shares

at \$6 per share has been underwritten. The remaining 5,000 such additional shares are under options to bankers, extending for not more than 60 days, to purchase the same at prices ranging from \$7 to \$14 per share and averaging \$10.63 per share net to the company. Any such additional shares issued will be capitalized at the full amount of the consideration received therefor. The proceeds of the sale of such stock are to be used for the purpose of paying off bank loans, any balance to be used as working capital and to anticipate maturities of bonds and mortgages of subsidiaries.

Income Account for Calendar Years.

	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Total earnings.....	x\$554,174	\$882,816	\$1,452,534	\$1,527,813
Int. taxes, deprec., depletion, &c.....	458,659	577,231	504,936	297,251
Net income.....	\$95,515	\$305,585	\$947,598	\$1,230,562
Preferred dividends.....	182,694	180,936	309,342	474,210
Common dividends.....		308,271	462,403	

Balance, surplus..... def\$87,179 def\$183,622 \$175,853 \$756,352
Shares of com. stk. outst. (no par)..... 458,287 458,287 308,287 293,687
Earned per sh. on com..... Nil \$0.27 \$2.07 \$2.58
* After deducting cost of operation, incl. repairs and maint. and upkeep and expenses of sales and general offices.—V. 129, p. 3490.

Utilities Hydro & Rails Shares Corp.—Report.

The company reports a gain from Nov. 4 1929 to April 24 1930, after deducting expenses including reserve for Federal income taxes of \$41,834. From this amount were paid dividends totaling \$16,800.—V. 130, p. 2990.

Vick Chemical Co.—Sale—To Dissolve.

The stockholders will vote May 26 on approving a plan of reorganization of this company, already approved by its board of directors, and ratified the action of officers of the company in entering into a reorganization agreement with Drug Inc., a Delaware corporation, for carrying out said plan of reorganization.

The stockholders will also vote on authorizing the transfer and conveyance of all of the assets, property, business and good will of the company to Drug Inc., in consideration of the assumption by Drug Inc. of all of the liabilities and obligations of the company, and the issue to the company of certificates and (or) scrip certificates for a number of shares of the capital stock of Drug Inc., equal to 57-100ths of one share of the capital stock of Drug Inc., for each one share of stock of the company on the date of the consummation of such transfer and conveyance, and upon the further terms and conditions set forth in the reorganization agreement.

Subject to the consummation of such transfer and conveyance the stockholders will also consider (a) the dissolution of the company as proposed in resolution duly adopted by the board of directors, (b) the execution and filing of a certificate thereof in accordance with law and the taking of all other action that may be necessary or advisable in order to carry out such dissolution, and (c) the pro rate distribution to its stockholders of the shares of capital stock of Drug Inc., constituting the assets of the company after the consummation of said transfer and conveyance.—V. 130, p. 3185.

Wailuku Sugar Co.—Smaller Dividend.

The directors have declared a monthly dividend of 10 cents, compared with 20 cents previously paid, payable May 25.—V. 128, p. 4176.

Waldorf System, Inc.—Sales.

1930—April—1929.		Increase.		1930—4 Mos.—1929.		Increase.	
\$1,352,334	\$1,337,896	\$14,438	\$5,369,487	\$5,252,458	\$117,029		

Warner Co.—Retirement of \$1,366,620 of Underlying Obligations.

This company, through bond and pref. stock sinking fund operations, has retired \$1,366,620 of its underlying obligations during the past year. This is disclosed in a special report sent to stockholders by President Charles Warner, which report marks completion of the first full year of operation as the consolidated company, which comprises the business and properties of the Charles Warner Co. and the Van Sciver Corp. Through this reduction in underlying obligations the company will reduce interest and preferred dividend charges at the rate of \$72,031 annually.

Prior to April 1 last, \$27,796 common stock purchase warrants were exercised, bringing in \$1,111,840 in cash, the report states. "During this period the company has also expended from cash accumulation in the first 12 months of operation of the business a total of \$1,114,917 in additional properties and plant improvement."

Touching on earnings, the report says that spring business is progressing satisfactorily. "A large volume of construction work is rapidly getting under way. The company will not reach its highest volume of business and earnings as a result of this program until the second half of this year."

Acquires Building Supplies Division of Wilmington Co.

The Warner Co. also announced that it has acquired the building supply division of the Edward R. Tusey Co. of Wilmington, Del. The terms of the purchase and price paid are not disclosed but, it is stated, payment was made in common stock of the Warner Co. Joseph M. Tusey, President of the Tusey company, relinquishes his active connection with the management of the company and has been elected a Vice-President of the Warner Co. He will be in charge of Warner operations in the Wilmington territory. George F. Cornell, heretofore Wilmington manager for Warner will continue in an important post with the company at Wilmington. Two other Tusey company executives, John C. Newman and Maurice W. Thomson, have been added to the Warner organization.

Acquisition by the Warner Co. of the building supply interest of the Tusey company further strengthens the Warner's outstanding position in the trade in Philadelphia and Delaware River area.

The company is the largest dealer in sand, gravel, lime and lime products, cement, mixed concrete and other building materials and supplies in this territory.—V. 130, p. 2790.

Warren Bros. Co.—Initial Dividends.

The directors have declared a regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents a share on the new common stock, three shares of which were issued in exchange for one of the old stock. Formerly \$8 a share per annum was paid on the old stock.

Dividends of 25 cents a share were declared on the 1st pref. stock (new) and 29 1-6 cents a share on the new 2d pref. stock, which compare with \$3 and \$3.50 per annum prior to the 3-for-1 split up of these issues.

All dividends were declared to holders of record on June 16, payable on July 1.

\$5,800,000 Contracts.

The company has received contracts aggregating \$5,800,000 for highway work to be done in Cuba and Argentina. The Cuban branch has received a contract to commence operations immediately on approximately \$5,000,000 worth of work on feeders to the Cuban Central Highway. It was also announced that an \$800,000 stone block contract in La Platte, Argentina, has been awarded.

Extensive building operations in Poland have been announced by Twale Drog the Polish subsidiary of Warren Bros. and that building will start soon on a 76,000 meter contract. Another foreign contract in Hungary of 67,000 square meters has been awarded to the company.—V. 130, p. 2791.

Welch Grape Juice Cor.—\$2.25 Extra Dividend.

At the regular meeting of the board of directors held May 5 an extra dividend of \$2.25 per share was declared on the common stock in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share. Both dividends are payable May 30 to holders of record May 15. An extra of 25 cents per share was paid on Feb. 28 last.

Control of this company was acquired last November by a syndicate headed by Paul M. Davis, President of the American National Bank of Nashville, Tenn. Last available earnings were for the year ended Aug. 31 1929, when net earnings were \$443,822 after depreciation, taxes and pref. dividends, equal to \$6.82 per share on the 65,000 shares of common stock outstanding. This compares with \$366,317 net income for the same period in 1928.—V. 130, p. 1486.

(S. S.) White Dental Mfg. Co.—Extra Dividend.

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2% and an extra dividend of 1/4 of 1% on the \$20 par value capital stock, payable May 1 to holders of record April 23. Like amounts were dis-

tributed on Nov. 1 1929, and on Feb. 1 last. The same rate was paid on the old common stock of \$100 par, which was recently split 5-for-1. A 10% stock dividend was also paid on Sept. 16, 1929.—V. 130, p. 649

White Rock Mineral Springs Co.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1929.	1928.	1927.
Sales.....	\$3,504,272	\$3,392,862	\$3,219,885
Other income.....	91,852	81,924	72,411
Total income.....	\$3,596,124	\$3,474,786	\$3,292,296
Selling, admin. & gen. exp.....	2,114,352	2,072,571	1,976,817
Net profit.....	\$1,481,772	\$1,402,215	\$1,315,479
Federal and other taxes.....	251,900	252,000	251,800

Net income..... \$1,229,872 \$1,150,215 \$1,063,679
First preferred dividends (7%)..... 123,595 129,843 130,403
Second preferred dividends..... (20%) 200,000 (15) 150,000 (15) 150,000

Common dividends..... (\$4)800,000 (\$3)600,000 (\$3)600,000
Balance, surplus..... \$106,282 \$270,372 \$183,276
Previous surplus..... 2,126,447 1,865,703 1,710,873
Miscellaneous additions..... 4,103 5,171 2,074

Total surplus..... \$2,236,832 \$2,141,246 \$1,896,223
Miscellaneous deductions..... 31,078 14,798 30,520
Profit and loss surplus..... \$2,205,754 \$2,126,448 \$1,865,703
Shares of com. stk. outstgd (no par)..... 200,000 200,000 200,000
Earned per share..... \$4.36 \$4.04 \$3.96

Results for Quarter Ended March 31.

	1930.	1929.	1928.
Net prof. after gen. admin. & selling expenses, &c.....	\$309,331	\$264,846	\$266,881
Federal and other taxes.....	52,200	47,700	50,700
Earned per share on common.....	\$257.131	\$217.146	\$216.181
	\$0.89	\$0.73	\$0.72

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1929.	1928.	Liabilities—	1929.	1928.
Real est., good-will.....			First pref. stock.....	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Cash.....	\$7,218,017	\$7,211,560	2d pref. stock.....	1,000,000	1,000,000
Investments.....	1,092,902	1,085,401	Common stock.....	x4,000,000	x4,000,000
Accts. rec. & tr. ac.....	643,806	628,290	Accounts payable.....	70,329	88,998
Inventories.....	156,207	147,977	Reserves.....	428,535	415,483
Interest.....	12,919	13,597	Surplus.....	2,205,754	2,126,448
Notes receivable.....	11,500	4,177			
Treasury stock.....	265,655	168,827	Tot. (each side).....	\$9,704,619	\$9,580,929
Deferred charges.....	18,826	18,749	x Represented by 200,000 shares of no par value.—V. 130, p. 2046.		

Wilcox-Rich Corp.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of certificates of deposit of Union Guardian Trust Co. (Detroit) and Bankers' Trust Co. (New York) on official notice of issue for 329,723 shares of class B common stock, now outstanding and listed, and 66,127 shares of class B common stock, in event of conversion of 62,978 shares of class A conv. stock, now outstanding, into class B common stock on basis of 1 1/2-10ths of class B common stock for each share of class A convertible stock, making the total amount of certificates of deposit applied for 395,850 shares.

The directors April 1, approved a proposal made by the Eaton Axle & Spring Co. to acquire not less than 200,000 shares of class B common stock of Wilcox-Rich Corp.—V. 130, p. 2991.

Winton Engine Co.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1929.	1928.	x1927.
Gross profit.....	\$1,462,497	\$835,201	y\$585,675
Depreciation.....	106,567	77,594	y
Operating expenses.....	417,978	271,266	279,103
Operating income.....	\$937,951	\$486,341	\$306,572
Other income.....	13,846		10,984

Total income..... \$951,797 \$486,341 \$317,556
Interest..... 24,375 24,375 24,375
Other deductions..... 6,466 6,466 11,977
Federal taxes..... 88,712 52,369 40,181

Net income..... a\$863,085 z\$403,130 \$265,398
Dividend on convertible pref. stock..... 80,106 26,251
Common dividends..... 76,304

Balance..... \$706,675 \$376,879 \$265,398
Shs. com. stock outstanding (no par)..... 177,092 40,000 40,000
Earnings per share..... \$10.50 \$7.82 \$4.38
* Predecessor company. y After depreciation. z Exclusive of certain non-recurring charges amounting to \$19,294. a Exclusive of \$26,762 bond interest from Jan. 1, to date of retirement of 6 1/2% debentures as charge is non-recurring.

Earnings for Quarter Ended March 31.

	1930.	1929.
Net income after all charges incl. taxes.....	\$162,528	\$169,901
Earnings per share on 95,000 shares common B preferred & common stock.....	\$1.71	\$1.78

—V. 130, p. 2605.

(F. W.) Woolworth Co.—Sales Increase.

1930—April—1929.		Increase.		1930—4 Mos.—1929.		Increase.	
\$24,368,959	\$22,062,080	\$2,306,879	\$85,292,184	\$83,622,417	\$1,669,767		

Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co.—New York Stock Exchange Issues Regulations Regarding Trading in Stock.

The Committee on Stock List recommends to the Committee on Securities that it give separate quotations to Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. unstamped certificates and stamped certificates, the stamped certificates representing stock in respect of which dissents have been filed from the sale of assets to and merger with Bethlehem Steel Corp., and on behalf of which demand has been made for the fair cash value thereof.

It is further recommended that the Committee on Securities publish a ruling which, after reciting that there will be separate quotations on stamped and unstamped stock, should state that the stamped stock will be divided into two categories, one of which, being stamped in black ink, will represent stock in respect of which objection and demand for \$250 a share has been received by the company at or before 5 o'clock p. m., April 28 1930; the other of which, being stamped in red ink, will represent stock in respect of which other objections and demands have been received by the company.

Only certificates stamped in black ink, as above, should be regarded as a delivery on transactions in "stamped stock." Certificates stamped in red ink, or unstamped certificates exchangeable only therefor, may be dealt in provided the facts in regard to the certificates to be delivered are stated at the time of the bid or offer.

Attention is called to the fact that certificates will be stamped only upon transfer and that at the present time it cannot be told, upon transfer of an unstamped certificate whether another unstamped certificate, a certificate stamped in black ink, or a certificate stamped in red ink, will be issued. Until further notice, therefore, delivery should be accepted by transfer only.

As soon as the Exchange receives the necessary information, a list will be published showing the serial numbers of certificates in respect of which certificates will be issued stamped in black ink upon transfer and the serial numbers of certificates in respect of which certificates will be issued stamped in red ink upon transfer, together, in the latter case, with the amount per share demanded as the fair cash value and the date of receipt of objection and demand, as stated by the company. After such publication, delivery by transfer only will not be necessary.

The Exchange does not undertake to pass upon the degree of negotiability and assignability of the rights of protesting stockholders, nor upon the degree, if any, to which holders of stamped certificates may be bound

by the terms of the offer made by the original holder to accept a fixed price in case the stock should eventually be appraised at a higher figure than that named in such offer, nor as to the degree to which the company may be bound by its counter-offer, in the event of appraisal, at less than the price offered by it.

It is understood that the company admits that all objections and demands complying with Ohio statutes and received by it at or before 5 o'clock p. m. on April 28 1930, and in respect of shares which were not voted in favor of the above-mentioned sale and merger, are valid objections and demands.

It is further understood that the demands for fair cash value vary between \$150 per share and \$300 per share, the great majority being at \$250 per share, and that the price offered by the company to objectors was \$110 per share.

The form of stamp carried on "Youngstown Stamped" stock will be:

"-----, as the holder of record of the common shares of the within named The Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. (hereinafter called the company), in respect of which shares this certificate is issued, in a writing which was received by the company on ----- 1930, objected to the sale of the assets of the company to Bethlehem Steel Corp. and its merger therewith, and the approval and authorization of the agreement between the company and Bethlehem Steel Corp. and the actions taken at the shareholders' meeting of the company held on April 8 1930, and all adjournments thereof, with respect to any of said matters, and demanded that the company pay to said holder of record the fair cash value of said shares in accordance with Section 8623-72 of the General Code of Ohio and claimed that said fair cash value is \$----- per share. The company has notified said holder of record that it considers such amount to be excessive, has refused to pay such amount and has offered to pay \$110 per share as and for said fair cash value for the common shares of the company. In respect of which said holder of record has made the demand required by said section of the General Code of Ohio, and in respect of which he was entitled to make such demand and to receive such payment.

"Section 8623-72 of said General Code of Ohio provides in part as follows: "A shareholder who so objects in writing and demands in writing payment of the fair cash value of any shares shall not be entitled to vote such shares or to receive any dividends or distributions thereon, or to exercise any rights respecting such shares, unless and until the sale, lease, exchange, other disposition, consolidation, reorganization or amendment shall be abandoned, or, with the consent of the corporation, the objection and demand shall be withdrawn."

"The rights represented by this certificate are the rights of said holder of record in respect of said shares after said writing had been received by the company, and the within certificate has been issued bearing this notation in evidence of such rights.

"The company reserves the right, if permitted by law, to refuse to make any transfer of said rights during the pendency of any proceeding pursuant to said Section 8623-72 looking to an appraisal of said rights.

"It is not to be understood by this notation that this certificate evidences a transfer of said rights directly from the above-named shareholder. Intermediate transfers thereof may have taken place; if so, and they shall be known to the company, a statement thereof will be furnished by the company upon request."

Department of Justice to Take No Action on Merger.

The United States Attorney-General's office has definitely decided to take no action on the demand of a Youngstown stockholder that suit be brought to stop the Youngstown-Bethlehem Steel merger on the grounds of anti-trust law violation. Assistant Attorney-General John L. Lord in a letter to District Attorney Wilfred J. Mahon at Cleveland advised Mr. Mahon that no suit will be brought. Evidence detailed by the stockholder is not sufficient, the letter said.—V. 130, p. 3185.

Zenith Radio Corp.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 100,000 additional shares of common stock (no par value) on official notice of issuance and payment in full pursuant to offering to stockholders and underwriting agreement, making the total amount applied for 500,000 shares.

Income Account 9 Months Ended Jan. 31 1930.

Gross income after royalties.....	\$1,231,831
Operating expense.....	960,501
Operating profit.....	\$271,330
Interest.....	35,685
Depreciation.....	92,152
Federal taxes.....	15,272
Net income.....	\$128,221
Earnings per share on 400,000 shares common stock.....	\$0.32

—V. 130, p. 3018.

Zonite Products Corp.—Smaller Dividend.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 25c. a share on the capital stock, payable May 26 to holders of record May 15. The stock previously paid 40c. a share quarterly, the rate being raised from 25c. quarterly to a \$1.60 annual basis upon the acquisition of Forhan's, Inc.

President Ellery W. Mann, explaining the action of the directors, stated: "In view of the building up of inventories to safeguard the increase in sales volume pending the consolidation of plant operations and other expenses incident to unification of subsidiaries, the directors feel justified in conserving the cash resources at this time."—V. 129, p. 3339.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Schwabacher & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange and Associate members of the New York Curb Exchange, announce the opening of a brokerage department and the removal of the firm's Los Angeles offices to the mezzanine floor of the Rowan Building. Clifford H. Dowell, well known Los Angeles broker, and for the past several years head of the firm bearing his name, has been appointed manager of the brokerage department. The Los Angeles office of Schwabacher & Co. was originally opened in the Van Nuys Building in 1927 under the direction of the present resident manager, Paul Grannis, who has been identified with Pacific Coast investment banking for the past 11 years. The firm maintains offices in Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York, Seattle and Oakland, engaging in a general investment banking business.

—C. F. Childs and Co. have announced that the conversion of the private wire system connecting their various offices, from Morse to teletype circuits had been completed and that the system was now being operated more efficiently than at any time in the past. The Morse operators who were called on strike by the Commercial Telegraphers Union of North America have been replaced by experienced teletypists and no interruption of service has resulted from the walk-out, the announcement stated.

C. F. Childs & Co. have offices in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, San Francisco, Boston, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Los Angeles, Seattle, Kansas City, Minneapolis, Portland, Ore., Cleveland, Buffalo and Detroit, all connected by private wires, so that the strike was nationwide in its scope.

—Announcement is made of the consolidation of Olcott, Olcott & Glass and Holmes, Paul & Havens, two law firms of New York City, under the firm name of Olcott, Holmes, Glass, Paul & Havens. The consolidation brings together some of the most eminent members of the New York Bar, including ex-Judge and District Attorney William M. K. Olcott, George E. Holmes, author of "Holmes' Federal Taxes," Joseph Glass, President of Middle States Petroleum Corp., Nelson Olcott, formerly Assistant District Attorney of New York County, Randolph E. Paul, Valentine B. Havens and Monroe M. Schwarzschild. New partners admitted to the consolidated firm are Jacob Mertens, Jr., William Britton Stitt, Charles B. McInnes and William Polglasse.

—The bondholders committee of the Syracuse Rapid Transit Railway Co., 1st mortgage 5% bonds, due March 1 1946, has prepared a circular letter setting forth in detail the situation with respect to the financial and economic problems with which these bonds are confronted. For a copy of this circular address the Secretary, Milton E. Cornelius, 160 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

—Leslie Gould, formerly on the financial staffs of the Associated Press and the New York Evening Post, has been appointed financial editor of the New York Evening Journal. Mr. Gould is 29 years old and has been in newspaper work for the last ten years, of which the last four years have been spent in financial news writing in Wall Street.

—Messrs. George S. Silzer, formerly Chairman of the Board, and Isaac Alpern, formerly Vice-President, of the Interstate Trust Co., will open offices on June second at 37 Wall Street, where they expect to continue their activities. Neither of them will be connected with the Chase National Bank.

—Dwelly, Pearce & Co., Inc., distributors of Trustee Standard Oil shares, series "B," announce that J. R. Flanagan, who was formerly with Howe, Snow & Co., prior to their consolidation with E. H. Rollins & Co., has become associated with the organization as Vice-President in charge of New York distribution.

—E. T. Vander Poel, has established his own investment security business under the firm name of E. T. Vander Poel & Co., at 67 Wall St., N. Y. Mr. Vander Poel was for 11 years an executive of Ernst & Ernst and has a wide acquaintance with bankers and manufacturers throughout the country.

—M. J. Meehan & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, have opened two branch offices in Detroit, in the General Motors Building and in the First National Bank Building. These offices are under the management of Walter R. Flannery, assisted by Harry J. Mack.

—J. D. Polley, formerly salesmanager of the Cleveland office of Merrill, Lynch & Co., and Peabody Houghteling & Co. has been selected to head the new Cleveland office of Pirnie, Simons & Co., which has recently opened offices in all of the leading investment centers of the country.

—Frank S. Clark of the Stone & Webster Engineering Corp. will represent his company at the World Power Conference to be held in Berlin this summer. While abroad Mr. Clark will visit several European countries to study the state of the art in steam power station design.

—The Board of Governors of the Association of Bank Stock Dealers here made the following ruling: "In the future whenever delivery time is extended by the New York Stock Exchange, members of this Association will conform with their time."

—A new arbitrage department has been established by the New York Stock Exchange firm of Williamson, Gilbert & Co. This new department will be under the direction of Gordon Lewis Arnold, formerly associated with Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co.

—Benjamin, Hill & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, in their Financial Diary of May 1930 published an article by R. R. Deupree, Vice-President and General Manager of Procter & Gamble Co., on "Guaranteed Employment."

—Newburger, Henderson & Loeb, bankers and brokers, announce the removal of their New York office to 40 Wall Street. The firm will occupy the new quarters beginning May 12 1930 in the recently completed Bank of Manhattan Building.

—A. J. Curley & Co., Inc. has been formed by Arthur J. Curley and Theodore Degenring, to continue the general investment securities business of Curley, Lancaster & Co., Inc., at 120 Broadway, New York.

—Gertler, Devlet & Co., brokers in tax exempt bonds, 11 Broadway, New York, announce that Frank E. Carter, Jr., has been admitted to partnership in their firm as of May 1st.

—Farr & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, New York, in their current letter "The Stock Market" compare stock prices and earnings in relation to the recent decline.

—Millett, Roe & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, have prepared an analysis on the Merchants Fire Assurance Corp., which recently changed its capital structure.

—Gilbert Elliott & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange have issued special circulars on First National Bank of New York stock and Bankers Trust Co. of New York stock.

—Joseph V. Bond, formerly with Clinton Gilbert has become associated with Broomhall, Killough & Co., Inc., 115 Broadway, New York, in their trading department.

—The latest developments in food securities are discussed by Chandler & Co., Inc., 120 Broadway, New York., in its May 1 issue of the Food Securities Review.

—Chester O. Fleischner, formerly with Curtis & Sanger, is now connected with E. J. Kitching & Co., members Boston Stock Exchange, 15 Congress St., Boston.

—Hill, Joiner & Co., Inc. announce the removal of their New York office to 48 Wall St. and a change in their telephone number to Hanover 8221.

—James Talcott, Inc. has been appointed Factor for Carl A. Baumann Co., Inc., 295 Fifth Ave., N. Y. City, importers of pile fabrics.

—Paul Bauer is now associated with Grannis, Doty & Co., 15 William St., New York, in charge of their Insurance Stock Department.

—Frazier Jelke & Co., will remove their New York offices to the Bank of Manhattan Building, 40 Wall St. on Monday May 12th.

—Ludwig, Robertson & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, announce the removal of their office to 11 Broadway.

—John A. Anderson, formerly with the National City Bank has become associated with Burley & Bigoney, New York.

—James Talcott, Inc. has been appointed Factor for the Adco Silk Co., Inc., manufacturers of Paterson, New Jersey.

—Walker Brothers, members New York Stock Exchange, have prepared an analysis of the McKeesport Tin Plate Co.

—G. F. Barrett & Co., 40 Wall St., N. Y., have opened new branch offices in New Orleans, St. Louis and Buffalo.

—Millett, Roe & Co. New York, have issued a review of the over-the-counter market.

—Bauer, Pogue, Pond & Vivian have moved their Albany office to 90 State Street.

—Moffatt & Spear announce the removal of their offices to 122 Greenwich Street.

—Prince & Whitely, New York, are distributing an analysis of Bethlehem Steel Corp.

—Evans Stillman & Co., have removed their offices to 14 Wall Street.

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CHICAGO, BURLINGTON & QUINCY RAILROAD COMPANY

SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1929.

Chicago, January 2, 1930.

To the Stockholders of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company:

The following is the report of your Board of Directors for the year ended December 31, 1929:

MILEAGE.

MILEAGE OF ROAD OPERATED ON DECEMBER 31, 1929.

Table with columns: STATE, Line Owned (Main Line, Branch Lines, Total), Operated Under Lease or Contract, Total Mileage Operated. Rows include Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and Total.

Table with columns: STATE, Line Owned (Miles of Road, Second Track, Third Track, Fourth Track, Yard Tracks & Sidings, Total). Rows include Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and Total.

*Includes yard tracks and sidings owned, but not operated, as follows: Colorado 1.11 miles, Illinois 1.11 miles, Iowa .70 mile, Nebraska .21 mile; total 3.13 miles.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF INCOME, YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31.

Large table comparing income for 1929 and 1928. Columns include Per Ct. of Ry. Oper., Revenue, Railway Operating Revenue, Expenses, and Net Income. Rows cover operating revenues, expenses, and net income.

CAPITALIZATION.

CAPITAL STOCK.

The Capital Stock outstanding remained without change during the year.

Of the total amount outstanding \$170,839.100 \$400 was represented by fractional stock scrip convertible, in multiples of \$100, into full shares. This scrip is not entitled to vote or to receive dividends until so converted.

Dividends paid during the year:

Table showing dividends paid: June 25, 1929, 5% on \$170,838,300; Dec. 26, 1929, 5% on 170,838,700. Total: \$17,083,850.

Total (all charged to Income for the year) \$17,083,850

FUNDED DEBT.

The Funded Debt outstanding in the hands of the public remained without change during the year.

Total outstanding in the hands of the public on Dec. 31, 1929, was \$219,672,000

ACCRUED TAXES.

Table showing accrued taxes for 1929 and 1928 by state. Includes Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and Other States. Total for 1929: \$8,726,726.03; for 1928: \$8,506,034.20.

Grand Total \$12,025,393.54 \$11,192,209.54 Inc. \$833,184.00

INVESTMENT IN ROAD AND EQUIPMENT DURING THE YEAR.

Table showing investment in road and equipment during the year. Columns include Account, Additions and Betterments. Rows include Engineering, Land for transportation purposes, Grading, Bridges, trestles and culverts, Ties, Rails, Other track material, Ballast, Track laying and surfacing, Right-of-way fences, Snow and sand fences and snow sheds, Crossings and signs, Station and office buildings, Roadway buildings, Water stations, Fuel stations, Shops and enginehouses, Grain elevators, Storage warehouses, Wharves and docks, Telegraph and telephone lines, Signals and interlockers, Power plant buildings, Power sub-station buildings, Power transmission systems, Power distribution systems, Power line poles and fixtures, Underground conduits, Miscellaneous structures, Paving, Roadway machines, Roadway small tools, Assessments for public improvements, Cost of road purchased, Shop machinery, Power plant machinery, Power sub-station apparatus. Total expenditures for road: \$8,651,025.60.

There was no investment in New Lines and Extensions during the year.

Credits represent adjustments of prior years' charges, the retirements during year being in excess of new acquisitions and installations.

GENERAL OPERATIONS. REVENUES.

Table showing general operations revenues for 1929 and 1928. Total Operating Revenues for 1929: \$162,409,925; for 1928: 162,891,409.

Decrease \$481,484 30%

Table showing the decrease in revenue by category: Freight (decreased \$175,035, 14%), Passenger (decreased 897,303, 4.55%), Mail (increased 591,528, 14.15%), Express (increased 86,437, 1.99%), Other Transportation Revenues (decreased 255,959, 5.80%), Demurrage (increased 43,584, 15.01%), Other Incidental Operating Revenues (increased 125,264, 4.19%).

Total Decrease \$481,484 30%

Tons carried increased slightly over last year, but a variance in the character of the tonnage handled resulted in a decrease in freight revenue of \$175,035, or 14%.

A comparison of tonnage by commodities 1929 with 1928 shows the following:

		Tons.	
Products of Agriculture	Decreased	622,800	6.52%
Animals and Products	Decreased	132,677	4.94%
Products of Mines	Increased	1,560,668	8.12%
Products of Forests	Decreased	134,043	5.48%
Manufactures and Miscellaneous	Increased	102,694	.97%
Less Carload Tonnage	Increased	36,284	2.39%
Total Tonnage	Increased	810,126	1.76%

A comparison of carloads shows:

Total cars (all commodities) in 1929	1,468,784
Total cars (all commodities) in 1928	1,477,074
Decrease in 1929	8,290 .56%

While crop conditions in our territory were considered generally favorable in 1929, a decrease of 14.6% in the corn movement and miscellaneous fluctuations in other agricultural commodities resulted in a decrease of 6.52% in the total movement of products of agriculture. As result of an unfavorable crop in the corn belt during 1927, the 1928 corn movement was the heaviest in the history of the railroad, whereas the movement in 1929 was normal.

Animals and products decreased 4.94%, resulting from the lightest movement in several years. This was due largely to competition by truck haul, which is increasing rapidly. The tonnage of all kinds of livestock decreased 6.83%. The Company serves eight important markets and during the year 1929 approximately 18% of all the live stock received at these markets was brought in by truck.

Products of mines increased 8.12%. With industrial operations at a high peak and Southern Illinois operators in a better position to compete with other fields, the tonnage of bituminous coal increased 9.57% over last year. The tonnage originating on the Burlington was 73.93% of the total and 61.37% of this tonnage went to system points. Of the 26.07% received from connections 94.43% went to points on the Burlington System. Of all tonnage handled to points on the system 64.82% originated at points on the Burlington and 35.18% came from connections. During the previous year these percentages were 66.32% and 33.68%, respectively. Due a decline in the use of anthracite there was a substantial increase in coke tonnage.

Building operations being on a somewhat smaller scale than during the previous year, and a further increase in the use of lumber substitutes, resulted in a decrease of 5.48% in the movement of lumber and other forest products. Principal decreases were through the Paducah, St. Louis and St. Paul gateways.

The movement of manufactured products was the heaviest in the history of the railroad, exceeding the record breaking tonnage of last year by .97%. A record movement of agricultural implements and a heavier movement of refined oil, iron and steel and cement contributed largely to the increase shown in the total movement of manufactures and miscellaneous.

Passenger.

The continuing development of hard roads and the consequent increase in highway traffic accounts for the decrease in passenger revenue.

The revenue from Chicago suburban traffic increased 1.79%, with substantially the same increase in suburban train miles. Exclusive of suburban traffic there were carried 233,233 less revenue passengers than in 1928, a decrease of 4.23%, and the passenger revenue miles decreased 15,783,935, or 2.66%; the figures indicating the decrease to have been principally in short haul traffic.

Low rate summer tourist traffic is constituting a larger proportion of our total traffic each year and the tendency to establish excursion rates for holidays and special occasions has resulted in a decrease in the average earnings per passenger mile from 3.088 cents in 1928 to 3.013 in 1929.

The additional train mileage on our Chicago-St. Paul line incident to the North Pacific Coast train service adjustment resulted in an increase in the passenger train miles of 0.54%.

This was the fifth year for Burlington Escorted Tours operated jointly with the Great Northern and Northern Pacific and we handled 4,104 people, an increase of 723, or 21.38%, over last year.

The increase of \$591,528, or 14.15%, in the revenues received for the transportation of the United States mails is due to the increased rate of pay recently granted by the Interstate Commerce Commission and does not include retroactive mail payments from May 9, 1925 to July 31, 1928 received in 1929.

Express.

The agreement with the American Railway Express Company expired February 28, 1929, since which date the railroads have joined in the operation of the express traffic and the total express revenue for the two months under the old agreement and ten months under the new arrangement showed an increase in 1929 of \$86,437, being 1.99%, as compared with 1928. For explanation of the new arrangement, see page 30. (pamphlet report).

Demurrage.

Demurrage assessed and collected for the year 1929 shows an increase of \$43,584 as compared with 1928. This increase was due to an increased volume of hard road construction and delay of cars by contractors at outlying points; also an increase in demurrage paid on grain at Kansas City, Omaha, and Council Bluffs due to congestion of grain at those points while the crop was being moved.

Equipment Rents.

Equipment rents showed a decrease debit year 1929 as compared with 1928.

The net freight car per diem credit was the largest in the past eight years, exclusive of the year 1926. This showing was made possible by more prompt handling of cars, which is reflected in the average miles per car per day of 37.8 in 1929 compared with 36.6 in 1928. This was the highest figure yet obtained on the Burlington.

In 1929 there were originated on the line 938,288 carloads of freight, not including less than carload shipments, as compared with 945,324 carloads in 1928, or a decrease of 7,036 carloads.

There were received from connections a total of 530,496 carloads, not including less than carload shipments, or a decrease of 1,254 cars.

While it was necessary to accumulate a large number of cars to meet the requirements for grain loading at harvest time, these cars were not accumulated until shortly before they were required and were disposed of promptly after the peak had passed.

OPERATING STATISTICS.

Tons of revenue freight carried, 1929	46,819,641	
Tons of revenue freight carried, 1928	46,009,515	
Increase	810,126	1.76%
Revenue tons one mile, 1929	12,873,521,492	
Revenue tons one mile, 1928	12,931,723,281	
Decrease	58,201,789	.45%
Revenue tons per train mile, 1929	723.93	
Revenue tons per train mile, 1928	714.67	
Increase	9.26	1.30%
Revenue tons per loaded car, 1929	23.10	
Revenue tons per loaded car, 1928	22.70	
Increase	.40	1.76%
Average revenue per ton mile (cents), 1929	.985	
Average revenue per ton mile (cents), 1928	.982	
Increase	.003	.31%
Average distance hauled per revenue ton (miles), 1929	274.96	
Average distance hauled per revenue ton (miles), 1928	281.07	
Decrease	6.11	2.17%
Revenue passengers carried, 1929	13,848,078	
Revenue passengers carried, 1928	13,896,397	
Decrease	48,319	.35%
Revenue passengers carried one mile, 1929	719,016,996	
Revenue passengers carried one mile, 1928	730,969,834	
Decrease	11,952,838	1.64%
Average distance carried revenue passengers, 1929	51.92	
Average distance carried revenue passengers, 1928	52.60	
Decrease	.68	1.29%

EXPENDITURES (OPERATING).

Total operating expenses, 1929	\$111,565,542.47
Total operating expenses, 1928	114,191,158.82
Decrease	\$2,625,616.35 2.30%

The decrease of \$2,625,616.35, or 2.30%, in operating expenses was the result of various conditions having a direct influence on the three major classes of such charges; among the more important of which were the following:

Maintenance of way expenses as a whole decreased \$1,100,817.03, or 4.31%. In 1928 conditions were such that it was necessary to incur comparatively heavy expenditures for rail replacements and related track material. The benefit of these expenditures extended into the year 1929.

Total transportation expenses were reduced \$839,301.05 or 1.59%, under the relatively low level prevailing in 1928. A general increase in transportation efficiency, as evidenced by an increase of 9.26 revenue tons per train mile, or 1.30%, contributed largely to this favorable result. Associated with it was a substantial decrease in the amount expended for locomotive fuel due both to decreased issues and to favorable price levels. There was a continued application of rigid measures of economy in all departments, the forces such as those employed in station service being checked by individual positions with substantial returns in improved general efficiency. Transportation ratio was 32.07%, which is the lowest on record.

Maintenance of equipment expenses as a whole decreased \$1,116,619.56, or 4.11%—this after absorbing increases in rates of pay approximating \$700,000. A factor in this decrease was a credit of \$476,077.59 to operating expense due to an accounting adjustment ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission in connection with rebuilt cars.

EXPENDITURES (CAPITAL).

Capital expenditures during the year were directed primarily towards securing increased safety and economy of operation and improved service. No new lines were constructed. Total expenditures chargeable to Capital Account were as follows:

For Road	\$8,651,025.60
For equipment	906,103.47
For General	221,144.67
Total	\$9,778,273.74

Chicago, Ill. Terminal Improvements.

Fourteenth Street Passenger Yard. During the year tracks and water, sewer and steam lines of the new suburban yard were 90% completed. The waste picking plant, carpet cleaning platform, power plant, battery building, coach repair shop and water tank, and the remodeling of the service building at 14th and Canal Streets, were completed. The total capital expenditure during the year was \$409,100.14. The through yard and the main line passenger tracks will be completed during the first half of 1931.

Track changes between Canal Street and Racine Avenue. Grading for relocated 16th Street wye tracks completed and construction of tracks in new location 65% complete. Capital expenditures in 1929 \$25,278.41. In remodeling facilities at Jefferson and 16th Streets, freight house No. 5 was razed and in its place an extension was added to freight house No. 6. This work was 70% completed during the year at a capital cost of \$38,443.77.

Grade Separation at 15th Place and Stewart Avenue. Agreement signed, by all railroads involved, on August 1st, 1929. Contract for rebuilding south approach to Canal Street Viaduct let and 40% complete. Capital expenditures in 1929 \$142,511.24.

River Straightening. New channel completed by City. Old channel will be filled in 1930. St. Charles Air Line operating over The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company's bridge. Temporary connection and other work necessary to keep Air Line bridge in operation carried on by Illinois Central Railroad Company for Air Line interests. Capital expenditure was offset by writing out retirements, resulting in net credit to capital account of \$560.23.

Extension of Yard Tracks, Cicero, Ill.

Additional classification tracks were necessary to handle increased business and trackage was provided for 190 additional cars at a capital expenditure of \$11,875.49.

Additional Fourth Track Between Downers Grove, Ill., and Eola, Ill.

For the purpose of increasing capacity of line, and eliminating delays and congestion to both freight and passenger trains, work was commenced on a fourth main track between Downers Grove and Eola, Ill., there having been expended during year chargeable to capital account \$35,446.38.

Additional Third Track Between Earlville, Ill., and Mendota, Ill.

To facilitate movement of traffic a third main track between M. P. 72.57 and M. P. 81.81, Earlville to Mendota, Ill., and an advance track 2.3 miles long west of Mendota, Ill., were completed at a capital cost of \$295,788.19.

Additional Second Track Between St. Paul, Minn., and Savanna, Ill.

This project, undertaken in 1926 as a four-year program, was completed during the year, 18.67 miles of second main track having been completed and placed in operation, from Stockholm to Hager, M. P. 373.31 to 391.98. Capital expenditure for the year amounted to \$802,747.09.

Passenger and Freight Stations.

In order to provide modern and enlarged passenger facilities at Omaha, reconstruction of the passenger station has been undertaken in connection with the construction of new Union Station by the Union Pacific Railroad Company at that point. Total estimated cost of the project is \$500,000.00, and the capital expenditures for the year amounted to \$256,362.76. Work is progressing rapidly and will be completed in 1930.

At Cheyenne, Wyoming, the passenger and freight station mentioned in report for last year was completed and placed in service, the capital expenditure for the year being \$27,524.17.

New passenger stations were completed as follows:

	<i>Capital Cost.</i>
Grand Crossing, Wisconsin.....	\$53,576.38
La Crosse, Wisconsin.....	11,774.93

Locomotive Terminal Improvements.

The following improvements were completed during the year:

	<i>Capital Cost.</i>
Chicago, Ill.—Western Ave. Extension of roundhouse stalls.....	\$39,614.67
Clyde, Ill.—New 4-stall tandem brick engine house.....	61,779.16

Grain Elevators.

Capacity of grain elevators was increased as follows:

	<i>Capital Cost.</i>
St. Louis, Mo.—1,000,000 bushel annex to Burlington "A" elevator.....	\$626,067.79
Gibson, Neb.—500,000 bushel annex to grain elevator.....	204,936.83

Feed Yard, Lincoln, Neb.

In order to accommodate increased feeding at this point a one-story frame cattle barn and one-story frame sheep barn with pens, water supply, drainage, fire protection, electric lights, etc., were completed at a capital cost of 88,392.52.

Newcastle-Cambria, Wyoming Line—Removal.

The coal mines at Cambria being worked out this line was, with the approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission, retired and salvaged, with a resulting credit to capital account of 278,343.55.

Bridge Construction and Replacement.

Work was completed on the construction of a viaduct at Ohio Street, Aurora, Ill. This is a steel and concrete structure 306 ft. long. The total estimated capital cost of this project was 63,502.00 of which \$5,436.03 was expended in 1929.

The replacing of 5—150 ft. wooden Howe truss spans at bridge 23.37, over Rock River at Rockford, Ill., with steel spans was completed. The total capital cost of this project was \$18,327.46 of which \$14,519.51 was expended in 1929.

The work of reinforcing Mississippi River bridge No. 204.66 at Burlington, Ia., was started. The total capital cost of this project is estimated to be \$101,779.00 of which

\$89,899.28 was expended during 1929. The replacement of 948 ft. of floating sheer-boom was started. The total estimated capital cost is \$33,947.00, of which \$30,431.24 was expended during the year 1929.

The replacement of 804 ft. of floating sheer-boom and the upstream end of the draw protection at the Mississippi River bridge, Quincy, Ill., was begun. The total capital cost of this project expended during 1929 was \$34,399.87.

The replacement of one stone pier with a concrete pier and underpinning of another stone pier at bridge No. 133.30, Grand River, Chillicothe, Mo., was continued. This project also includes rip-rap and bank protection upstream from the bridge and was made necessary by extreme floods during November, 1928, which caused settlement in one of the piers. The total capital cost of this project expended during 1929 was \$44,054.78.

The replacement of bridge No. 72.42, Amazonia, Mo., consisting of 2—40 ft. deck plate girders for two tracks, with an 85 ft. through plate girder span and three ft. raise, was begun. This involves changes in two other bridge structures. This project is necessary in order to improve drainage conditions at this point. The total capital cost of this project is estimated at \$34,110.00, of which \$2,567.53 was expended during 1929.

The enlarging of bridge No. 99.95, Salt River near Reading, Mo., and raising of grade 4½ ft. to secure relief from steel span and pile trestle was completed. The total capital cost of this project is \$24,131.00 of which \$5,246.61 was expended during 1929.

The replacement of 860 lin. ft. of pile trestle bridge No. 64.96, Platte River, near Columbus, Nebr., with 1—132 ft. steel span and pile trestle was completed. The total cost of this project is \$24,131.00 of which \$5,246.61 was expended during 1929.

The extension of bridge No. 444.01, Lovell, Wyoming, with a 75 ft. through plate girder and a 40 ft. deck plate girder span, in order to provide additional waterway, was begun. The total estimated capital cost of this project is \$39,997.00, of which \$18,864.46 was expended in 1929.

The reconstruction of the 23rd Street viaduct over the Railroad Company's property in Denver, Colo., was begun. A portion of the cost is being borne by the City of Denver and the Union Pacific Railroad Company. The estimated capital cost to this company of this project is \$134,179.00, of which \$13,336.24 was expended during 1929.

The usual bridge program of improvement and replacement of pile trestle bridges, either in kind or in permanent form, was carried out during the year. There was expended on this account during the year \$554,814.54 chargeable to capital account.

Automatic Block Signals.

Automatic block signals were completed and placed in operation as follows:

Earlville to Mendota, Illinois.....	9.24 miles, Third track
Stockholm to Hager, Wisconsin.....	18.67 miles, Second track

Centralized Control—Steward Jet. to Flag Center, Ill.

In order to promote safety and economy of operation a system of centralized signal and switch control was installed on 8.61 miles of double track line at a capital cost of \$14,476.34.

Interlocking at Baird Tower, Lincoln, Nebr.

Construction of a large interlocking plant at Baird Tower at north end of passenger station at Lincoln, Nebr., was begun and will be completed in 1930. This plant will increase safety of operation, eliminate many train stops and effect a material reduction in operating expense. The capital cost of the project is estimated at \$119,040.00, of which \$83,957.06 was expended in 1929.

Rail Replacement.

There was laid in main track of main and branch lines during the year 339.22 miles of new 90-lb., 100-lb., and 110-lb. rail and 239.78 miles of second-hand rail.

Additions and Improvements to Equipment.

New rolling stock delivered:

- 6—Class M-4 (2-10-4) freight locomotives.
- 1—Gas electric switch locomotive.
- 4—Gas electric railway passenger motor cars.

Built in Company Shops:

- At Denver:
 - 15—Class G-10 (0-6-0) switching locomotives (converted from Prairie type).

At Aurora:

- 20—71 ft. 11½ in. all steel suburban coaches, seating capacity 100.
- 1—54 ft. all steel Dynamometer car.

At Galesburg:

- 750—55-ton all steel twin hopper gondola cars.
- 500—16-door 50-ton all steel general service gondola cars.
- 121—50-ton composite gondola cars.
- 250—50-ton steel flat cars.

The following equipment from outside shops has been authorized and will be delivered in 1930:

- 12—Class S-4 (4-6-4) passenger locomotives.
- 8—Class O-5 (4-8-4) freight locomotives.
- 10—Gas electric railway passenger motor cars.
- 300—40 ft. 6 in. 50-ton steel underframe steel frame automobile cars.
- 200—40 ft. 6 in. 50-ton steel underframe steel frame automobile cars with end doors.
- 1—150-ton wrecking derrick.
- 2—All steel ballast spreader cars.
- 1—High speed 30-ton clam shell.

The following equipment will be built in Company Shops during 1930:

At Denver:

20—Class G-10 (0-6-0) switching locomotives (converted from Prairie type.)

At Galesburg:

629—50-ton composite gondola cars.
800—70-ton all steel quadruple hopper gondola cars.
600—50-ton steel flat cars.

At Aurora:

14—71 ft. 11½ in. all steel suburban coaches, seating capacity 100.
50—All steel standard way cars.
10—70 ft. all steel baggage cars.

Nine Pacific Type Class S-1 and S-2 (4-6-2) locomotives were converted to Class S-1-A and S-2-A and improved by applying frames of heavier design, Schmidt superheater, new cylinders arranged for outside steam pipes, Walschaert valve gear, feed water heaters, 8½ inch cross compound pump, etc. Of the 120 Pacific type S-1 and S-2 locomotives owned, 90 have been converted which completes this program.

Fourteen Heavy Mikado Type Class O-2 (2-8-2) locomotives were converted to Class O-2-A, continuing previous policy, by replacing frames with those of heavier design, old C. B. & Q. grates with Hulson grates, Street stokers with the improved Duplex stokers, Emerson type superheaters with Schmidt wooden cabs with steel cabs, and by application of force feed lubricators, feedwater heaters, etc. 52 locomotives of this type have been converted and as we own 100 Mikado O-2 locomotives, it is planned to continue this program during 1930.

Franklin Boosters were applied to 3 Pacific Type Class S-1-A and S-2-A locomotives, making total of 22 so equipped. Continuing the usual program for safety and economical operation, improvements have been made to locomotives and cars as follows:

Feedwater heaters were applied to 15 locomotives.

Arch tubes were applied to 74 locomotives.

Radial buffers were applied to 21 locomotives.

Mechanical force feed lubricators were applied to 46 locomotives, replacing hydrostatic lubricators.

Hulson grates were applied to 100 locomotives, replacing CB&Q type grates.

Pursuant to order of the Interstate Commerce Commission, automatic fire doors were applied to 426 locomotives, making the total number so equipped 922, and 450 will be equipped in 1930.

Wooden cabs were replaced by steel cabs on 125 locomotives and approximately 100 more will be replaced during 1930.

Twelve Pacific Type S (4-6-2) passenger locomotives were equipped with Commonwealth cast steel swing motion tender trucks.

Twenty-four mail and mail apartment cars were equipped with electric fans, completing program required by Post Office Department.

Sixteen steel or steel underframe passenger cars had water pressure system installed, replacing old gravity water system. Cast steel trucks were applied to 20 passenger cars.

Twenty-three passenger cars were equipped with axle generators to improve lighting.

Fifty freight cars were equipped with steel center sills and 107 steel center sill freight cars had cover plates applied.

Seventeen hundred and forty-six box cars were equipped with steel ends.

Cast steel coupler pockets were applied to 161 freight cars.

VALUATION.

The cost of this work during the year was \$267,760.86, being an increase of \$48,685.07 over that incurred during the year 1928. This is because valuation orders calling for the reporting of data required for bringing valuations up to date were made effective on June 1st. This required an increase in force. The expense for the year includes cost of preparing completion reports and all other records specified in Valuation Order No. 3. It may be divided as follows: 67% to compliance with Valuation Order No. 3, 4% to support of the Presidents' Conference Committee, and 29% to all other valuation work. The 29% last referred to was largely in connection with furnishing data requested by the Bureau of Valuation and the Presidents' Conference Committee for use in bringing estimates of cost of reproduction new and less depreciation to date and in compliance with Valuation Order No. 25 to bring accounting reports to date.

The total expense from the beginning charged to valuation is \$4,923,338.58.

BURLINGTON TRANSPORTATION CO.

February 14, 1929, the Burlington Transportation Company was incorporated to engage in the motor vehicle transportation of passengers in Illinois and other States in which this Company operates with an authorized capitalization of \$500,000, \$250,000 of which was issued at date of incorporation, the remaining \$250,000 being issued October 23, 1929.

The entire issue is owned by your Company.

Satisfactory progress has been made in the establishment of motor coach service in Burlington territory, and as of Dec. 31, 1929, franchises covering both interstate and intrastate service had been secured and were in operation on

858 miles of public highways, and applications covering an additional 732 highway miles were on file before the various State Commissions. Over this highway mileage (858) a total of 5,281 bus miles per day are operated. Of the highway mileage now operated, 266 miles were acquired through purchase of existing companies at a total cost of \$86,000, the remainder (592 miles) having been surveyed and placed in operation by the motor subsidiary subsequent to its incorporation (Feb. 14, 1929). The Transportation Company now owns and operates 37 motor buses in revenue service, 27 of which were purchased new, the remaining 10 having been acquired in the acquisition of local bus companies paralleling Burlington rails. Practically all of this equipment is of the 21-passenger type, careful study indicating conclusively that this type unit was the most economical to operate.

The motor subsidiary has shown operating losses initially, as was foreseen, but earnings per bus mile are showing a progressive increase, and by substituting highway motors for unremunerative steam passenger service a saving of \$45,000 per year has so far been accomplished in rail expenses.

July 31, 1929, Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Co. purchased a stock interest in Pickwick-Greyhound Lines, Inc., at a cost of \$561,590 as follows:

Preferred Stock, 3,702 shares at \$45.....	\$166,590
Common Stock, 19,750 shares at \$20.....	395,000
Total.....	\$561,590

Pickwick-Greyhound Lines, Inc., provides extensive motor coach service throughout the Middle West, Southwest, and to the Pacific Coast, a total of 14,612,390 bus miles being operated during the year ended December 31, 1929.

RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY, INCORPORATED.

December 6, 1928, the Railway Express Agency was incorporated to engage in express transportation business succeeding the American Railway Express Company.

The capital stock of the Agency consisting of 1,000 shares, par value \$100.00 per share, was subscribed for by carriers, members of the Association of Railway Executives, and allotment of stock to those carriers was on the basis of the express revenue each line to the total express revenue all lines for the average years 1923 to 1926 inclusive. On the basis of such allotment the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Co. subscribed for and received 27 shares at a cost of \$2,700.00.

Effective March 1, 1929, the operating properties of the American Railway Express Company used in express transportation operations, were acquired by the Railway Express Agency, Incorporated, through proceeds of sale of \$32,000,000.00 5% Serial Gold Bonds and \$100,000.00 of capital stock.

Agreement was entered into between the Railway Express Agency, Incorporated, and carriers over which express operations were to be conducted, under which express business of the carriers would be handled by the Express Agency, Inc., and as compensation the net income, including profits of the Express Agency, Inc., is distributed to the carriers parties to the agreement on an agreed basis.

Under the old contract with the American Railway Express Co. that company retained 21% of the net income and the balance of net income was distributed to the carriers. Under the new agreement there is no such provision. Inasmuch as all the net income of the Railway Express Agency, under the new arrangement, is to be distributed to the carriers, it may reasonably be expected that the operations will be more profitable to the carriers than they have been in the past, especially so in view of the fact that the carriers will have full control of all operations.

INDUSTRIAL.

To increase the tonnage of manufactured products, to aid in the program for diversifying our traffic and to further stimulate industrial development, a new office with the title of Manager of Commercial Development was created during the year.

As the center of population and industry gradually moves westward, and the de-centralization of industry continues, community interest in industrial development increases. Many cities and towns served by our rails now have established industrial bureaus and have made detailed surveys for the benefit of manufacturers seeking new locations. To cooperate with these existing agencies and to furnish information to prospective industries the new commercial development office was created.

Special attention has been given to locating new manufacturing enterprises, and the establishment of branch houses. A geological survey of the Black Hills district was made, which discloses workable deposits of a wide variety of minerals several of which have recently come into prominence. A special effort is being made to interest manufacturers in these deposits.

Industrial expansion continued to advance steadily during the year in the communities served by our rails. Evidence of this industrial development is shown by the fact that a total of 385 new industrial leases were executed; 41 new industrial tracks installed, and 19 extensions were made to existing industrial tracks. Fifty-seven new industries were located on private property adjacent to our rails, and

26 existing industries built additions to their plants. While many of the new leases issued represent small industries, the net industrial gain for the year was substantial.

AGRICULTURAL.

Income from farm production for 1929 was generally higher in states served by the Burlington than in 1928. States west of the Missouri River more than offset a slight deficiency in farm income of one or two states on Lines East. Favorable crop yields generally of the major cash crops combined with improved prices resulted in a satisfactory financial year for the farmer and livestock producer in the territory. No extreme surplus nor distress price for any important farm product developed in 1929, indicating a better balance of agricultural production than for several years. Demand for farm land has improved; there have been fewer forced sales. A distinct improvement in mortgage payments and reduction in delinquencies have been evident although heavy purchases of farm equipment and modern machinery were made. Land prices have improved; there is evidence of land being purchased for investment by men not engaged in farming. The shift in population from farm to city was smaller in 1929 than for any year since 1920.

Settlement on the Willwood Division of the Shoshone irrigation project in Wyoming has continued with a very creditable showing being made by settlers in building up these newly developed lands into a state of high productivity. On the North Platte irrigation project 20,000 acres of public land previously withdrawn from entry by the U. S. Reclamation Service were released for entry under homestead laws and 294 applications were received. No new irrigation projects were started during the year. Approximately a million acres of land suitable for irrigation farming remain available for development in Wyoming.

Agricultural representatives of the Burlington participated in a large number of organization meetings and development programs carried on by farm and civic groups, county, state and federal agricultural extension workers. Various sections were assisted in developing and advertising local resources and securing additional settlement. Cooperation was given several communities in preparing illustrated booklets describing local agricultural opportunities. Assistance was given the State of Wyoming in presenting an exhibit setting forth agricultural, industrial and recreational advantages of Wyoming; a similar exhibit in 1928 resulted in fifty families moving to Wyoming. On the Casper, Alliance, McCook, Sheridan and Sterling divisions 326 cars of emigrant effects were received in 1929. Approximately 3,000 inquiries for land and settlement opportunities were received during the year; a large amount of literature and follow-up letters were distributed.

A number of special activities have been conducted during the year to emphasize the necessity of reducing production costs in farming. Assistance was given farmers in developing new and wider markets and in specializing in the production of quality crops bringing the greatest net profit to the producer. Demonstrations have been made to show profits resulting from the use of superior seeds and improved cultural practices. A sugar beet educational exhibit train operated to demonstrate improved methods in beet production was visited by over 16,000 people at 32 stops; four beet demonstration trains have been operated in the period 1925 to 1929, inclusive, and during this time beet yields have increased approximately two tons per acre over the average for the preceding five years in the territory covered by these trains.

To encourage more economical pork production a demonstration train was operated in Iowa and Nebraska; at 99 stops over 150,000 people visited the train. Exhibits portraying improved methods of breeding, feeding, housing and prevention of disease illustrated the possibility of securing more profit per hog. More than 100,000 column inches of favorable publicity was given the train by local and state newspapers. The universal response to this educational activity, as evidenced in increased sales of lumber for proper housing and equipment, promises far-reaching results in improving prosperity of the swine industry and allied interests.

Cooperation was given a large number of farmers in obtaining purebred and high-grade foundation stock for livestock breeding and development of profitable dairy herds. A follow-up survey was made in Nebraska communities visited in 1924 by the purebred dairy sire train from which 31 purebred sires were traded even for an equal number of scrub bulls; daughters of the purebreds then distributed are producing from 30 to 50 per cent more than their dams; dairy production has increased 70 per cent and the number of cow testing associations has increased from two to twenty-nine since the operation of that train.

Soil improvement work inaugurated on Lines East in 1927 has made considerable progress in stimulating the use of agricultural limestone and increasing acreage of legume crops to build up soil fertility. Dairy and poultry development is progressing proportionately with the increased legume acreage. Approximately 195 more cars of lime were received in 1929 than in 1928 with lime stocked at 114 stations. Issuance of an agricultural limestone tariff, to encourage the use of limestone by permitting trainloads to be

unloaded between stations, resulted in the operation of twelve such trains by which 105 farmers were enabled to save a total of \$5,000.

Assistance was given in several sections to stimulate fruit production; in Atchison County, Kansas, approximately 30,000 fruit trees were planted during 1929. Southern Illinois 1929 shipments of peaches totaled 451 cars as compared with 197 in 1928. Final receipts at Weston, Missouri, tobacco market sales promise to equal 1928 returns. Effort was continued to bring about county appropriations for organized agricultural extension work. Cooperation was given the Operating Department in a system beautification program which included planting of trees and shrubs at numerous points. The tree planting program inaugurated in 1928 has been continued with 38,000 trees planted during 1929 at 58 locations along the right of way for snow protection; ground was prepared at 17 points for spring plantings in 1930.

News articles prepared for the press secured a considerable amount of favorable publicity in connection with the various development activities carried on during the year for the betterment of agricultural conditions in Burlington territory.

The Directors take pleasure in commending the officers and employees of the Company for their competent and effective work, and their loyal cooperation during the year.

By order of the Board of Directors.

FREDERICK E. WILLIAMSON,
President.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET.

December 31 1929.

ASSETS.

Investments:	
Investment in road and equipment:	
Road	\$475,495,175.57
Equipment	126,736,263.35
General expenditures	3,369,645.35
	\$605,601,084.27
Deposits in lieu of mortgage property sold	66,488.23
Miscellaneous physical property	973,023.90
Investments in affiliated companies:	
Stocks	\$32,583,212.39
Bonds	531,915.74
Notes	4,051,952.89
Advances	16,215,474.93
	53,382,555.95
Other investments:	
Stocks	\$565,628.00
Bonds	7,847,038.81
Notes	309,383.81
Miscellaneous	275.00
	8,722,325.62
Total investments (capital assets)	\$668,745,477.97
Current assets:	
Cash	\$10,259,484.33
Time drafts and deposits	1,389,860.37
Special deposits	15,620.00
Loans and bills receivable	25,574.05
Traffic and car-service balances receivable	1,071,495.55
Net balance receivable from agents and conductors	1,457,536.32
Miscellaneous accounts receivable	5,273,425.92
Material and supplies	14,585,715.33
Interest and dividends receivable	314,824.90
Rents receivable	44,456.93
Other current assets	231,141.38
	34,669,135.08
Total current assets	34,669,135.08
Deferred assets:	
Working fund advances	\$33,319.58
Other deferred assets	92,220.88
	125,540.46
Total deferred assets	125,540.46
Unadjusted debits:	
Insurance premium paid in advance	\$87,372.89
Discount on funded debt	5,430,375.28
Other unadjusted debits	2,996,285.18
	8,514,033.35
Total unadjusted debits	8,514,033.35
Grand total	\$712,054,186.86

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock:	
Common stock	\$170,839,100.00
Long term debt:	
Funded debt unmaturred	\$248,414,000.00
Less bonds held by or for the Company	28,742,000.00
	219,672,000.00
Total long term debt outstanding	219,672,000.00
Current liabilities:	
Traffic and car-service balances payable	\$2,170,646.94
Audited accounts and wages payable	7,630,232.54
Miscellaneous accounts payable	702,966.00
Interest matured unpaid	981,632.00
Funded debt matured unpaid	9,600.00
Unmatured interest accrued	2,265,793.33
Other current liabilities	185,930.09
	13,946,800.90
Total current liabilities	13,946,800.90
Deferred Liabilities:	
Other deferred liabilities	142,430.49
Unadjusted Credits:	
Tax liability	\$9,173,673.91
Insurance and casualty reserves	1,656,982.59
Accrued depreciation—Equipment	66,612,022.21
Other unadjusted credits	3,868,483.75
	81,311,162.46
Total unadjusted credits	81,311,162.46
Corporate Surplus:	
Additions to property through income and surplus	\$527,345.67
Funded debt retired through income	44,044,176.95
Sinking fund reserves	600.00
Profit and loss	181,570,570.39
	226,142,693.01
Total corporate surplus	226,142,693.01
Grand total	\$712,054,186.86

MISSOURI-KANSAS-TEXAS RAILROAD COMPANY

and Controlled Companies.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1929.

St. Louis, Mo., April 16, 1930.

To the Stockholders:

The Board of Directors submits herewith a report of the operations and affairs for the year ended December 31, 1929. A summary of results of operation compared with the year 1928 is as follows:

	1929.	1928.	Increase.	Per Cent.	Decrease.	Per Cent.
Operating Revenues	\$56,024,439.15	\$56,549,118.42			\$524,679.27	.9
Operating Expenses	37,456,339.57	38,933,815.89			1,477,476.32	3.8
Net Operating Revenue	\$18,568,099.58	\$17,615,302.53	\$952,797.05	5.4		
Taxes	3,289,868.20	3,074,029.43	215,838.77	7.0		
Operating Income, Taxes Deducted	\$15,278,231.38	\$14,541,273.10	\$736,958.28	5.1		
Miscellaneous Income	803,782.72	644,956.21	158,826.51	24.6		
Rentals and Other Payments	\$16,082,014.10	\$15,186,229.31	\$895,784.79	5.9		
	2,485,766.94	2,108,813.82	376,953.12	17.9		
Income for Year Available for Interest	\$13,596,247.16	\$13,077,415.49	\$518,831.67	4.0		
Fixed Interest Charges for Year	4,200,673.13	4,255,600.62			\$54,927.49	1.3
Balance Available for Interest on Adjustment Bonds	\$9,395,574.03	\$8,821,814.87	\$573,759.16	6.5		
Interest on Adjustment Bonds	869,333.30	1,325,551.68			\$456,218.38	34.4
Net Income	\$8,526,240.73	\$7,496,263.19	\$1,029,977.54	13.7		

FINANCIAL.

Preferred Stock, Series "A," increased during the year by \$5,493,213.06, of which \$5,492,100.00 was for conversion of a similar amount of Adjustment Mortgage 5% Series "A" Bonds and \$1,113.06 issued for corporate purposes.

Common Stock (no par value) increased during the year \$1,834.76 represented by 22,2611 shares issued for corporate purposes.

Long Term Debt decreased \$5,588,200.00, of which \$5,492,100.00 is represented by Adjustment Mortgage 5%, Series "A" Bonds converted into Preferred Stock, Series "A," \$94,100.00 underlying bonds and equipment notes paid and retired, and \$2,000.00 Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Company First Mortgage 4% Bonds, heretofore held by the Trustee, surrendered and now carried as treasury assets.

During the year \$21,000.00 of underlying Bonds were exchanged for a similar amount of Prior Lien, Series "A" and "B" Bonds.

Dividends were declared during the year at the rate of 7% per annum on Preferred Stock, Series "A," outstanding in the hands of the public.

OPERATION.

The operated mileage on December 31, 1929, was 3,188.57, compared with 3,188.54 on December 31, 1928. The increase of .03 miles was occasioned by relocation of a connection at Granger, Texas.

Freight revenues in 1929 were \$642,662.94 less than in 1928, or 1.42%, notwithstanding that for the first eight months' period there was an increase of \$1,016,039.44. The abrupt decline during the last four months was due in a large measure to partial failure of the cotton crop in Texas, to lack of export demand for grain and grain products, and to temporary reduction in grain rates which was made as an emergency measure to, if possible, stimulate movement to seaboard during the summer and early fall for the purpose of relieving interior storage. Freight rate reductions and adjustments ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission, and placed in effect during the year, will decrease our freight revenues at the rate of approximately \$125,000 per annum.

Passenger traffic continues to decline as the result of automobile travel and more bus competition. The loss is principally in local or short haul business. However, the decrease in number of passengers carried, 1929 compared with 1928, is less than one-half the decrease in 1928 compared with 1927, indicating that we are reaching the minimum number of passengers who will use railroad service. The decrease in passenger revenues in 1929 compared with 1928 was \$561,108.40 or 8.29%, while the decrease in 1928 compared with 1927 was \$1,044,674.46 or 13.37%.

Train operation, both freight and passenger, was generally satisfactory throughout the year. There were some interruptions by high water at various points on the system, particularly during the month of May, and in Missouri during the month of August.

The property, including roadway, structures and rolling stock, has been maintained in good condition.

ADDITIONS TO PROPERTY.

Additions and improvements to road during the year involved capital account charges amounting to \$3,131,860.71.

During the year new 90-pound rail was laid on 67.31 miles of main tracks; 23.34 miles replacing 85-pound rail on the St. Louis Division and 43.97 miles replacing 85-pound rail on the Houston Division. 58.54 miles of the released 85-pound rail were relaid; 16.61 miles replacing 56-pound rail on the Neosho Division and 41.93 miles replacing 66-pound rail on the San Marcos Division. Total main track rail replacements during the year were 125.85 miles.

Other important road improvements included completion of:

Eight-stall roundhouse and locomotive facilities at Smithville, Texas.

New ten-stall roundhouse, 105-foot turntable and other locomotive and coach facilities at Ft. Worth, Tex.

300-ton reinforced concrete coaling station at North McAlester, Oklahoma, replacing frame plant destroyed by fire.

One new steel bridge span, E-60 capacity, length 102 feet, replacing E-40 span.

Concrete trestles and culverts replacing 90 open deck timber trestles of total length, 5,294 feet.

Three highway grade separations.

Acquisition of additional land at Kansas City for enlargement of freight station layout and for extension of Glen Park freight yard.

Water treating plants at Franklin, Missouri, and Ft. Worth, Texas.

Reduction of eastbound ruling grade on Henrietta Division from 1% to .8% by revisions of line at St. Jo and Nocona, Texas.

Revisions of line on St. Louis Division near Providence and Rocheport, Missouri, for reduction of curvature to maximum of 3 degrees.

Expenditures for new equipment amounted to \$571,048.97 and expenditures for improvements to existing equipment amounted to \$331,403.36. The amount of retirements for the year, less replacements, was \$647,493.35. The net increase in value of equipment owned was \$254,958.98.

FEDERAL VALUATION.

The Interstate Commerce Commission did not serve a final valuation upon the property of Missouri-Kansas-Texas Lines during the year 1929. Some progress has been made in work required by the Commission in connection with bringing valuations to December 31, 1927. The cost of valuation work to the end of 1929 aggregated \$1,621,642.27.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

Industrial development during the year has resulted in establishing on the lines of your Company 248 new industries, representing an investment of approximately \$8,000,000. Seven of these industries are concerns engaged in mining and processing minerals, representing an investment of \$1,100,000; thirty-two are concerns utilizing farm products, with an estimated investment of \$1,550,000; nine are fabricating concerns, with an investment of \$450,000, and two hundred are warehousing and distributing concerns, representing an investment of \$4,900,000. These concerns produce a traffic movement estimated at 27,570 cars of freight per annum.

C. HAILE,
President.

DELOITTE, PLENDER, GRIFFITHS & CO.

49 WALL STREET, NEW YORK.

March 14, 1930.

To the Directors of the

Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad Company,

25 Broad Street,

New York, N. Y.

We have examined the books and accounts of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad Company and its controlled companies for the year ended December 31, 1929.

The securities owned have been substantiated by certificates received from the several Trustees or have been verified by actual inspection. Cash balances have been reconciled with the pass books or statements produced to us, and we have received directly from the banks, bankers and trust companies certificates in support of the sums on deposit with them.

We have satisfied ourselves generally that the charges to property and equipment accounts for the period were proper capital additions.

We certify that the accompanying Consolidated General Balance Sheet, Income and Profit and Loss Accounts, in

our opinion, fairly set forth the combined position of the companies at December 31, 1929, and the result of their operations for the year ended that date.

DELOITTE, PLENDER, GRIFFITHS & Co.,
Auditors.

MISSOURI-KANSAS-TEXAS LINES.
CONSOLIDATED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET.

ASSETS.

	Dec. 31, 1929.	Dec. 31, 1928.	Increase.	Decrease.
Investments:				
Investment in Road and Equipment:				
Road.....	\$238,533,117.75	\$235,401,257.04	\$3,131,860.71	
Equipment.....	53,160,992.88	52,906,033.90	254,958.98	
Improvements on Leased Railway Property.....	\$291,694,110.63	\$288,307,290.94	\$3,386,819.69	
Deposits in Lieu of Mortgaged Property Sold.....	\$3,564.07	\$9,146.61		\$5,582.54
Miscellaneous Physical Property.....	212.50	212.50		
Investments in Affiliated Companies—Pledged.....	1,095,862.17	1,119,754.73		23,892.56
Investments in Affiliated Companies—Unpledged.....	527,000.00	527,000.00		
Other Investments:				
United States Government Securities.....	1,050,761.46	816,559.83	\$234,201.63	
Other Securities.....	3,071,406.25	4,023,664.57		952,258.32
	673,171.44	665,221.74	7,949.70	
Total Investments	\$298,116,088.52	\$295,468,850.92	\$2,647,237.60	
Current Assets:				
Cash.....	\$3,256,270.36	\$2,672,349.31	\$583,921.05	
Time Drafts and Deposits.....	5,115,520.58	7,290,917.84		\$2,175,397.26
Special Deposit.....	26,389.67	98,614.52		72,224.85
Loans and Bills Receivable:				
Time Loans.....	4,905,992.38	1,100,000.00	3,805,992.38	
Other Bills Receivable.....	42,263.54	33,787.85	8,475.69	
Traffic and Car Service Balances Receivable.....	751,796.73	1,000,821.42		249,024.69
Net Balances Receivable from Agents and Conductors.....	815,967.08	874,536.33		58,569.25
Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable.....	1,204,514.78	1,211,595.65		7,080.87
Material and Supplies.....	5,459,277.40	5,518,809.76		59,532.36
Interest and Dividends Receivable.....	87,506.75	56,530.07	30,976.68	
Other Current Assets.....	23,946.02	53,926.73		29,980.71
Total Current Assets	\$21,689,445.29	\$19,911,889.48	\$1,777,555.81	
Deferred Assets:				
Working fund Advances.....	\$87,885.37	\$87,326.59	\$558.78	
Other Deferred Assets.....	2.00	3.00		\$1.00
Total Deferred Assets	\$87,887.37	\$87,329.59	\$557.78	
Unadjusted Debits:				
Rents and Insurance Premiums Paid in Advance.....	\$100,813.53	\$93,237.22	\$7,576.31	
Other Unadjusted Debits.....	228,590.88	371,021.71		\$142,430.83
Total Unadjusted Debits	\$329,404.41	\$464,258.93		\$134,854.52
Total	\$320,222,825.59	\$315,932,328.92	\$4,290,496.67	
The following Assets not included in Balance Sheet Accounts:				
Securities held for Exchange of Underlying Securities:				
Long Term Debt.....	\$31,767,600.00	\$31,989,800.00		\$222,200.00
Securities Issued or Assumed—Unpledged:				
Preferred Stock.....	5,528,364.39	5,529,477.45		1,113.06
Common Stock.....	15,730,515.52	15,732,350.28		1,834.76
Long Term Debt.....	11,593,105.46	11,389,905.46	\$203,200.00	
Securities Issued or Assumed—Pledged:				
Long Term Debt.....	17,497,000.00	17,477,000.00	20,000.00	

Note.—Intercorporate Assets and Liabilities are excluded.

LIABILITIES.

	Dec. 31, 1929.	Dec. 31, 1928.	Increase.	Decrease.
Stock:				
Capital Stock:				
Preferred (Par value, \$100.00 per share).....	\$65,076,364.82	\$59,569,729.88	\$5,506,634.94	
Common (No par value. See note).....	66,653,151.04	66,636,166.31	16,984.73	
Stock Liability for Conversion:				
Preferred (Par value \$100.00 per share).....	57,870.79	71,292.67		\$13,421.88
Common (No par value. See note).....	36,333.44	51,483.41		15,149.97
Total Stock	\$131,823,720.09	\$126,328,672.27	\$5,495,047.82	
Long Term Debt:				
Mortgage Bonds.....	\$93,214,179.30	\$93,226,179.30		\$12,000.00
Equipment Trust Obligations.....	504,600.00	588,700.00		84,100.00
Income Mortgage Bonds.....	15,147,067.24	20,639,167.24		5,492,100.00
Total Long Term Debt	\$108,865,846.54	\$114,454,046.54		\$5,588,200.00
Current Liabilities:				
Traffic and Car Service Balances Payable.....	\$892,746.46	\$1,142,273.52		\$249,527.06
Audited Accounts and Wages Payable.....	3,492,760.84	3,988,819.40		496,058.56
Miscellaneous Accounts Payable.....	109,785.67	140,893.10		31,107.43
Interest Matured Unpaid.....	1,666,746.86	1,673,898.87		7,152.01
Dividends Matured Unpaid.....	19,316.25	18,113.13	\$1,203.12	
Funded Debt Matured Unpaid.....	18,250.00	88,375.00		70,125.00
Unmatured Interest Accrued.....	499,756.51	639,674.27		139,917.76
Unmatured Rents Accrued.....	77,221.63	211,586.34		134,365.21
Other Current Liabilities.....	131,949.04	172,266.98		40,317.94
Total Current Liabilities	\$6,908,533.26	\$8,075,901.11		\$1,167,367.85
Deferred Liabilities:				
Other Deferred Liabilities.....	\$49,018.12	\$71,213.82		\$22,195.70
Unadjusted Credits:				
Tax Liability.....	\$2,121,652.31	\$2,155,060.14		\$33,407.83
Accrued Depreciation—Equipment.....	11,827,745.73	9,960,834.71	\$1,866,911.02	
Other Unadjusted Credits.....	1,368,266.15	1,716,219.24		347,953.09
Reorganization Suspense.....	29,887,033.17	29,765,949.01	121,084.16	
Total Unadjusted Credits	\$45,204,697.36	\$43,598,063.10	\$1,606,634.26	
Corporate Surplus:				
Additions to Property through Income and Surplus.....	\$63,503.65	\$57,604.15	\$5,899.50	
Profit and Loss—Balance.....	27,307,506.57	23,346,827.93	3,960,678.64	
Total Corporate Surplus	\$27,371,010.22	\$23,404,432.08	\$3,966,578.14	
Total	\$320,222,825.59	\$315,932,328.92	\$4,290,496.67	
The following Liabilities not included in Balance Sheet Accounts:				
Securities held for Exchange of Underlying Securities:				
Long Term Debt.....	\$31,767,600.00	\$31,989,800.00		\$222,200.00
Securities held by or for the Company—Unpledged:				
Preferred Stock.....	5,528,364.39	5,529,477.45		1,113.06
Common Stock.....	15,730,515.52	15,732,350.28		1,834.76
Long Term Debt.....	11,593,105.46	11,389,905.46	\$203,200.00	
Securities held by or for the Company—Pledged:				
Long Term Debt.....	17,497,000.00	17,477,000.00	20,000.00	

The Company is guarantor, jointly with other Companies, of the securities of certain terminal companies, none of which is in default.
Note.—There were 803,701.1774 shares Common Stock outstanding in hands of the public on December 31, 1929, an increase of 206,0753 shares.
There were also 440,3328 shares included in Stock Liability for Conversion on December 31, 1929, a decrease of 183,8142 shares.

MISSOURI-KANSAS-TEXAS LINES.

INCOME ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1929, COMPARED WITH YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1928.

	1929.		1928.		Increase.	Decrease.
	Amount.	Per Cent of Gross Revenue.	Amount.	Per Cent of Gross Revenue.		
Average Mileage Operated	3,188.57		3,188.54		.03	
Operating Revenues:						
Freight	\$44,619,989.79	79.64	\$45,262,652.73	80.04		\$642,662.94
Passenger	6,206,420.53	11.08	6,767,528.93	11.97		561,108.40
Mail	*1,823,921.67	3.26	1,201,406.65	2.12	\$622,515.02	
Express	1,843,833.85	3.29	1,824,972.93	3.23	18,860.92	
Miscellaneous	805,033.45	1.44	842,687.83	1.49		37,654.43
Incidental	684,089.33	1.22	614,349.33	1.09	69,740.00	
Joint Facility	41,150.53	.07	35,519.97	.06	5,630.56	
Total Operating (Revenues)	\$56,024,439.15	100.00	\$56,549,118.42	100.00		\$524,679.27
Operating Expenses:						
Maintenance of Way and Structures	\$7,708,903.72	13.76	\$7,861,519.94	13.90		\$152,616.22
Maintenance of Equipment	9,854,928.29	17.59	10,143,557.86	17.94		288,629.57
Traffic Expenses	1,516,157.57	2.71	1,379,157.80	2.44	\$136,999.77	
Transportation Expenses	16,149,710.01	28.83	16,920,528.89	29.92		770,818.88
Miscellaneous Operations	346,928.62	.62	371,748.18	.66		24,819.56
General Expenses	2,062,332.42	3.68	2,447,446.70	4.33		385,114.28
Transportation for Investment—Cr	182,621.06	.33	190,143.48	.34	7,522.42	
Total Operating Expenses	\$37,456,339.57	66.86	\$38,933,815.89	68.85		\$1,477,476.32
Net Operating Revenue	\$18,568,099.58	33.14	\$17,615,302.53	31.15	\$952,797.05	
Railway Tax Accruals	\$3,289,868.20		\$3,074,029.43		\$215,838.77	
Uncollectible (Railway) Revenues	17,102.80		17,357.75			\$254.95
Total	\$3,306,971.00		\$3,091,387.18		\$215,583.82	
Operating Income	\$15,261,128.58		\$14,523,915.35		\$737,213.23	
Other Operating Income:						
Rent from Locomotives	\$32,444.27		\$171,703.86			\$ 139,259.59
Rent from Passenger Train Cars	135,707.39		160,884.73			25,177.34
Rent from Work Equipment	21,753.52		17,818.52		\$3,935.00	
Joint Facility Rent Income	157,669.13		183,588.73			25,919.60
Total Other Operating Income	\$347,574.31		\$533,995.84			\$186,421.53
Total Operating Income	\$15,608,702.89		\$15,057,911.19		\$550,791.70	
Deductions from Operating Income:						
Hire of Freight Cars—Debit Balance	\$2,038,734.05		\$1,836,752.02		\$201,982.03	
Rent for Locomotives	39,496.96		40,331.83			\$834.87
Rent for Passenger Train Cars	121,714.14		111,473.80		10,240.34	
Rent for Work Equipment	89,189.58		55,881.23		33,308.35	
Joint Facility Rents	753,476.10		809,000.95			55,524.85
Total Deductions from Operating Income	\$3,042,610.83		\$2,853,439.83		\$189,171.00	
Net Railway Operating Income	\$12,566,092.06		\$12,204,471.36		\$361,620.70	
Non-Operating Income:						
Income from Lease of Road	\$117,893.40		\$139,862.86			\$21,969.46
Miscellaneous Rent Income	153,290.92		153,946.00			655.08
Miscellaneous Non-Operating Physical Property	10,353.71		15,412.04			5,058.33
Dividend Income	4,500.00		360.00		\$4,140.00	
Income from Funded Securities	78,982.72		83,768.45			4,785.73
Income from Unfunded Securities and Accounts	705,445.98		542,143.49		163,302.49	
Miscellaneous Income	4,500.31		3,272.23		1,228.08	
Total Non-Operating Income	\$1,074,967.04		\$938,765.07		\$136,201.97	
Gross Income	\$13,641,059.10		\$13,143,236.43		\$497,822.67	
Deductions from Gross Income:						
Rent for Leased Roads	\$4,668.24		\$7,698.53			\$3,030.29
Miscellaneous Rents	1,907.35		1,854.40		\$52.95	
Miscellaneous Tax Accruals	8,600.19		12,768.34			4,168.15
Interest on Unfunded Debt	29,111.92		42,638.87			13,526.95
Miscellaneous Income Charges	524.24		860.80			336.56
Total Deductions from Gross Income	\$44,811.94		\$65,820.94			\$21,009.00
Balance Available for Interest	\$13,596,247.16		\$13,077,415.49		\$518,831.67	
Fixed Interest Charges	4,200,673.13		4,255,600.62			\$54,927.49
Balance Available for Interest on Adjustment Bonds	\$9,395,574.03		\$8,821,814.87		\$573,759.16	
Interest on Adjustment Bonds	869,333.30		1,325,561.68			\$456,218.38
Net Income	\$8,526,240.73		\$7,496,263.19		\$1,029,977.54	

* Includes \$534,882.37 Retroactive Mail pay.

PROFIT AND LOSS DECEMBER 31, 1929.

Balance to Credit of Profit and Loss December 31, 1928	\$23,346,827.93	Debits:	
Credits:		Dividend Appropriations	\$4,402,893.92
Credit Balance Transferred from Income	8,526,240.73	Surplus Appropriated for Investment in Physical Property	5,899.50
Donations	5,899.50	Debt Discount Extinguished through Surplus	3,572.91
Miscellaneous Credits	33,369.23	Loss on Retired Road and Equipment	131,009.23
		Miscellaneous Debits	61,455.26
Total	\$31,912,337.39	Total	\$4,604,830.82
		Balance to Credit of Profit and Loss December 31, 1929	\$27,307,506.57

OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR TEN YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1929.

REVENUES.								
Year.	Average Mileage Operated.	Freight.	Passenger.	Mail.	Express.	Miscellaneous.	Other.	Total.
1920	\$3,793.42	\$47,363,850.89	\$19,378,120.16	\$2,286,746.68	\$1,899,966.98	\$794,557.53	\$1,191,494.82	\$72,914,737.06
1921	3,783.69	43,782,692.09	13,904,679.97	1,356,041.38	2,102,426.33	779,656.03	1,095,479.65	63,020,975.45
1922	3,737.46	39,198,406.88	10,958,411.71	1,241,950.01	2,130,755.79	620,380.79	885,802.71	55,035,701.89
1923	3,359.70	39,791,214.67	11,295,456.27	1,221,101.46	2,181,233.24	637,146.76	861,765.68	55,987,918.08
1924	3,193.14	42,331,704.74	10,457,070.86	1,189,965.90	1,827,782.55	665,305.33	837,515.65	57,309,343.54
1925	3,188.54	43,777,643.01	9,325,059.52	1,143,052.49	1,758,952.12	765,652.37	782,554.03	57,492,943.54
1926	3,188.54	45,050,764.19	8,669,898.05	1,107,607.25	1,768,780.98	758,824.51	744,890.69	58,100,765.67
1927	3,188.54	43,941,759.91	7,812,203.30	1,114,538.05	1,790,533.08	829,602.95	677,837.60	56,181,527.97
1928	3,188.54	45,262,652.73	6,767,528.93	1,201,406.65	1,824,972.93	842,687.88	649,869.30	56,549,118.42
1929	3,188.57	44,619,989.79	6,206,420.53	*1,823,921.67	1,843,833.85	805,033.45	725,239.86	56,024,439.15

EXPENSES.							NET REVENUE.
Year.	Maintenance of Way and Structures.	Maintenance of Equipment.	Traffic.	Transportation Expenses.	General and Other.	Total.	
1920	\$16,422,652.00	\$17,378,345.36	\$978,596.39	\$32,014,151.75	\$3,087,133.40	\$69,880,878.90	\$3,033,858.16
1921	9,835,638.33	13,803,427.26	1,064,545.36	22,866,804.76	2,485,368.60	50,055,784.31	12,965,191.14
1922	7,237,276.60	10,548,094.49	1,041,435.68	18,780,007.03	2,076,887.24	39,683,701.04	15,352,000.85
1923	7,393,307.28	14,636,724.26	1,151,353.02	18,380,268.53	2,066,665.86	43,628,318.95	12,359,599.13
1924	7,563,137.47	11,517,474.98	1,138,932.06	17,363,774.08	2,148,686.10	39,732,034.69	17,577,310.34
1925	7,404,573.56	11,422,782.90	1,177,621.43	17,592,364.34	2,020,786.13	39,618,128.36	17,374,785.18
1926	7,818,706.89	11,203,004.57	1,319,917.96	17,625,954.47	2,011,485.76	39,979,069.65	18,121,696.02
1927	8,210,599.29	10,498,911.11	1,390,797.22	17,271,332.46	2,037,524.62	39,339,173.70	16,842,354.27
1928	7,861,519.94	10,143,557.86	1,379,157.80	16,920,528.89	2,629,051.40	38,933,815.89	17,615,302.53
1929	7,708,903.72	9,854,928.29	1,516,157.57	16,149,710.01	2,226,639.98	37,456,339.57	18,568,099.58

* Includes \$534,882.37 Retroactive Mail pay.

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

RECORD OF TEN YEARS' GROWTH

Year Ended Dec. 31—	Gross Operating Revenue.	Sales of Electricity K. W. H.	Sales of Gas Cubic Feet.	Number of Consumers December 31.	Number of Stockholders December 31.
1919	\$25,938,372	658,449,000	9,792,386,000	520,619	8,813
1920	34,481,960	1,042,266,000	10,644,650,000	569,359	14,020
1921	36,939,474	1,021,821,000	11,483,551,000	599,113	18,204
1922	38,593,562	1,095,123,000	12,353,849,000	645,410	25,265
1923	39,321,535	1,199,063,000	13,674,794,000	710,034	26,294
1924	44,451,586	1,334,035,000	15,277,478,000	763,617	31,859
1925	47,729,079	1,351,798,000	16,200,951,000	813,698	34,863
1926	50,960,571	1,514,981,000	17,482,206,000	874,724	39,149
1927	57,893,181	1,657,965,000	20,214,834,000	967,717	46,068
1928	61,449,592	1,774,222,000	21,058,369,000	1,004,340	49,068
1929	64,440,588	1,948,656,000	22,041,346,000	1,038,546	61,131
Gain in Ten Years	\$38,502,216	1,290,207,000	12,248,960,000	517,927	52,318
Increase, Per Cent.	148.44%	195.95%	125.09%	99.48%	593.65%

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1929

San Francisco, Calif., April 1st, 1930.

To the Stockholders:

Your Directors submit herewith a report of the 1929 operations of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company and of its wholly owned subsidiary companies, Mt. Shasta Power Corporation and Sierra and San Francisco Power Company.

For convenience the items in the following income account are numbered to correspond with the explanatory notes on the ensuing pages.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT.
PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES.

	1929.	1928.	Increase.	Decrease.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
(1) Gross Operating Revenue..	64,440,588	61,449,592	2,990,996	-----
Deduct—				
(2) Operating and Administrative Expenses and Taxes.	26,721,213	27,126,832	-----	405,619
(3) Maintenance	2,981,188	3,318,039	-----	336,851
(4) Insurance & Other Reserves	1,545,389	1,314,334	231,055	-----
(5) Total Deductions	31,247,790	31,759,205	-----	511,415
(6) Net Earnings from Oper.	33,192,798	29,690,387	3,502,411	-----
(7) Add: Miscellaneous Income	380,306	338,487	41,819	-----
(8) Total Net Income	33,573,104	30,028,874	3,544,230	-----
(9) Bond and Other Interest..	9,848,565	10,130,901	-----	282,336
(10) Balance	23,724,539	19,897,973	3,826,566	-----
(11) Bond Discount & Expense.	506,419	528,315	-----	21,896
(12) Balance	23,218,120	19,369,658	3,848,462	-----
(13) Reserve for Depreciation..	7,477,634	5,967,320	1,510,314	-----
(14) Surplus	15,740,486	13,402,338	2,338,148	-----
(15) Dividends on Pref. Stock..	4,840,565	4,601,630	238,935	-----
(16) Balance	10,899,921	8,800,708	2,099,213	-----
(17) Dividends on Common Stock (8%)	6,191,892	5,550,574	641,318	-----
(18) Balance	4,708,029	3,250,134	1,457,895	-----

CUSTOMERS.

The total number of customers at the close of 1929 was 1,038,546, of whom 479,986 were users of gas, 549,816 of electricity, and 8,744 of water and steam. The net addition to the number of customers during the year was 34,206. Since 1919, the number of active meters connected to the Company's distribution system has increased 517,927, having doubled in the past ten years. A tabulation summarizing these figures, by departments, follows:

NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS.

	At December 31.			Net Gain.	
	1929.	1928.	1919.	In 1929.	In 10 Years.
Gas Customers	479,986	466,628	269,870	13,358	210,116
Electric Customers	549,816	529,306	235,719	20,510	314,097
Water Customers	8,009	7,762	14,587	247	*6,578
Steam Customers	735	644	443	91	292
Total Customers	1,038,546	1,004,340	520,619	34,206	517,927

* Decrease due to sale of water properties.

NOTES ON INCOME ACCOUNT.

(1) GROSS OPERATING REVENUE—\$64,440,588.

The Company's record of uninterrupted growth since organization was maintained during 1929, when gross operating revenues, for the twenty-fourth consecutive year, showed a substantial increase over the preceding year. (See chart on page 31 pamphlet report).

The total operating revenue from all sources aggregated \$64,440,588, of which \$42,019,352, or 65.21%, was derived from the sale of electricity, \$20,899,329, or 32.43% from gas sales, and \$1,521,907, or 2.36%, from minor activities, as detailed in the following tabulation showing the departmental distribution of revenue during each of the past two years:

GROSS OPERATING REVENUES BY DEPARTMENTS.

	1929.	1928.	Increase.	P. C. of Whole Contributed by Each Depart.
Electric Department	\$42,019,352	\$39,059,071	\$2,960,281	65.21%
Gas Department	20,899,329	20,850,005	49,324	32.43%
Street Railway Depart.	670,333	695,343	*25,010	1.04%
Water & Irrigation Dep.	457,964	437,647	20,317	.71%
Steam Sales Department	393,610	407,526	*13,916	.61%
Total Gross Oper. Rev.	\$64,440,588	\$61,449,592	\$2,990,996	100.00%

* Decrease.

The Company's electric department revenue increased \$2,960,281, or 7.6%, notwithstanding the lower rates in effect during 1929, as compared with the preceding year. The reductions made in 1928 affected primarily domestic, commercial and street lighting rates. The lower schedules, and a vigorous sales campaign, encouraged a substantially increased consumption of energy in each of these classes of business, as indicated by the following results:

Sales for commercial and residential heating and cooking increased	20,099,077 K.W.H. or 30.1%	
Sales for commercial and residential lighting increased	37,662,548 "	12.2%
Sales for street lighting increased	6,627,007 "	18.7%
Sales of electricity for all purposes increased	174,434,245 "	9.8%

The increase of \$49,324 in gross derived from gas sales is considerably less than the normal rate of growth which this branch of the business has uniformly experienced in the past. This is attributable in part to lower gas rates which were placed in effect on February 14, 1929, as a result of reduced fuel oil prices, by which our customers benefited to the extent of approximately \$900,000; and also to the substitution during the second half of the year of natural for manufactured gas in certain sections of the Company's territory. Natural gas contains twice as much heat as the same volume of manufactured gas, and the immediate effect of the substitution is a reduction in the volume of sales and in gross receipts. This situation is a temporary one and was, of course, fully anticipated. After the necessary period of readjustment to the new conditions, we are convinced that this venture will not only prove one of the most popular ever made by the Company, owing to the large aggregate saving to nearly half a million consumers, but will also prove to be one yielding very satisfactory profits. Some of the factors on which we base this belief are these:

(1) A great volume of house-heating now being done with other forms of fuel will be converted to natural gas. Judging from our experience so far and also from that of other natural gas companies in similar territory, it is only a question of time until almost all domestic heating in the communities served by us will be done with natural gas. This is one of the largest and most desirable fields for the new product. The San Francisco Bay area is generally regarded as one of the best house-heating fields in the country, not only from the standpoint of possible load, but as well from the important standpoint of relatively favorable seasonal load variation.

(2) A very considerable and immediate outlet for natural gas will be found among existing industries which have heretofore used other less desirable or more expensive forms of fuel. A number of contracts of this character have already been signed to yield an aggregate revenue of approximately \$1,000,000 annually.

(3) A number of communities and industries within reach of the Company's new pipe lines, but heretofore without gas service will be furnished with natural gas, thus materially enlarging the territory heretofore served.

(4) Its lower cost (about half that of manufactured gas, on a calorimeter basis), will provide an incentive for existing consumers to use natural gas more freely in appliances already installed, in addition to further installations that will be promoted by the greater economy of the new fuel.

(5) New industries will be attracted to this region by natural gas. As these industries will require power, as well as heat, the Company's electric department will also be benefited, as will practically all classes of business throughout this section of the State.

The following factors tend more particularly to increase net income, and taken in conjunction with those above cited, assure increasingly satisfactory returns from the operation of the gas department:

(6) Production costs will be reduced materially. In other words, the Company will be enabled to deliver the natural product at customers' meters for considerably less than the manufactured gas.

(7) Increased heating capacity of natural gas in effect doubles the capacity of the Company's existing gas distribution systems, for the reason that twice as much heat-

ing capacity as heretofore can be carried through its mains without adding to the investment in distribution mains.

(8) Substantial savings will be made in the operation of the Company's steam electric stations through the substitution of surplus natural gas for fuel oil. The heaviest load on our steam stations occurs during the dry season, when the Company has normally the least amount of water for the operation of its hydro-electric plants, but the greatest volume of available gas. In the winter months, when the requirements for gas for house-heating and other purposes are the heaviest, the maximum amount of hydro-electric energy is available. The operations of the two departments thus dovetail admirably and serve to diminish seasonal peaks. This is one reason prompting the enlargement and complete modernization of the Company's steam plant in San Francisco, now under way. In the latter part of 1930 the installation of two new turbines, with a combined capacity of 134,000 horsepower, will be completed and additional units will subsequently be added to increase the total capacity of this plant to 300,000 horsepower. When this work is finished, the reduced cost of steam generated energy will undoubtedly justify the use of both our Oakland and San Francisco steam plants for base load, as well as for standby and peaking purposes.

(2) OPERATING AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES AND TAXES—\$26,721,213.

Operating expenses continued the downward trend which has been noticeable in recent years, reflecting the lower unit costs incident to larger scale operations, modernization of equipment and methods, reduced fuel costs, and more intensive loading of existing facilities. Exclusive of maintenance and reserves, the expense of operation in 1929 decreased \$405,619.

Year.	Gross Operating Revenue.	Operating and Administrative Expenses and Taxes.	Per Cent of Expenses to Gross.
1924-----	\$44,451,586	\$24,867,625	56%
1925-----	47,729,079	24,785,076	52%
1926-----	50,960,571	25,560,951	50%
1927-----	57,893,181	26,295,702	45%
1928-----	61,449,592	27,126,832	44%
1929-----	64,440,588	26,721,213	41%

The amount set aside out of income for the payment of taxes in 1929, including Federal taxes and those payable to the State and other governmental subdivisions, aggregated \$6,813,406. Seven and one-half cents out of each dollar received from the sale of gas and electricity is turned over to the State government, to which the Company is the largest single contributor operating wholly in the State of California.

The total amount provided out of operating income for taxes during the past ten years exceeded by almost \$11,000,000 the amount paid in cash dividends on the Company's common stock during this period.

(3) MAINTENANCE—\$2,981,188.

(13) RESERVE FOR DEPRECIATION—\$7,477,634.

The sum of these items, representing the provision for maintaining the integrity of the Company's physical assets was \$10,458,822, or 16.2% of gross operating revenue. This conforms closely to the practice of previous years, the average upkeep provision for the past fourteen years exceeding 16% of operating gross. The fact that all equipment is maintained in an excellent state of operating efficiency, with adequate provision for renewals and replacements, assures to the Company's customers dependable service, and to investors in its securities the preservation of equities underlying its stocks and bonds.

At the close of 1929, the unappropriated balance in depreciation reserve was \$25,877,905.

(4) INSURANCE AND OTHER RESERVES—\$1,545,389.

Adequate reserves were appropriated out of revenues to cover claims for accidents and damages and for loss by fire and similar contingencies, the provision for these purposes made in 1929 aggregating \$1,545,389 and resulting in an increase in such reserves, after all charges, of \$356,315. The status of these reserves at the close of the year was as follows:

	Balance in Reserves at Dec. 31, 1929.
Insurance Reserve-----	\$1,857,600
Casualty Reserve-----	382,760
Uncollectible Accounts Reserve-----	377,592
Total-----	\$2,617,952

(6) NET EARNINGS FROM OPERATION—\$33,192,798; (7) MISCELLANEOUS INCOME—\$380,306; (8) TOTAL NET INCOME, \$33,573,104.

After the deduction of all operating expenses, taxes and reserves (excluding depreciation reserve) net earnings from operation aggregated \$33,192,798, or \$3,502,411 in excess of the corresponding figure in 1928. The addition to net exceeded by \$511,415 the gain in gross operating revenue.

Total net income, after the addition of \$380,306 of miscellaneous income (non-operating revenues derived from interest on investments, etc.), amounted to \$33,573,104, which was available for depreciation and for a return on the Company's invested capital.

(9) BOND INTEREST—\$9,848,565; (11) BOND DISCOUNT AND EXPENSE—\$506,419.

These items, representing respectively the interest payable to holders of the Company's secured obligations and the year's proportion of discount and expense incurred in the past sale of bonds, aggregated \$10,354,984, a decrease of \$304,232. This decrease in fixed charges was occasioned by the refunding during the preceding year of certain of the Company's issues with bonds bearing a lower interest rate, and was also due in part to an actual reduction in the amount of outstanding bonds through sinking fund operations and the retirement at maturity of two small issues.

The following table shows that in the past five years net income available for fixed charges and depreciation increased \$16,841,517, compared with an increase of only \$3,587,037 in interest charges, a fact which sufficiently emphasizes the steadily increasing equity and earning power back of the Company's bonds.

BONDS—MARGIN OF EARNINGS OVER INTEREST CHARGES.

Year Ended December 31.	Net Income Available for Fixed Charges and Depreciation	Interest Charges.	Balance.	Number of Times Interest Earned.
1924-----	\$16,731,587	\$6,261,528	\$10,470,059	2.67
1925-----	19,168,185	7,078,183	12,090,002	2.71
1926-----	21,471,515	7,926,006	13,545,509	2.71
1927-----	27,798,967	10,472,974	17,325,993	2.65
1928-----	30,028,874	10,130,901	19,897,973	2.96
1929-----	33,573,104	9,848,565	23,724,539	3.41
Increase in 5 yrs.	\$16,841,517	\$3,587,037	\$13,254,480	.74

Since 1924, the investment position of the Company's bonds has been fortified through the addition of approximately \$165,812,000 to physical assets, while the amount of outstanding bonds has increased only \$53,667,000. In other words, more than \$3,000 worth of property has been added for every \$1,000 bond sold during this period. At the close of 1929 the book value of the Company's properties, including net current assets, exceeded by \$222,464,027 the total face value of all bonds held by the public. A summary showing the relationship of funded debt to physical assets during recent years follows:

BONDS—INCREASING EQUITY IN PHYSICAL ASSETS.

Year Ended December 31.	Book Value of Fixed and Working Capital.	Par Value of All Bonds Outstanding with Public	Excess of Physical Equity Over All Bonds.
1924-----	\$263,676,639	\$153,357,300	\$110,319,339
1925-----	279,840,173	161,852,800	117,987,373
1926-----	302,402,941	170,209,800	132,193,141
1927-----	371,813,711	208,631,500	163,182,211
1928-----	381,094,445	207,883,000	173,211,445
1929-----	429,488,227	207,024,200	222,464,027
Increase in 5 years.	\$165,811,588	\$53,666,900	\$112,144,688

(14) SURPLUS—\$15,740,486; (10) PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDENDS—\$4,840,565; (17) COMMON STOCK DIVIDENDS—\$6,191,892.

The surplus available for the payment of dividends to the Company's 61,131 stockholders in return for their investment in the property amounted in 1929 to \$15,740,486 or \$2,338,148 more than in 1928.

Dividends on the outstanding preferred stock amounted to \$4,840,565 and were earned 3.25 times. Putting the matter in another way, the Company's earnings in 1929 would have sufficed to pay dividends at the rate of 5½% upon approximately \$200,000,000 of preferred stock in addition to the \$86,000,000 par value actually outstanding at the close of the year. The first preferred stock, since its original issuance upwards of fifteen years ago, has always been a sound and well protected issue, and its increasing desirability as a high-grade investment may be inferred from the fact that in the past five years \$52,729,025 par value of additional common stock, paying dividends at the rate of 8% annually, has been placed back of the preferred, \$31,911,373 having been received by the Company from the sale of \$22,599,933 par value of common stock in 1929 alone. Largely as a result of this additional common stock financing the balance available for preferred dividends, as indicated in the following table, has increased \$8,712,137 in the past five years, while dividend requirements on the Company's preferred issues increased only \$1,595,957.

STOCK—SURPLUS EARNED AND DIVIDENDS PAID.

Year Ended December 31.	Surplus After All Prior Chgs., incl. Depreciation and Federal Taxes.	Preferred Stock Dividend.	Balance for Common.	Common Stock Dividends.		
				Amount.	Rate.	%
1924-----	\$7,028,349	\$3,244,608	\$3,783,741	\$3,040,123	8%	Cash
1925-----	7,851,357	3,265,434	4,585,923	3,624,337	8%	"
1926-----	8,859,240	3,488,880	5,370,360	4,119,970	8%	"
1927-----	11,386,050	4,384,858	7,001,192	4,892,352	8%	"
1928-----	13,402,338	4,601,630	8,800,708	5,550,574	8%	"
1929-----	15,740,486	4,840,565	10,899,921	6,191,892	8%	"
Increase in 5 years.	\$8,712,137	\$1,595,957	\$7,116,180	\$3,151,769		

The balance of \$10,899,921 remaining after the payment of preferred dividends was equivalent to \$3.52 per share upon the average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the year and to \$3.27 per share upon the number of fully paid shares outstanding at December 31, 1929.

The utilization of common stock as a means of financing a substantial part of new construction has enabled the

Company to secure new capital from the sale of bonds and preferred stock at lower cost. This, in turn, has increased the remainder of surplus available for distribution to common stock after the payment of bond interest and preferred stock dividends. This tendency toward the lower cost of senior money may be illustrated by the statement that in 1924 a substantial amount of bond money was secured at an average cost of 6.15%, whereas in 1928, four years later, the cost was 4.86%. (No bonds were sold in 1929.) Similarly, preferred stock money in 1925 cost 6.22%, as against 5.57% in 1929.

The steadily improving investment position of the common stock is also in part attributable to the policy of reinvesting in the business a portion of annual earnings. In the twenty-four years since organization, the balance of earnings after the deduction of operating and maintenance costs, taxes and interest charges, aggregated \$187,449,000. Of this amount only \$85,170,000, or 45.4%, was disbursed in cash dividends, the remainder being used to retire bonds or reinvested in the property through the medium of surplus and reserves, as shown by the following summary:

DISPOSITION OF BALANCE REMAINING AFTER OPERATING COSTS AND INTEREST CHARGES SINCE ORGANIZATION OF COMPANY.

Cash Dividends	\$85,170,000
To Retire Bonds	26,518,000
Reinvested in the Property	35,729,000
For Replacements and Rehabilitation	38,907,000
Other Purposes	1,125,000
Total	\$187,449,000

**BALANCE SHEET ITEMS.
CURRENT FINANCIAL CONDITION.**

Including \$14,541,168 advanced from working capital for construction purposes and subject to reimbursement of the treasury through the issuance of additional securities, working assets at December 31, 1929, aggregated \$52,671,665, or more than three times the \$15,101,558 of current liabilities, including in the latter \$9,070,926 of interest and taxes accrued but not then due. Net working assets amounted to \$37,570,107, or \$12,946,103 in excess of the corresponding figure in 1928. The Company has no floating debt, nor has it had any for upwards of fourteen years. Its ample liquid assets enable it to take advantage of all cash discounts offered for the prompt payment of bills, and a saving of \$143,151 from this source alone was effected during the past year.

WORKING ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

	Dec. 31, 1929.	Dec. 31, 1928.	Increase.	Decrease.
Current Assets—				
Bond Redemption Funds	\$ 29,155	\$ 203,251		\$ 174,096
Material and Supplies	5,540,085	5,092,744	447,341	
Bills and Accounts Receivable (Less Reserve for Uncollectible Accounts)	8,509,347	6,775,652	1,733,695	
Due on Stock Subscriptions—	1,310,378	952,352	358,026	
Underlying Bonds bought in advance for Sinking Funds.	1,311,000	1,076,000	235,000	
General and Refunding 5% Bonds issued against Construction	975,000	975,000		
Cash	20,287,631	5,866,250	14,421,381	
Interest Accrued on Invest'ts	20,554	2,372	18,182	
Other Investments	147,347	230,628		\$ 83,281
Advances for Construction, Leased Properties	4,784,966	4,323,597	461,369	
Advances for Construction, including Construction Materials and Supplies	9,756,202	12,740,848		2,984,646
Total Assets	52,671,665	38,238,694	14,432,971	
Current Liabilities—				
Bonds Called but not Redeemed	31,310	195,910		164,600
Accounts Payable	1,878,145	2,728,423		850,278
Drafts Outstanding	682,490	393,583	288,907	
Meter and Line Deposits	1,201,988	1,076,950	125,038	
Unpaid Coupons	558,233	477,349	80,884	
Interest Accrued but not due	2,399,861	1,989,454	410,407	
Taxes Accrued but not due	6,671,065	5,311,168	1,359,897	
Dividends Declared	1,678,466	1,441,853	236,613	
Total Liabilities	15,101,558	13,614,690	1,486,868	
Net Working Assets	37,570,107	24,624,004	12,946,103	

PLANTS AND PROPERTIES.

At the beginning of the year the cost of the Company's properties (excluding investments and current assets) as shown in the Item "Plants and Properties" on its balance sheet was \$375,585,886. Gross expenditures for additions, betterments and improvements during 1929 amounted to \$35,347,194. Less charges against depreciation reserve created by annual appropriations out of operating revenues for property renewed or replaced or otherwise disposed of as being of no further service \$3,781,890. There was added through acquisition of the properties of minor concerns \$136,647. Total plant and properties as shown by consolidated balance sheet, December 31, 1929 \$407,287,837.

An active program of construction designed to meet and also to anticipate the constantly growing demand for the Company's services was pursued during 1929, the net additions to plant account, after the deduction of all realized depreciation, amounting to \$31,565,304. This represented the largest outlay for construction purposes in any single year in the Company's history, and included substantial expenditures in every major phase of its operations. Approximately \$13,900,000 was spent in the construction of natural gas mains and holders and the compressor station at Kettleman Hills; \$2,566,000 was expended on the Moke-

lumne project, and \$1,242,000 on account of the installation of new steam electric generating equipment at Station "A," San Francisco.

A small distribution system owned by the Downieville Electric Light Company, and the properties of the Yuba River Power Company, consisting of an electric generating system of which the Company heretofore purchased the entire output, were acquired during the year. In conformity with the Company's policy of maintaining the simplicity of its corporate, financial and operating structures, the properties of the California Telephone and Light Company, of which control was acquired in April, 1923, were formally transferred to the Pacific Company at the close of July, 1929.

As indicated in the following table, the net addition to the Company's fixed assets since its organization in the latter part of 1905 aggregated \$334,508,003, of which almost \$310,000,000, or more than three-fourths of the Company's total plant account, represents properties constructed or acquired under the authorization of the Railroad Commission of the State of California, which assumed jurisdiction over the public utilities of the State early in 1912:

Year.	Construction.	Other Properties Acquired.	Total.
1906	\$3,860,244	\$13,820,125	\$17,680,369
1907	3,674,475	47,861	3,722,336
1908	2,099,997		2,099,997
1909	1,746,706	90,632	1,837,338
1910	2,879,159	593,766	3,472,925
1911	2,248,521	4,768,950	7,017,471
1912	7,495,764	404,285	7,900,049
1913	7,406,416	389,208	7,795,624
1914	2,733,049	4,182	2,738,131
1915	2,089,447	120,478	2,209,925
1916	3,658,426	12,681	3,671,107
1917	2,781,530	1,797,062	4,578,592
1918	1,818,704	*6,406	1,825,110
1919	3,181,909	11,556,299	14,738,208
1920	10,600,209	1,211	10,601,420
1921	18,040,061	333	18,040,394
1922	16,422,278	1,132,582	17,554,860
1923	17,044,713	1,724,585	18,769,298
1924	29,937,668	220,408	30,158,076
1925	24,607,648	29,769	24,637,417
1926	15,793,347	1,692,084	17,485,431
1927	12,587,531	**3,453,736	9,133,795
1928	13,453,358	61,697,633	75,150,991
1929	31,565,304	136,647	31,701,951
Total	\$237,727,364	\$96,708,639	\$334,508,003

* Decrease.
** After deducting water and telephone properties sold.

CAPITALIZATION.

The aggregate par value of all bonds and stocks outstanding in the hands of the public at the close of 1929, including \$14,517,600 preferred and common stock subscribed but not yet fully paid or issued, was \$388,684,195, the ownership of these securities being distributed among approximately 110,000 investors. Seventy per cent of all securities presently outstanding were issued by authority of the Railroad Commission of California, were sold at prices and upon terms approved by it, and the application of the proceeds was accounted for in detail to the Commission in accordance with the regulations prescribed by it.

The Company's financial structure is sound and conservative, being supported by physical assets having a value substantially in excess of all outstanding capitalization, and is sufficiently elastic to permit of the issuance of bonds, preferred stock or common stock at such times and in such proportions as are conducive to securing, upon the most favorable terms, the new capital required by its continuing expansion. The following summary shows the ratios of each of these three classes of securities outstanding at the close of 1929:

	Amount Outstanding.	Proportion of Total Capitalization.
Bonds of P. G. & E. Company and Subsidiary Companies—	\$187,068,200	
Bonds of Affiliated Company—	19,956,000	53.2%
Preferred Stocks of P. G. & E. Co.	\$86,098,482	
Preferred Stock of Companies in Process of Dissolution	6,200	86,104,682
Common Stock of P. G. & E. Co.	\$95,534,957	
Common Stock of Companies in Process of Dissolution	20,356	95,555,313
Total Capitalization in Hands of Public	\$388,684,195	100.0%

FUNDED DEBT.

For the second consecutive year there was a decrease in the amount of bonds outstanding with the public, the total of \$207,024,200 at December 31, 1929, being \$858,800 less than at the close of 1928, and \$1,607,300 less than at the end of 1927. Concurrently with this decrease in funded debt, there was an increase in the value of the fixed assets securing the Company's bonds of \$106,852,942. No bonds were sold during 1929, nor, except for refunding purposes, have any been issued since April, 1926. At December 31, 1929, the book value of the Company's plants and properties, which is considerably exceeded by their present value, was \$407,287,837, while the aggregate of all outstanding bonds was \$207,024,200.

SINKING FUNDS.

Sinking fund operations during 1929 resulted in the retirement of \$1,834,500 par value of bonds, with a net annual saving in interest charges of \$90,785. There was an increase of \$53,243 in the uninvested cash and accrued interest in sinking funds, the relative status of these funds at the

close of each of the past two years being summarized as follows:

Character of Sinking Fund Assets—	December 31 1929	December 31 1928	Additions During 1929
Bonds of Company—at par	\$28,797,790	\$26,963,290	\$1,834,500
Cash and Accrued Interest—not yet invested	273,196	219,953	53,243
Total Assets	\$29,070,986	\$27,183,243	\$1,887,743
Net Annual Interest Saving	\$1,451,628	\$1,360,843	\$90,785

The \$28,797,790 par value of bonds held in Sinking Funds at the close of 1929 was acquired by the following means:

	Bonds Held in Sinking Funds.
From Revenues	\$27,263,590
In Exchange for Overlying Bonds	493,000
From proceeds of sale of Common Stock	1,041,200
	\$28,797,790

PREFERRED STOCK.

The Company in 1929 sold \$7,253,725 par value of its First Preferred 5½% Stock "over the counter" directly to local investors, at an average price of \$24.85 per share. This stock, together with \$78,844,757 of First Preferred 6% Stock previously outstanding or subscribed, was held at the close of 1929 by 37,116 stockholders, of whom 32,981, or 88.8%, were California residents.

COMMON STOCK.

In conformity with its policy of making periodical offerings of subscription privileges to common stockholders, the Company extended to holders of record at the close of business on February 8, 1929, the right to purchase, at its par value of \$25 per share, additional common stock in the proportion of one new share for each ten shares held. This was the fourth consecutive "Par Offering" at approximately annual intervals.

In September, 1929, two further offerings of "Rights" were made concurrently. The first, designated as "Par Offering No. 5," permitted common shareholders of record on September 25th to purchase additional stock at par in the above ratio. The second, designated as "Special Offering 'A,'" extended the added right to purchase at \$55 per share, additional stock to the extent of ten per cent of shares held. By exercising both these rights, common stockholders were, in effect, enabled to purchase two new shares for each ten shares owned at an average price of \$40 per share.

All of these offerings met with an excellent response, subscriptions up to the close of the year aggregating \$22,599,933 par value, or 99.33% of the total stock offered for subscription. A premium of \$9,311,440 was realized from the sale of common stock during this year, which offset to that extent the discount and expense of \$9,340,345 on capital stock previously outstanding on the Company's balance sheet.

In the latter part of 1929, \$611,667 par value of common stock was issued in exchange for the entire outstanding preferred and common stock of the Snow Mountain Water and Power Company, of which further details are given on page 20 (pamphlet report). The historical cost of the properties of the acquired Company, after deducting all prior liens, was \$1,883,578, equivalent to \$77 per share of the common stock issued in exchange. A minority interest (45.83%) of the outstanding stock of the Vallejo Electric Light and Power Company was also acquired, \$229,167 par value of common stock being issued in exchange therefor.

DISTRIBUTION OF STOCK OWNERSHIP.

At December 31, 1929, the ownership of the Company was vested in 61,131 shareholders, of whom 37,116 held preferred stock and 24,015 common stock.

As indicated by the following table, 5,992 stockholders own small blocks of from one to five shares each, and 49,393, or 80.8% of all stockholders, own not to exceed one hundred shares, or \$2,500 par value.

SUMMARY SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF STOCK.

Size of Holdings.	Number of Stockholders.		
	Preferred.	Common.	Total.
Stockholders owning or subscribing for:			
1 to 5 shares of the par value of \$25	3,226	2,766	5,992
6 to 10 shares of the par value of \$25	3,746	3,606	7,352
11 to 100 shares of the par value of \$25	22,739	13,310	36,049
101 to 1,000 shares of the par value of \$25	7,167	3,977	11,144
Over 1,000 shares of the par value of \$25	238	356	594
Total	37,116	24,015	61,131

California stockholders numbered 49,159, or 80.4%, less than one-fifth of all stockholders residing outside of the State.

OPERATING AND CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENTS.

Matters relating to the operating and construction departments are more fully dealt with in the following abstract of report presented at the annual meeting of stockholders by Mr. P. M. Downing, First Vice-President and General Manager:

REPORT OF FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER.

Following are some of the more important items of construction during 1929:

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT—CONSTRUCTION.

Spaulding Power House No. 3, the first fully automatic generating plant on the Company's system, was placed in service February 21, 1929.

The enlargement of Bear River Canal, to accommodate the diversion of an additional 120 cubic feet per second of

water from the Nevada Irrigation District, was started August 7, 1929, and was 36% complete at the close of the year.

On September 27th the work of reconstructing the Cow Creek Power House for semi-automatic operation was started, and at December 31st was 85% complete.

A new 120-foot constant angle arch type dam to replace the old log crib Lyons Dam on the south fork of the Stanislaus River was started June 17th, and is 80% complete. The new dam will provide the necessary storage for water allotted to the Tuolumne Water District for irrigation and domestic uses, making available the storage from Strawberry reservoir for use through Spring Gap, Stanislaus and Melones Power Houses.

Construction of the Salt Springs Dam on the Mokelumne River was continued throughout the year and at its close was 54% complete, with 1,500,000 cubic yards of material in place. Approximately \$8,900,000 had been expended on the Mokelumne project at December 31, 1929.

Work was begun upon the enlargement and modernization of the Company's steam electric generating plant (Station "A") in San Francisco, including the installation of two turbo generators with a combined capacity of 134,000 horsepower, and three boilers to operate at 1,350 pounds pressure. Approximately \$1,242,000 had been expended upon this work at the close of the year, and the new units will be ready for operation in the latter part of 1930. Additional units which will increase the capacity of this plant to 300,000 horsepower will be added as required.

Other items of electric department construction include the building of a 60,000-volt high tension line to serve the Columbia Steel Company and other industrial consumers at Pittsburg, California; changing the present 11,000-volt line from Salinas south to San Ardo to 60,000 volts; reconstructing the Sierra power line from Gilroy to Lagunitas for 110,000-volt operation; rebuilding the line between Mountain View and Davenport to carry 60,000 volts; and constructing a new 60,000-volt line from Olema substation to Bolinas in order to improve the service to the trans-Pacific radio station at the latter point.

GAS DEPARTMENT—CONSTRUCTION.

The Company's first natural gas transmission line from the Kettleman Hills to the San Francisco Bay was completed and the delivery of natural gas in San Francisco and Oakland begun on August 16, 1929. This line, of which the main section is 22 inches in diameter, with a 20-inch branch into San Francisco and a line of similar diameter into Oakland, Richmond, and other East Bay cities, is 246 miles in length. A further extension of 51 miles southward to connect with the Buttonwillow gas field was completed early in November, thus providing an additional proven source of supply and increasing the total length of the line to 297 miles. So far natural gas has been drawn almost exclusively from two wells in the Kettleman Hills field, which alone have proved themselves capable of producing upwards of two hundred million cubic feet of gas per day, or very substantially in excess of the Company's present demands.

Under long-term contracts with leading producers, the Company is assured of the prior rights to the natural gas from a large acreage in both the Kettleman and Buttonwillow fields. The developments already made in the Kettleman Hills field would seem to justify the characterization applied to it as the largest natural gas reservoir in the world, the life of which promises to be greatly prolonged by the policy of the State to prevent the uneconomical wastage of gas. The Buttonwillow field, so far as it has been developed, is an area of dry gas, which will undoubtedly be kept in the ground unless and until it is needed, and will thus constitute a valuable reserve. Deeper drillings in this field indicate the existence of lower and more prolific gas zones than those already opened up. Other gas-bearing areas in the San Joaquin Valley, of an unknown but probably large extent, will undoubtedly be developed to production.

Construction work was begun in October, 1929, on a second natural gas transmission line extending from Kettleman Hills to Richmond, California, there connecting with the first line and forming a loop through which gas may be transported in either direction, thus assuring continuity of service to the major part of the Company's distributing area. This line will be owned and operated by the Standard-Pacific Gas Line, Inc., a new company to be controlled jointly by the Standard Oil Company of California and the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, each of which will own a one-half interest in this new subsidiary, and will be entitled to one-half of the capacity of the pipe line. This joint ownership and operation avoids the duplication of investment and facilities which would have followed the construction of separate pipe lines. The main section of this line is 26 inches in diameter and is designed to deliver 138,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas per day without booster stations. When necessary, the construction of intermediary compressor stations will substantially increase this capacity. The second line will be connected with the Company's first pipe line by a 22-inch main extending from Tracy to Milpitas, near the southern extremity of San Francisco Bay.

A branch line approximately eighty miles in length, extending north from a point near Tracy to supply Stockton,

Sacramento and other communities is now under construction. A second branch pipe line will be laid across the Carquinez Bridge to supply Vallejo, connecting with the Company's present San Rafael-Santa Rosa system at Petaluma, with extensions to serve as far north as Calistoga and Healdsburg, almost four hundred miles from the southern end of the Company's pipe line at Buttonwillow. On the completion of these extensions the Company will have a natural gas transmission and distribution system exceeding 6,000 miles and will be able to supply the new and cheaper service to nearly all of its present customers. At only a few outlying places will it be necessary to continue the service of manufactured gas.

All of these lines, with the exception of the second line above referred to, will be owned and operated entirely by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company. Altogether, approximately 600 miles of large capacity gas mains were constructed during 1929.

Additional gas storage capacity was provided through the erection of a 10,000,000 cubic foot gas holder in San Francisco, an 8,000,000 cubic foot holder in Oakland, and smaller holders in Marysville, Redding, and Eureka.

The construction of a compressor station at Kettleman Hills for the purpose of introducing into the Company's mains at a uniform pressure of 400 pounds per square inch the natural gas received from the Buttonwillow main and the Company's gathering lines at Kettleman was undertaken during 1929 and completed early in 1930.

ACQUIRED PROPERTIES.

On May 1, 1929, the Company purchased and assumed operation of the electric generating and distributing system of the Downieville Electric Light Company, operating in Sierra County.

As of July 31, 1929, all of the properties of the California Telephone and Light Company, of which the entire outstanding capital stock was already owned by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, were transferred to the latter and became a part of its operating system.

Effective October 7, 1929, the Company acquired the entire interest of the Yuba River Company in the Bullard's Bar dam, reservoir, power plant, and other facilities located in Sierra and Yuba Counties.

Under the terms of an agreement made on September 12, 1929, with the owners of a majority of the preferred and common stock of the Snow Mountain Water and Power Company, the Pacific Gas and Electric Company by the close of 1929 had acquired all of the outstanding stock of the former.

The Snow Mountain Company owns valuable water rights on the Eel River. It also owns Gravelly Valley reservoir, with a capacity of 73,000 acre feet and a hydro-electric generating and transmission system in Mendocino, Sonoma and Napa Counties, California. Its plant on the Eel River at Potter Valley, which has a present installed capacity of approximately 12,000 horsepower, will be modernized and enlarged.

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT—OPERATION.

Sales of electricity during 1929 aggregated 1,948,656,000 kilowatt hours, an increase of 174,434,000 kilowatt hours, or 9.83% compared with 1928.

At the close of the year, the connected load of the 549,816 electric customers receiving service from the Company aggregated 2,249,206 horsepower, an increase of 119,346 horsepower during 1929. The increase in connected load for lighting and power purposes during the past ten years has been particularly rapid, as indicated in the following summary:

CONNECTED LOAD IN HORSEPOWER.

	1929.	1919.	Increase.	
			H. P.	Per Cent
Commercial and Domestic Lighting--	751,735	313,921	437,814	139.5%
Power-----	1,497,471	459,887	1,037,584	225.6%
Total-----	2,249,206	773,808	1,475,398	190.7%

Electric service is now being furnished to 362 cities and towns, of which 329 are served directly and 33 indirectly, and to an extensive rural area. The well diversified character of the Company's electric business is indicated by the fact that the average load throughout the year was 61.9% of the maximum demand.

The Company at December 31, 1929, operated 34 hydro-electric plants with a total installed capacity of 674,597 horsepower, and eight steam electric generating stations with an installed capacity of 244,369 horsepower. The aggregate installed capacity of the 42 plants in service at the close of 1929 was 918,966 horsepower.

Following is a brief summary of electric transmission and distribution facilities owned or operated by the Company at December 31, 1929:

Miles of 220,000 volt lines-----	278.85
Miles of 110,000 volt lines-----	868.09
Miles of 60,000 volt lines-----	2,529.86
Miles of 30,000 volt lines-----	153.80
Total high tension lines-----	3,830.60 miles
Miles of overhead distribution lines (less than 20,000 volts)-----	14,425.31
Miles of underground distribution-----	231.70
Total distribution-----	14,657.01 miles
Total transmission and distribution system-----	18,487.61 miles

There are 81,070 transformers connected with the distribution system, having a capacity of 1,052,309 kilowatts.

GAS DEPARTMENT—OPERATION.

During the year 22,041,345,500 cubic feet of gas were sold, an increase of 982,976,800 cubic feet, or 4.7%. This increase in the volume of gas sold is, however, substantially less than the actual ratio of increase of the Company's gas business, measured from the standpoint of heating capacity rather than volume. In the first nine months of 1929, during which only a relatively small proportion of natural gas was sold, the volume of gas sales increased 8.3%, compared with the same period of 1928. In the last quarter of the year, however, the volume of sales showed a reduction of 5.6%, this decrease being attributable to the substitution in Oakland and San Francisco in the latter months of the year of reformed natural gas having a heating capacity of 615 B. T. U.'s per cubic foot in place of the 550 B. T. U oil gas previously furnished; and also to the introduction of straight natural gas with a heating content of approximately 1,150 B. T. U.'s per cubic foot in the Company's San Jose, Fresno and Coast Valleys Divisions and in sections of Alameda County in the East Bay Division.

From August 16th until December 31, 1929, approximately 6,550,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas was received by the Company's natural gas division, daily deliveries averaging 47,800,000 cubic feet, with a maximum day's delivery during this period of 68,677,000 cubic feet.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT.

Aggressive sales policies in all departments were continued throughout 1929. Contracts for new business estimated to yield an annual revenue of \$5,381,889 were signed, at a total sales expense of \$1,041,763. This is equivalent to \$5.17 of additional business for each \$1.00 of sales cost. Contracts for new business signed during 1929 exceeded 1928 by \$802,591, with an increase in sales cost of \$216,486.

ELECTRIC SALES.

Sales activities in the Electric Department were productive of contracts estimated to yield an additional annual revenue of \$3,924,053.

Several of the relatively few isolated plants (i.e., plants operated by individual industries) remaining in the Company's territory were closed down during the year, these industries now purchasing electricity directly from the Company. Contracts covering installations of this character, to yield a revenue of \$137,107 annually, were signed during 1929.

GAS SALES.

Coincident with the completion in August, 1929, of its first natural gas pipe line, the Company inaugurated a vigorous educational and sales campaign devoted to the introduction of natural gas as an industrial fuel. Among some of the larger contracts of this character negotiated in the last few months of the year, the following are typical of this varied and important field for the utilization of natural gas:

	Estimated Annual Consumption.
Illinois Pacific Glass Company-----	475,000,000 cu. ft.
Pacific Coast Glass Company-----	330,000,000 "
Western Meat Company-----	277,000,000 "
Hazel Atlas Glass Company-----	225,000,000 "
Spring Valley Water Co. Pumping Station—Belmont-----	159,885,000 "
U. S. Veterans' Hospital—Palo Alto-----	159,000,000 "
Metal & Thermit Company-----	149,000,000 "
Kraftite Company-----	179,000,000 "
Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Co.—Richmond-----	165,000,000 "
Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Co.—San Pablo-----	165,000,000 "
Wheeler, Reynolds & Stauffer-----	165,000,000 "
Western Sugar Company-----	165,000,000 "

Another extensive market for the increased use of gas lies in the field of domestic consumption. There are already 442,000 domestic gas customers on the Company's lines, and many more will be reached through extensions to communities not hitherto served. Manufactured gas has heretofore been utilized chiefly for cooking purposes, and in this respect its displacement by the cheaper natural product will unquestionably stimulate a more liberal consumption. The use of manufactured gas as a heating agent has, however, in the past been limited by considerations of cost. A recent survey indicates that of the homes in which central furnaces and boilers are installed for house heating purposes, 75% are using wood or coal, 21% gas, and 4% oil. It also appears that only about 8% of the fireplaces in the territory covered by this survey are equipped with gas heaters, and but 25% of the individual room heaters now utilize gas as a fuel. These figures serve to indicate the very large and promising potential market for natural gas for domestic heating purposes. Climatic conditions in the territory served by the Company, particularly in the San Francisco Bay region, are peculiarly adapted to the use of gas as a house heating medium, and the relative economy and desirability of natural gas for this purpose is such that we believe it to be merely a question of time until this fuel is utilized practically to the exclusion of all other heating agents. The sale of domestic conversion burners to equip coal, wood and oil heating systems for burning natural gas is being vigorously prosecuted in those sections in which natural gas has been made available up to the present time, with highly satisfactory results.

LOAD BUILDING APPLIANCE SALES.

During the year, \$1,902,971 worth of merchandise was sold directly by the Company to its customers, as follows:

Mazda lamps, over the counter sales.....	\$57,313
Table and floor lamps, kitchen lighting units, porch lights, Duplex-a-lites and lamp kits.....	157,135
Electric ranges, water heaters and portable electric heaters.....	674,552
Gas ranges, water heaters, portable gas heaters, furnaces and burners.....	1,013,971
Total Merchandise Sales.....	\$1,902,971

The foregoing figures cover merely merchandise sold directly by the Company in pursuance of its policy of creating and encouraging a demand for appliances in order to broaden the market for its sales of gas and electricity, and do not include the much larger volume of appliance sales by dealers throughout the territory served. The Company has always recognized the progressive electric and gas appliance dealer as an integral part of the industry and has endeavored to maintain co-operative and harmonious relations with him.

PERSONNEL.

EMPLOYEES' SERVICE RECORD.

At the close of 1929 there were 12,868 employees in the Company's service, of whom 4,954 had a record of five or more years of continuous employment, as follows:

Number of employees holding 5-year badges.....	3,202
Number of employees holding 10-year badges.....	712
Number of employees holding 15-year badges.....	563
Number of employees holding 20-year badges.....	279
Number of employees holding 25-year badges.....	113
Number of employees holding 30-year badges.....	50
Number of employees holding 35-year badges.....	21
Number of employees holding 40-year badges.....	14
Total.....	4,954

The holders of these service badges represent approximately one-half of the permanent operating personnel.

PAYROLL.

Salaries and wages, including both operating and construction forces, aggregated last year \$20,147,691, of which \$11,629,661 was paid to operating employees and \$8,518,030 to those engaged in construction work. The average monthly wages of all employees was \$151.45, a slight increase over 1928, and 69% in excess of the pre-war average.

PENSIONS.

At December 31, 1929, 103 pensioners were receiving pensions under a system placed in effect some years ago. Payments in 1929 aggregated \$78,823, and in the past seventeen years \$655,218.

PACIFIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION.

This is a voluntary association of the Company's employees, supported by contributions from its members and also receiving financial aid from the Company. It had a membership of 7,835 at the close of 1929. Its activities embrace educational and social work among employees, the payment of death benefits and the rendering of temporary financial assistance in case of need.

An increasing number of employees avail themselves of the excellent educational courses conducted by the Association, 476 certificates having been issued to students completing educational courses in 1929, and an aggregate of 2,446 certificates having been issued since the inauguration of these educational activities several years ago.

An employees' disability plan, with a present membership of 5,235, is conducted by the Association, the amount paid in benefits during 1929 aggregating \$49,111.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION.

A review of the past few years shows a marked decrease in the number of accidents. This is undoubtedly due, in good measure, to the consistent accident prevention work that has been carried on over a period of several years. Since 1925 the number of lost time accidents per 100 employees has decreased 50%, and the number of days lost per 100 employees has decreased by more than 40%.

Fresno Division continued with a perfect record, having had no lost time accidents since October 19, 1926.

The Sacramento Gas Department has operated over two years without a lost time accident; and the San Francisco Division since 1924 has reduced the number of lost time accidents per 100 employees 81% and the number of days lost per 100 employees 91%.

In closing this report, I desire to express to the officers and employees who have shared with me the responsibility of conducting the Company's affairs, my sincere appreciation of their loyal and effective service.

For the Board of Directors,

A. F. HOCKENBEAMER, *President.*

CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT.

We have audited the accounts of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company and subsidiary companies for the year ended December 31, 1929, and

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that in our opinion the following consolidated statement of income and profit and loss is correct.

HASKINS & SELLS.

San Francisco, March 17, 1930.

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES.CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME AND PROFIT AND
LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1929.

Gross Operating Revenue.....	\$64,440,588.11
Operating Expenses—	
Maintenance.....	\$2,981,187.94
Operating, distribution and administration expenses.....	21,453,195.83
Taxes.....	6,813,406.34
Depreciation.....	7,477,634.00
Total.....	38,725,424.11
Net Operating Revenue.....	\$25,715,164.00
Miscellaneous Income.....	380,306.30
Gross Income.....	\$26,095,470.30
Deduct—	
Interest on bonds.....	\$10,630,021.14
Miscellaneous interest.....	258,247.67
Total.....	\$10,888,268.81
Less interest charged to construction.....	1,039,703.17
Remainder.....	\$9,848,565.64
Amortization of bond discount & expenses.....	506,419.26
Total.....	10,354,984.90
Net Income.....	\$15,740,485.40
Surplus, January 1, 1929.....	15,528,324.15
Profit and Loss Credits.....	221,678.92
Surplus before Deducting Dividends.....	\$31,490,488.47
Dividends on Pacific G. & E. Co. Capital Stocks—	
Preferred.....	\$4,840,565.00
Common.....	6,191,891.77
Total.....	11,032,456.77
Surplus, December 31, 1929.....	\$20,458,031.70

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1929.

ASSETS.	
Plants and Properties.....	\$407,287,837.16
Investments.....	1,604,798.42
Discount and Expenses on Capital Stocks.....	\$9,340,344.86
Less premium on common capital stock sold during year 1929.....	9,311,440.00
28,904.86	
Sinking Funds and Special Deposits—	
Cash on deposit in sinking funds.....	\$59,031.40
Other cash on deposit.....	72,203.28
Accrued interest on bonds held in sinking funds.....	214,164.95
Total Sinking Funds and Special Deposits.....	345,399.63
Current Assets—	
Cash.....	\$20,287,630.65
Cash on deposit with trustees for redemp. of bonds.....	29,155.00
\$20,316,785.65	
Notes receivable.....	\$2,451,584.23
Accounts receivable.....	6,435,354.70
Total.....	\$8,886,938.93
Less reserve for doubtful accounts and notes.....	377,592.13
8,509,346.80	
Installments receivable from subscribers to first preferred and common capital stocks.....	1,310,377.67
Materials and supplies.....	5,540,085.15
Accrued interest on investments.....	20,553.70
Total Current Assets.....	35,697,148.97
Deferred Charge—Unamortized Bond Discount & Expenses.....	9,057,833.07
Total.....	\$454,021,922.11
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stocks of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (incl. Stocks subscribed for but not fully paid)—	
First Preferred Capital Stock.....	\$86,098,481.91
Common Capital Stock.....	\$95,583,390.00
Less Owned by Subsidiary Company.....	48,433.33
95,534,956.67	
Total Capital Stocks of Pacific Gas and Electric Co.....	\$181,633,438.58
Capital Stocks of Subsidiary Companies not held by Pacific Gas and Electric Company.....	26,556.26
Funded Debt—	
Pacific Gas and Electric Company Bonds.....	\$155,785,000.00
Bonds of Subsidiary Companies.....	51,239,200.00
Total Funded Debt.....	207,024,200.00
Current Liabilities—	
Bonds called but not redeemed.....	\$31,310.00
Accounts payable.....	1,878,144.80
Drafts outstanding.....	682,490.14
Meter and line deposits.....	1,201,987.85
Dividends.....	1,678,465.90
Bond interest due.....	558,233.12
Accrued interest—not due.....	2,399,860.58
Accrued taxes—not due.....	6,671,065.35
Total Current Liabilities.....	15,101,557.74
Reserves—	
For Northern California Power Company Consolidated Plant Adjustments and Accrued Depreciation.....	\$1,647,970.05
Depreciation.....	25,877,905.29
Insurance—Casualty and Other.....	2,252,262.49
Total Reserves.....	29,778,137.83
Surplus.....	20,458,031.70
Total.....	\$454,021,922.11

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HASKINS & SELLS.

San Francisco, March 17, 1930.

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 March 9 1930.

COFFEE on the spot was dull with Rio 7s $9\frac{1}{4}$ d; Santos 4s, $14\frac{1}{4}$ to $14\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Victoria $\frac{7}{8}$ s $8\frac{3}{4}$ to 9c. Fair to good Cucuta $14\frac{1}{2}$ to 15c.; Prime to choice $15\frac{1}{4}$ to $16\frac{1}{4}$ c.; washed $16\frac{1}{2}$ to $17\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Colombian, Oceana $14\frac{1}{2}$ to 15c.; Bucaramanga, natural $14\frac{1}{2}$ to $15\frac{1}{2}$ c.; washed $17\frac{1}{2}$ to 18c.; Honda, Tolima and Giradot $17\frac{1}{2}$ to 18c.; Medellin 18 to $18\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Manizales $17\frac{1}{2}$ to 18c.; Mexican washed $17\frac{1}{2}$ to $18\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Surinam $12\frac{1}{2}$ to $13\frac{1}{2}$ c.; East India, Ankola 24 to 30c.; Mandelling 26 to 35c.; Genuine Java 27 to 28c.; Robusta washed $12\frac{1}{2}$ to 13c.; natural $10\frac{1}{2}$ to 11c., Mocha $22\frac{1}{2}$ to $23\frac{1}{2}$ c., Harrar $19\frac{3}{4}$ to $20\frac{3}{4}$ c.; Guatemala, prime $17\frac{1}{4}$ to 18c.; good 16 to 17c.; Bourbon 15 to $15\frac{1}{2}$ c. On the 5th inst. cost and freight offers from Brazil were unchanged to a little higher. For prompt shipment, Santos Bourbon 2-3s were quoted at 15.30c. to 15.55c.; 3s at 14.10 c. to 15c.; $\frac{3}{4}$ s at 13.10c. to $14\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 3-5s at 13.10c. to $14\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 4-5s at $12\frac{3}{4}$ c. to 14.20c.; 5s at 12.65c. to 13c.; 5-6s at 11.45c.; to $12\frac{1}{4}$ c.; 6s at $10\frac{3}{4}$ c. to $11\frac{3}{4}$ c.; 6-7s at $10\frac{1}{2}$ c. to 10.90c.; 7s at $10\frac{1}{4}$ c.; $\frac{7}{8}$ s at 8.90c. to $9\frac{3}{4}$ c.; Peaberry 3s at 13.10c.; 4-5s at 12.45c.; Santos rain-damaged 7s at $10\frac{1}{4}$ c.; $\frac{7}{8}$ s at $8\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Rio 7s at $8\frac{3}{4}$ c. to 8.80c.; $\frac{7}{8}$ s at 8.55c. to 8.65c.; Victoria 7s at 8.60c. On the 6th inst. there was a distinct scarcity of cost and freight offers from Brazil this morning. For prompt shipment those reported were Santos Bourbon 2-3s at 15.30c.; 3s at 14c. to $14\frac{3}{4}$ c.; $\frac{3}{4}$ s at 14.20c.; 3-5s at 13.10c. to $13\frac{3}{4}$ c.; 4-5s at $12\frac{3}{4}$ c. to 14.00c.; 5s at $12\frac{1}{2}$ c. to $12\frac{3}{4}$ c.; 6s at 10.65c.; 6-7s at $10\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 7s at 10c. to 10.15c.; $\frac{7}{8}$ s at 8.80c. to 9.25c.; part Bourbon 2-3s at $14\frac{1}{4}$ c.; 3s at 14.00c.; Peaberry 4-5s at 12.35c. Victoria 7s at 8.65c.; $\frac{7}{8}$ s at 8.45c.

On the 7th inst. cost and freight offers from Brazil were unchanged to lower with a small supply. For prompt shipment, Santos Bourbon 2-3s were quoted at 15.55c.; 3s at $14\frac{1}{4}$ c.; 3-5s at $12\frac{3}{4}$ c.; 4-5s at 12.10c. to 14.20c.; 5s at 11.65c. to 12.85c.; 5-6s at 11.40 to 11.60c.; 6s at $10\frac{1}{2}$ c. to 11.30c.; 6-7s at 10.65c.; 7s at 10c. to $10\frac{1}{4}$ c.; 7-8s at 8.80c. to 9.60c.; part Bourbon 2-3s at 15.60c.; 3s at 14c. to 14.70c.; 3-5s at 13.40c.; 6s at 11.40c.; 7-8s at 8.35c.; Peaberry 3s at 14.40c.; Rio 7s at 8.65c.; 7-8s at 8.45c.; Victoria 7s at $8\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 7-8s at $8\frac{1}{4}$ c. To-day cost and freight offers from Santos were scarce. Rios were firmer. For prompt shipment, Santos Bourbon 2-3s were quoted at 15.30c. to 15.95c.; 3s at $13\frac{1}{2}$ c. to 14.85c.; 3-4s at 14.20c.; 3-5s at 13.10c. to $13\frac{3}{4}$ c.; 4-5s at $12\frac{1}{2}$ c. to 13.30c.; 5s at $12\frac{3}{4}$ c.; 5-6s at 11.40c. to 12.10c.; 6s at 11c.; 6-7s at $10\frac{3}{4}$ c. to 11.55c.; 7s at $10\frac{3}{4}$ c. to 10.40c.; 7-8s at 9.00c.; 8s at 9.80c.; part Bourbon 2-3s at $14\frac{1}{4}$ c. 3s at 14.10c. Santos rain-damaged 6s at 10c.; Rio 7s at $8\frac{3}{4}$ c. to 8.80c.; 7-8s at 8.60c.; Victoria 7s at 8.55c.; 7-8s at 8.40c. Imports into the United States in April were 977,295 bags against 1,111,144 in March and 926,151 in April 1929. For the first 10 months they are 9,535,692 bags against 8,961,398 in the same period last year, according to the New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange. San Juan, P. R., press advices stated that Governor Theodore Roosevelt yesterday signed a bill imposing a tax of 10 cents a pound on imported coffee as a measure to protect the island coffee industry, which is recovering from the hurricane of two years ago.

On the 3rd inst. Rio closed 4 to 18 points higher and Santos 6 to 18 higher despite the fact that Brazilian markets were closed for a holiday. On the 5th inst. futures were irregular. Santos was 11 points lower to 5 up. Rio unchanged to 10 lower; sales 17,000 bags. On the 6th inst futures declined 1 to 13 points on Santos and 3 to 8 on Rio on small trading. Spot business was small at nominally unchanged prices. Futures on the 7th inst. were irregular with scanty trading. Prices were 4 points off to 4 higher on Rio and 4 off to 6 higher on Santos. Many are awaiting developments mostly from the effect of the loan they say, when it goes into effect July 1st which looks like a long wait. Certainly the market is in a rut for the time being. On the 8th inst. buying of both Rio and Santos futues attributed

to Brazil's Defense Committee helped to put prices up in a small market. It ended 2 to 14 points higher for Santos and unchanged to 6 points higher on Rio with sales of 7,250 bags of Rio and 11,250 of Santos. To-day futures closed 9 to 13 points higher on Rio and 11 to 18 higher on Santos with sales of 17,000 Rio and 24,000 Santos. There was European buying on steady cables and selling apparently by Brazil. The selling was not heavy. Final prices for the week show an advance of 17 to 24 points on Rio except on July which is 5 points lower; Santos is 28 to 38 points higher for the week.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial	8.67	@ nom	Sept	8.38	@	March	7.98
July	8.50	@ nom	Dec	8.12	@ nom	May	8.12

Santos coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial	13.28	@	Sept	12.33	@ nom	March	11.80
July	12.73	@	Dec	12.01	@ nom	May	12.01

COCOA to-day closed unchanged to 4 points higher with sales of 73 lots. Final prices are 24 to 37 points lower for the week.

SUGAR.—Prompt sugar was quiet at the lowest prices in 70 years, i.e., 1 17-32c. to 1 19-16c. c. & f. Later 14,000 bags Cuba in port sold at $1\frac{1}{2}$ c. c. & f. and 5000 of Philippines about due at the equivalent price of 3.27c. Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 150,941 tons against 164,461 in the same week last year; exports 147,145 tons against 135,927 last year; stock (consumption deducted) 1,754,746 tons against 1,537,163 last year; centrals grinding 91 against 40 in the same week last year. Destination of exports: Atlantic ports, 66,000; New Orleans, 36,408; Interior United States, 1,048; Galveston, 5,671; Savannah, 17,595; Europe, 20,423. Receipts at United States Atlantic ports for the week were 89,602 tons against 75,461 in the previous week and 123,993 last year; meltings 57,552 tons against 59,660 in previous week and 56,968 last year; importers' stocks 216,475 tons against 216,689 in previous week and 347,302 last year; refiners' stock 225,922 against 193,658 in previous week and 273,102 last year; total stock 442,397 against 410,347 in previous week and 620,404 last year.

The second official estimate of the 1929-30 cane sugar production in Porto Rico puts the crop at 836,891 short tons as compared with the preliminary estimate of 743,147 short tons and last season's low crop of 586,761 short tons. Futures on the 3rd inst. advanced 4 to 5 points on most months following the settlement of the tariff rate at 2c. per pound. The position was found to be short but May did not advance; in fact it was at one time 1 point lower and so closed at the nominal quotation of 1.52c. Yet this of itself showed greater steadiness after pronounced recent weakness. The sugar tariff was fixed at 2c. by the House adopting the Senate rate. The Cuban Department of Agriculture reports sugar production to April 30 this year of 4,243,086 tons against 4,396,015 in the corresponding period of 1929. Sucrose yield this year averaged 12.26% compared with 12.44% in 1929. The National Commission for Defense of Cuban Sugar Industry reports that sugar exported from the 1928-29 crop to the United States to April 19 totalled 3,870,940 long tons, and to other countries 1,130,289 tons. Local consumption from 1928-29 crop to April 19 totalled 145,084 tons. Stock of sugar in Cuba from the 1928-29 crop on April 19 1930 was 9,965 tons. London terminal was $1\frac{1}{2}$ d higher. Actual market was nominal. June was offered at 7s 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. A demand for refined sugars is expected some time this week. In Liverpool both terms and actual were a shade firmer. Refined here 4.90c. The 30-day grace period for withdrawal on the 4.70c. contracts of March 7 ended on the 5th inst.

On the 6th inst. May sold at 1.39c and the list was down 3 to 6 points on 97 May notices. Porto Rico was said to have sold heavily. Cuban interests bought on a scale down. The total trading was 59,000 tons. All months were down to new lows for the life of the contracts. Cuban and Philippine sugar for nearby delivery sold at $1\frac{1}{2}$ c. & f. or 3.27c. delivered.

Futures on the 7th inst. fell 2 to 3 points with sales of 42,600 tons. September was the cynosure displacing May for the nonce as the center of interest, as there were no notices.

Prompt Philippine sugar sold at 3.42c. delivered. Cuban was quoted at 3.27. At that price 11,000 tons sold earlier in the week. Cable advices from Java stated that the Syndicate had sold the balance of its old crop white sugars amounting to about 42,000 tons to local operators at 9 florins per 150 kilos, first cost. This price is variously figured as somewhere between 1.70c. and 1.75c. f.o.b. Java. May on the 8th inst. dropped 4 points to a new low of 1.37c. Other months advanced 1 to 3 points. May closed at 1.41c. the same as the day before. Cuban interests were supposed to be selling. Deliveries were 2,500 tons; sales 34,550 tons. Of actual sugar some 7,500 tons of Cubas and (or) San Domingos netted 1.36c. f.o.b. Cuba for May and early June shipment to Marseilles. Also, there was a sale of 1,000 tons of Cubas at 7s equal to 1.36c. f.o.b. to the United Kingdom. Further details were lacking. London cables reported that the Java syndicate sold the balance of the old crop whites about 42,000 tons, to shippers at the equivalent price variously estimated between 1.70c. and 1.75c. f.o.b. Cuba. London terms were 1/2d. lower. British refined was 3d. lower with a fair demand. Sellers of June quoted 7s. on small parcels at which level some business was done. Liverpool was easier both for terms and actual. Sellers of June quoted 7s. 3/4d. and a few sales were made.

According to late London advices to-day a parcel of centrifugals, position not stated, was sold at 6s. 10 1/2d. c.i.f. or about 1.32c. f.o.b. To-day futures ended unchanged to 3 points off with sales of 60,350 tons. A cargo of 7,500 tons Cuban sold for June shipment to Marseilles at 1.35c. f.o.b. This some thought might mean a cargo of Cubas or San Domingos had been sold for June shipment at 7s. Europe and Cuba sold futures. Recently Cuban was bought steadily in small lots. London raw market was reported quiet and steady early. A cargo of Perus sold for June shipment at 7s. c.i.f. equivalent to 1.36c. f.o.b. Cubas. The latter were offered for June shipment at 7s. and for July shipment at 7s. 1 1/2d. or about 1.37 1/2c. f.o.b. Final prices here show a decline for the week of 4 to 14 points.

Closing quotations follow:
 Spot unofficial.....1 1/2 [Sept. 1.53@ ---- March 1.71@ ----
 May 1.39@ nom Dec 1.63@ ----
 July 1.45@ [Jan 1.65@ nom]

LARD on the spot was up to 10.90 to 11c. for prime Western; Refined Continent, 11c.; South American, 11 1/4c.; Brazil in kegs, 12 1/4c. Later prime Western was 10.85 to 10.95c. for prime Western; refined Continent, 10 3/4c.; South America, 11 1/2c.; Brazil, 12 1/2c. On the 6th inst. futures ended unchanged to 3 points off. Hogs were rather unsettled with Western receipts larger than expected. Total receipts were 105,300 against 82,000 on the same day last year. Liverpool lard was unchanged. Exports from New York were 2,273,000 lbs. to Europe. Futures on the 7th inst. closed unchanged to 5 points lower with grain and hogs weaker and receipts of hogs again larger than expected. The total western receipts of hogs were 78,400 against 72,000 a year ago. There were 15,000 hogs received at Chicago. Deliveries on May contracts were 250,000 lbs. Exports from New York were 1,592,000 lbs. to Holland and Germany. On the 8th inst. futures ended unchanged to 5 points higher. Hogs rose 10 to 15c. at the principal primary points. Total western receipts were 66,000 against 81,000 a year ago. Exports were only 16,800 lbs. or 300 boxes, all to Southampton. Cash lard was slightly firmer with prime Western, 10.85 to 10.95c. To-day futures ended 5 to 10 points lower with corn declining and more or less liquidation. Final prices show a decline for the week of 15 to 28 points.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May	10.27	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.20
July	10.42	10.40	10.37	10.32	10.37	10.27
September	10.62	10.60	10.60	10.55	10.57	10.47

PORK firm; Mess, \$32; family, \$34.50; fat back, \$22.50 to \$26. Ribs 14.25c. for 50 to 60 lbs. at Chicago. Beef firm; Mess., \$25; packet, \$25 to \$26; family, \$26.50 to \$27.50; 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; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 17 1/4 to 19 1/4c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 lbs., 18 3/4 to 19 3/4c.; bellies, clear, dry salted, boxed, 18 to 20 lbs., 16 1/4c.; 14 to 16 lbs., 16 3/8c. Butter, lower grades to high scoring 31 to 37 1/2c.; Cheese, flats, 19 to 26c.; daisies, 20 to 25c. Eggs, medium to extra firsts, 23 to 26 3/4c.; closely selected heavy, 27 1/2 to 28c.; fancy whites, 1 to 2 1/2c. extra.

OILS.—Linseed was steady at 14c. for raw oil in carlots, coopeage basis. There was a better inquiry but most of the buying was against old contracts. Linoleum interests were purchasing larger quantities. Coconut, Manila coast tanks, 6 1/4 to 6 3/4c.; spot N. Y. tanks, 6 3/4c. Chinawood, N. Y. drums, carlots, spot, 10 1/2c.; Pacific coast tanks, spot, Aug., 9 1/4 to 9 1/2c. Soya bean, tanks, coast, 9 3/4c.; domestic tank cars, f.o.b. Middle Western mills, 8 1/2c. Edible, olive, 2 to 2.25c. Lard, prime, 13 1/4c.; extra strained winter, N. Y., 11 3/4c. Cod, Newfoundland, 60c. Turpentine, 48 to 54c. Rosin, \$6.25 to \$8.40. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switches, 5,000 bbls. old and seven contracts new. Crude S. E., 7 3/8c. Prices closed as follows:

OLD.		NEW.	
Spot	8.65@	November	8.43@ 8.53
May	8.75@ 8.82	December	8.49@ 8.54
July	8.88@	January	8.53@
September	9.05@	February	8.52@ 8.60
October	9.05@ 9.08	March	8.65@ 8.70
		April	8.65@ 8.75

PETROLEUM.—Corning crude oil prices were reduced 10 cents late last week by the Joseph Seep Purchasing Agency of Pittsburgh. The Beacon Oil Co. raised bulk gasoline 1/2c. in tank cars. The Standard Co. of New Jersey and the Continental Oil Companies were still quoting 8 1/2c. early in the week but they are not believed to have been selling much at that price. Export demand for gasoline was good in the Mid-Continent field. It is estimated that about 10,000,000 barrels have been purchased for shipment abroad during the present month. The Gulf market was firm. Later on the Continental Oil Co. raised its price 1/2c. to 9c. and the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey is expected to follow suit. Consumption is holding up well. The unusually warm weather has stimulated the demand. Some refiners quoted 10c. for U. S. Motor. Domestic heating oils were in fair demand and steady. Bunker oil grade C was steady at \$1.15. Diesel oil was also steady at \$2 refinery. Kerosene was in fair demand for this time of the year. But stocks are large and offerings were free at 7 1/4 to 7 3/4c. for 41-43 water white in tank cars refineries.

Tables of prices usually appearing here will be found on an earlier page in our department of "Business Indications," in an article entitled "Petroleum and Its Products."

RUBBER on the 3rd inst. declined here 7 to 19 points on the new contract. Old ended 10 off to 10 up. London was a little weaker. The sales here were 67 tons of old contract and 20 of new. Some cite the smaller shipments from the East during April, 44,758 tons against 47,320 during March as reasons for an upturn especially as the short interest would seem to be rather extensive. Actual rubber has shown independent steadiness. New contract May ended at 14.21c.; July, 14.55c.; Sept., 15.05c.; Old contract May, 14.10c.; July, 14.30c.; Sept., 14.90c.; Dec., 15.50c. Outside prices: Ribbed smoked spot and May 14 1/2 to 14 3/4c.; June, 14 1/4 to 14 1/2c.; July-Sept., 14 3/4 to 15c.; Oct.-Dec., 15 1/4 to 15 1/2c.; spot, first latex thin 14 1/4 to 14 3/8c.; thin pale latex, 14 3/8 to 14 3/4c. London on May 3rd closed at 7d. for spot and May and 7-16d. for June. Singapore May 6 3/4d. On 5th inst. prices declined 20 to 40 pts. with sterling off, stocks irregular, London and Singapore lower, liquidation general. Sales here were 1,142 tons of which 892 were old contracts. New contract on that day closed with May 14.10c.; July, 14.44c.; Sept., 14.84c.; Dec., 15.44c.; Old contract May, 13.90 to 14c.; June, 14c.; July, 14.30c.; Sept., 14.60c.; Oct., 14.80c.; Dec., 15.10 to 15.20c.; March, 15.70 to 15.80c. Outside prices: Ribbed smoked spot, May and June, 14 to 14 1/4c.; July-Sept., 14 1/2 to 14 3/4c.; Oct.-Dec., 14 3/4 to 15 1/4c.; spot, first latex thin, 14 1/4 to 14 1/2c.; thin pale latex 14 3/8 to 14 3/4c.; clean thin brown, No. 2, 13 1/4 to 13 3/8c.; specky crepe, 12 1/8 to 13 1/8c.; rolled brown crepe, 9 1/4 to 9 1/2c.; No. 2 amber, 13 1/2 to 13 3/8c.; No. 3, 13 1/4 to 13 3/8c.; No. 4, 12 1/2 to 13 1/4c. London spot 6 13-16d.; May, 6 3/8d.; Singapore May, 6 3/8d. In London the stock totalled 75,540 tons on May 3rd against 74,084 tons at the end of the preceding week, an increase of 1,456 tons. In Liverpool the stock on May 3 totalled 23,877 tons against 23,546 tons, the week before, a further gain of 331 tons.

On the 6th inst. oil contracts advanced 10 points and new was 5 points lower to 5 higher. Some were covering in expectation of a decrease in exports. New contract Sept. ended at 14.89c.; December, 15.39 to 15.40c.; old contract May 14; July, 14.30 to 14.40c.; Sept., 14.70c.; Dec., 15.20c.; March, 15.70 to 15.80c.; sales, 492 tons old and 320 new. Spot, May and June, ribbed, smoked, 14 to 14 1/4c. London was unchanged to 1-16d. up at 6 7/8d. Singapore, May, 6 3/8d. On the 7th inst. despite large shipments, i.e., 10,918 tons last week against 7,424 in the previous week prices closed 4 to 7 points higher on the new contract and unchanged to 10 higher on the old. The sales were 687 tons, including 160 of the new contract. Closing prices for the new left May at 15.22c.; September at 14.95c.; December, 15.45c. Old contracts ended with May 14.10c.; July, 14.40 to 14.50c.; December, 15.20 to 15.30c.; March, 15.70c. London closed 1-16d. up; spot and May, 6 15-16d.; June 7d. Singapore May, 6 5/8d., a rise of 1/8d. On the 8th inst. prices ended 10 to 30 points up on old contracts and 10 to 11 on the new. Sales were 470 tons, mostly new contracts. Actual rubber rose 1/8 to 1/4c. The trade bought. Uptown and Water Street sold. London ended 1-16d. higher on most months, owing it appears to the suggestion of a leading producing interest that the industry adopt a permanent restriction plan calling for a month's suspension every time the London spot basis fails to average better than 9d. during the previous month. Such a plan it was stated here would receive wide attention owing to the dissatisfaction of the growers with prices. Many British companies have passed their dividends on 1929 earnings or else reduced them materially. New contracts closed with May 14.33c.; July, 14.66c.; Sept., 15.06c.; Dec., 15.55 to 15.56c. Old contracts: May, 14.10c.; July, 14.50c.; Sept., 14.90c.; Dec., 15.40c.; March, 16c. Outside prices: Ribbed, smoked, spot and May, 14 1/2 to 14 3/4c.; June, 14 1/4 to 14 1/2c.; July-Sept., 14 3/8 to 14 3/4c.; first latex, thin, 14 3/8 to 14 3/4c.; thin pale latex, 14 1/2 to 14 3/4c.; clean, thin, brown, No. 2, 13 3/8 to 13 3/4c.; rolled brown crepe, 9 3/8 to 9 5/8c.; No. 2 amber, 13 3/8 to 14c.; Paras, upriver fine spot, 15 1/2 to 15 3/4c.

The stocks in London and Liverpool are expected show an increase of 700 and 120 tons respectively for the week. Members of the Rubber Exchange of New York are signing a petition to have all Saturdays throughout the months of

June, July and August observed as holidays. Rubber invoiced for shipment to the United States during the week ended May 3rd as reported by the Department of Commerce in long tons amounted to 10,918 tons against 7,424 in the previous week. In London on the 8th inst. spot, 6 15-16d.; May, 7d.; June, 7 1-16d.; Singapore, May, 6 3/4d.; July-Sept., 7 1-16d.

London cabled the New York News Bureau: "At a meeting of Rubber plantation Investment Trust, H. J. Welch proposed that restricting producers of the staple agree to cease tapping 7 consecutive specified days every month following any month in which average stock pine in London of standard quality smoked sheets does not exceed 9d. a pound. The plan receives favorable comment." To-day prices closed 15 to 17 pounds higher on new contracts with sales of 26 lots. Old contracts were 10 to 20 points up with sales of 127 lots. Final prices show an advance for the week of 10 to 20 points. London closed to-day 1-16d. to 3-16d. higher with spot at 7 1/2d.; May, 7 1-16d.; June, 7 3-16d.; July-Sept., 7 5-16d.; Oct.-Dec., 7 9-16d., and Jan.-March, 7 13-16d.

HIDES.—On the 3rd inst. futures closed unchanged to 10 points lower with sales of 120,000 lbs. May closed at 14.10c.; June, 14.40c.; July, 14.70c.; August, 14.90c.; Sept., 15.09 to 15.15c.; Oct., 15.40c.; Nov., 15.60c.; Dec., 15.85c. On the 5th inst. the sales ran up to 2,760,000 lbs. with prices off 5 to 20 p. ints, closing with May, 14c.; Sept., 14.95 to 14.96c.; Dec., 15.70c. Packers were more disposed to sell native cows with Koshers &c. offered it seems at 11c.; native bulls dull at 8 1/2 to 9c. River Plate frigorifico quiet. Bales include 19,000 frigorifico steers at 14 3/8 to 14 11-16c. recently mostly to United States tanners. Country hides dull. Common dry hides were dull and weak. Cucutas 14c.; Orinocos, 13 1/2c.; Maracaibo, Ecuador, 12 1/2c.; Central America, La Guayra and Savanillas, 12c.; Santa Marta, 12 1/2 to 13c.; Puerto Cabello, 12 1/2c.; Packer spready native steers, 16 1/2c.; native steers, 14c.; butts brands, 14c.; Colorados, 13 1/2c. New York City calfskins, 5-7s, 1.65c.; 7-9s, 2c.; 9-12s, 2.65c. On the 6th inst. prices were unchanged to 30 points off at the opening but closed unchanged to 5 down with trade dull. May ended at 14c.; Sept., 14.95c.; Dec., 15.65c.

On the 7th inst. the market was quiet and closed 3 points off to 10 higher with sales of 360,000 lbs. May ended at 14 to 14.30c.; Sept. at 14.92 to 14.99c.; Dec. at 15.70 to 15.80c.; Feb. at 16 to 16.20c. On the 8th inst. trade was active at irregular prices. City calf and skins were firm. Hides ended 10 points lower to 10 higher with sales of 720,000 lbs. The stock of cattle hides on April 1st was 3,969,244 against 3,931,844 on March 1st and 3,708,124 on April 1st last year. Some 1,500 La Blanco cows sold to Europe at 14 9-16c. Futures ended with May, 14.10c.; Sept., 14.90 to 15c.; Dec., 15.75c.; Feb., 15.95c. New York City calfskins 5-7s, 1.65c.; 7-9s, 2c.; 9-12s, 2.65c. To-day prices ended unchanged to 19 points lower with May at 13.91 to 14.25c.; Sept., 14.90 to 14.95c.; Dec. 15.65 to 15.74c. Final prices are 29 points lower on May for the week.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.—Grain business was good. Sugar and oil rates were firm.

CHARTERS included grain, 42,000 quarters last half May, Gulf to United Kingdom-Continent, 2s.; Hamburg-Rotterdam, 1s. 9d.; Montreal, May 1-15, to Mediterranean, 12 to 35 loads; grain bookings, two loads, Rotterdam, 7c.; 5 Hamburg, 7c.; 2 London and 2 Liverpool, 1s. 6d., and 4 to Hull, 1s. 9d. Tankers, clean, May, Curacao to New York, 40c.; Wilmington, 38c.; Fall River, 42c.; two discharges, 3c. more; clean, July, Black Sea-French Mediterranean, 18s.; French Atlantic, 27s. 6d.; gas oil, July, Bateu to Hamburg, 25s.; fuel oil, California, June, to Wellington, 31s.; clean, Black Sea, June, to United Kingdom-Continent, 25s.; clean, June 20-July 20, to Stockholm-Oxelund range, Gulf, 32s. 6d.; 3 discharges, 33s.; North Atlantic loading, 6c. less; clean, May, Curacao or Gulf to New York, 40c.; gas or fuel oil, May, Black Sea to French Atlantic, 20s. 6d.; United States, 30s.; Curacao to Aruba to United Kingdom, 28s.; 10% refined and/or spirit, June-July; Constanza-Alexandria, 13s. diesel oil, May-June. Coal, Hampton Roads, part cargo, May, to Rosario, \$3.50. Sugar, June, first half, Cuba to United Kingdom-Continent, 14s.; June, Cuba to United Kingdom, 13s. 9d.

COAL.—A fair retail trade was done and a better wholesale business. Broken and egg at times \$8; Chestnut, \$8.10; Stove, \$8.60; Pea, \$4.40; Buckwheat, \$3; Buckwheat No. 2, \$2; No. 3, \$1.50; No. 4, \$1.75. Bituminous, New York, tidewater navy standard f.o.b. mines, \$2.20 to \$2.30; next grade, \$1.75 to \$1.85; high volatile steam, \$1.25 to \$1.30; nut and slack, 85c. to \$1; high-grade medium volatile, \$1.50 to \$1.60. As forecast by the National Coal Association, bituminous coal output stood at 8,400,000 short tons last week, and for three weeks to May 3rd at 24,700,000 short tons, showing a slight increase.

TOBACCO was quiet here, but about steady. At Rotterdam last Friday there was a sale at which it is said offerings were well taken. Amsterdam was reported active with Sumatra wrappers suitable for American trade in rather small supply owing to the poor quality of the crop. A sale in Amsterdam will be held again next week. American buyers it was predicted will leave Holland shortly. The United States Department of Commerce reports that about 15,000 bales have been bought for American consumption so far. Rotterdam cabled the U. S. Tobacco Journal on May 2nd: "The first Sumatra sale in the Rotterdam market this season was distinguished by a large volume of out-of-hand buying during the week, a total of approximately 2,000 bales being bought for America. Much of the tobacco bought out-of-hand was drawn from sales due to take place later this month and next. The unusual out-of-hand activity this season, which is due to the impending passage of a new

tariff bill in America, may cause the cancellation of certain future sales, although no formal announcement on this score has yet been made." The new Philippine crop is said to be good.

COPPER was reduced to 12 1/2c. early in the week but demand continued slow. There were predictions of 12c. being reached before the end of the week. The export price was down to 13.30c. c.i.f. Europe. Export sales on the 6th inst. were 1,000,000 lbs. Stocks of blister and refined copper at the end of March totalled 500,000 short tons. The price is now down to the lowest seen in six years. The cuts in prices since April 15 have wiped out the margin of profit on which many high-cost producers of copper have been operating. Many companies have a production cost of 12 cents a pound and as the price nears that level they are compelled to close some of their mines. Three mines in Utah were closed and the wages of miners in some instances have been reduced. Futures closed with May and June 11.75c.; July to December inclusive, 11.50c.

TIN was rather weak early in the week but recently advanced here and in London. Straits tin advanced 1/4c. and futures 20 to 35 points on the 7th inst. Spot Straits were quoted at 32 3/8c. while futures were 1/8c. higher per month. In London on the 7th inst. spot standard rose £2 17s. 6d. to £145 5s.; futures up £2 15s. to £147; sales 559 tons futures. Spot Straits advanced £2 17s. 6d. to £147 5s. Eastern c. i. f. London, £147 on sales of 275 tons. At the second session spot standard rose 10s. and futures 15s. on sales of 330 tons of futures. To-day May closed at 31.60c.; July, 31.70 to 31.75c.; Sept. at 32c.; Dec., 32.45c. Sales were 150 tons.

LEAD was rather quiet but steady at 5.50c. New York and 5.40c. East St. Louis. American lead refinery production in March was 65,152 short tons against 60,351 in February and 59,318 tons in January. Total receipts of lead in ore by United States and Mexican smelters were 80,968 tons in March against 70,381 in February; 68,383 in January and 76,620 in March 1929. Stocks of lead in the United States and Mexico totalled 144,414 tons on April 1st against 140,845 on March 1; 149,403 Feb. 1, and 158,149 on April 1 1929. In London on the 7th inst. prices advanced 5s. to £17 5s. for spot and £17 7s. 6d. for futures; sales, 1,100 futures.

ZINC was quiet at 4.65c. East St. Louis. London on the 7th inst. dropped 2s. 6d. to £16 2s. 6d. for spot; futures off 1s. 3d. to £16 17s. 6d. on sales of 125 tons of spot and 375 tons futures.

STEEL was quiet, weak and irregular. The trend of prices is in the main downward for the time being. And structural steel awards in the last week did not come up to the increased activity of the previous seven days, according to the "Iron Age," which gives 27,000 tons as the amount ordered this past week, as compared with 42,000 the previous week. It is pointed out by the "Iron Trade Review" that for the fourth consecutive week the Steel corporation subsidiaries output is unchanged at 80%. Finishing mill output at Youngstown dropped to a little under 70%. Cleveland has fallen from 85% to 79%, Buffalo from 70 to 68%. Chicago remains about as before i.e. 90 to 95% and Pittsburgh 75%. Demand from pipe lines is the best. Only a spasmodic trade is being done with automobile companies which is disappointing. Something better had been expected by now.

PIG IRON has been dull and more or less depressed. That is the plain truth regardless of hopes of better things later in the year. It is true that in April pig iron production in April increased 1.3% in the daily rate, i. e. 106,062 tons against 104,715 tons daily in March. Yet the production was the smallest for April in eight years. The total April production was 3,181,868 tons. For the first four months of the year it was 12,094,423 tons. Prices have fallen 50 cents at Cleveland and St. Louis following the similar drop recently in the Chicago district.

WOOL.—In Boston late last week a Government report described the market as follows: "A fairly good volume of business was transacted on 54s and finer wools of the Western Crown lines during the past week, but only a few dealers participated and demand was restricted to a few of the large worsted manufacturers. Little demand was received from topmakers. Some interest was shown in offerings of the new clip fleece wools for future delivery. Offers on 64s or finer and 58-60s, were about on the low side, while on the lower grades bids were several cents below ranges of recent quotations." Boston wired a Government report later which said: "Medium grade domestic wools are somewhat more active. A number of sales have been closed on 48-50s, strictly combing wools. Fleeces of this description are bringing 29 to 30c. in the grease or 50 to 53c. scoured basis, while territory wools of similar grade and class bring 55 to 58c. scoured basis. Inquiries are more frequent on 56s. domestic wools, but only a few small sales have as yet been closed." One report said that there was a slow improvement in the demand for fine wools. Boston quotations: Ohio & Penn. fine delaine, 1/2, 3/4 and 1/4 blood, 29 to 30c.; Territory, clean basis, fine staple, 75 to 80c.; French, fine medium, clothing, 65 to 68c.; 1/2 blood staple, 70 to 75c.; 3/4 blood, 63 to 65c.; Texas, clean basis, fine 12 months, 75 to 78c.; fine 8 months 68 to 70c.; Pulled, scoured basis, A super, 65 to 72c.; B, 58 to 63c.; Domestic mohair, original

Texas, 40 to 43c. Australian, clean, 64-70s. combing super, 55 to 57c.; New Zealand clean, 58-60s, 46 to 47c.; Monte- video grease, 58-60s, 24 to 25c.; Buenos Aires grease III (46-48s), 22 to 23c.; Cape, clean basis in bond, average longs, 48 to 50c. Boise, Idaho, wired: "A million pounds of western Idaho wool produced by 20 of the region's largest flocks is being assembled for shipment by the National Wool Marketing Corporation, with advance guarantees averaging from 17 to 20c. per pound being paid, as representative of 90% of the value. Six million pounds of wool have been signed in eastern Idaho and a large amount will be purchased in the northern section of the State. The National Marketing Corporation will handle 73,000,000 pounds of wool already signed."

In London on May 6th it was announced that the third series of London Colonial wool auctions will be held May 13th. The available offerings total 143,500 bales and comprise: Australian, 56,350 bales; New Zealand, 54,000; South Africa, 2,300; South America, 30,100; English, 500; Kenya, 250. According to present arrangements the sales will close May 30th. Geelong on May 7th offering 18,000 bales. Demand brisk especially from Japan. Compared with sales on April 3rd merinos were 5 to 10% higher, comeback par to 5% higher and crossbreds 10 to 15% higher. Lambs were irregular, but generally dearer. In New York there will be a special meeting of the Wool Institute at the Hotel Roosevelt on May 28th. A. D. Whiteside President of the Wool Institute will address the morning session. Alfred H. Williams, professor of industry, University of Pennsylvania will be the speaker in the afternoon session which will close with a general discussion.

SILK closed to-day 1 point lower to 3 higher with sales of 80 bales. Final prices show an advance for the week on May of 13 points while July is 2 points lower than then.

COTTON

Friday Night, May 9 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 49,161 bales, against 50,024 bales last week and 50,239 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since August 1 1929, 7,826,968 bales, against 8,791,266 bales for the same period of 1928-29, showing a decrease since August 1 1929 of 964,298 bales.

Table with columns: Receipts at—, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Total. Rows include Galveston, Texas City, Houston, Corpus Christi, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Charleston, Wilmington, Norfolk, New York, and Totals this week.

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1929 and the stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Table with columns: Receipts to May 9, 1929-30, 1928-29, Stock 1930, Stock 1929. Rows include Galveston, Texas City, Houston, Corpus Christi, Beaumont, New Orleans, Gulfport, Mobile, Pensacola, Jacksonville, Savannah, Brunswick, Charleston, Lake Charles, Wilmington, Norfolk, N'port News, &c., New York, Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Totals.

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Table with columns: Receipts at—, 1929-30, 1928-29, 1927-28, 1926-27, 1925-26, 1924-25. Rows include Galveston, Houston, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Brunswick, Charleston, Wilmington, Norfolk, N'port N., &c., All others, and Totals.

*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 81,654 bales, of which 10,239 were to Great Britain,

11,698 to France, 18,623 to Germany, 12,166 to Italy, 8,791 to Japan and China and 20,137 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 82,727 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 6,196,276 bales, against 7,231,913 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week:

Table titled 'Exported to' with columns: Week Ended May 9 1930, Exports from—, Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Japan & China, Other, Total. Rows include Galveston, Houston, New Orleans, Mobile, Charleston, Norfolk, New York, Los Angeles, and Totals.

Table titled 'Exported to' with columns: From Aug. 1 1929 to May 9 1930, Exports from—, Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Japan & China, Other, Total. Rows include Galveston, Houston, Texas City, Corpus Christi, Beaumont, Lake Charles, New Orleans, Mobile, Jacksonville, Pensacola, Savannah, Brunswick, Charleston, Wilmington, Norfolk, New York, Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, Portland, Ore., and Totals.

Table with columns: Total 1928-29, Total 1927-28. Rows include 1,773,204, 281,273, 808,250, 1,918,664, 560,195, 234,177, 869,275, 774,787, 6,446,521.

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 give 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 March the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 15,314 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 24,717 bales. For the eight months ended March 31 1930 there were 149,362 bales exported, as against 194,396 bales for the eight months of 1928-29.

In addition to above exports, our telegrams to-night also give us the following amounts of cotton on shipboard, not cleared, at the ports named:

Table titled 'On Shipboard Not Cleared for—' with columns: May 9 at—, Great Britain, France, Germany, Other Foreign, Coast-wise, Total, Leaving Stock. Rows include Galveston, New Orleans, Savannah, Charleston, Mobile, Norfolk, Other ports, and Totals.

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been on a fair scale at irregular prices, advancing early in the week and later reacting on favorable rains in the central and eastern belts, and fears of shipments to New York for July delivery by American mills, Havre, Bremen and Liverpool. On the 3rd inst. prices declined 10 to 15 points on beneficial rains in Texas and Arkansas, generally good weather, otherwise colorless cables, a lower stock market, and rather heavy Wall Street selling, especially of new January. There was also not a little scattered selling of July. New Orleans, the South, and local interests also sold. The trade, some spot people, and shorts bought. The tendency was to increase the short interest in the new crop. The Hunter Co. reported its sales of goods with previous week as the largest since the middle of March and above a full production. Manchester was still dull. On the 5th inst. prices declined sharply again, owing to good weather, a break in stocks, weaker cables than due, the arrest of Gandhi in Surut, India, the closing of East Indian Exchanges, an evident fear of political troubles, and finally general selling here and in Liverpool. There the Continent and Alexandria sold. Manchester was dull and Worth Street quiet and about steady. Here Liverpool, Japanese, Wall Street, local traders, New Orleans, and some spot interests sold. Later came a rally which left the old crop 10 to 15 points higher and the new 5 to 11 lower. On the 6th inst. prices advanced moderately early and later became irregular. At the close old crop was 5 points net higher and the new 10 to 16 points lower, with beneficial rains in the Western belt. July was in demand, and it was 76 points over Liverpool July. Stocks and wheat advanced. That helped the old crop. It was expected that the weekly report would be favorable. Worth

Street was quiet. Manchester was still dull. Coffee, sugar and copper declined. Oklahoma had a rainfall of 1 to 4.97 inches. It looked like too much.

On the 7th inst. early prices were higher, but later the old crop on some selling of July coincident with reports that Havre was to export 8,000 bales to New York for delivery on contracts. There were some hints that Liverpool might ship to New York. New York July was 72 points over Liverpool July. But the next crop, after a reaction, advanced on reports of excessive rains in Texas and Oklahoma and drought in the Atlantic States. Private reports said parts of Texas needed clear weather or the crop would get into the grass. Dallas reported flooded rivers and streams. Northern and Western Oklahoma, the weekly report said, were too wet. On the other hand, it stated that the States of the Central and Eastern belt needed rains for germination and growth. Worth Street was quiet, and second hands were said to be cutting prices. Manchester reported a fair business with the Continent, but riots and general political unrest were a bar to trade with India. Spot markets in this country were dull and lower. The Washington weekly summary said: "In the Western belt rains were beneficial, but there is a general need of rain in the lower Mississippi Valley and Tennessee eastward to the Atlantic Ocean. Temperatures were generally favorable where the soil was not too dry. In Texas the crop made very good progress; stands are good and fields clean; chopping of the early crop is in progress and planting is progressing in the heretofore dry western sections. In Oklahoma seeding is well advanced in the south-central and east, with some cotton up, but was interrupted in the north and west by wet soil. In Arkansas progress was mostly excellent, except in some dry areas. In nearly all other sections of the belt germination is being retarded and growth of early-planted cotton is slow because of widespread dryness."

On the 8th inst. prices advanced 40 to 50 points on the new crop and 12 to 17 on the old. Recent dry weather in the central and Eastern belts, fears of its continuance in the Atlantic States, a scarcity of contracts, a strong technical position, higher cables than due, and heavy covering of alarmed shorts were the salient features. Old crop was held back by fears of importations of cotton from France, if not from England, and of shipments to New York by domestic mills curtailing output and not averse to taking advantage of the July premium. Foreign and domestic trade interests bought both old and new crop months. German interests bought July and October, coincident with rather larger buying of actual cotton.

Sales of fertilizer tags for April in 14 States were 2.9% larger than for April 1929, and 53.4% larger than for April 1928. Sales for the Southern States, excluding Mississippi, from which records could not be obtained for April, were 1.8% larger than for April 1929 and 53.1% larger than for April 1928. For December to April, inclusive, they were 1/10th of 1% larger than for the like period a year ago, but 1.8% less than for the like period two years ago, according to the National Fertilizer Association. Excluding Virginia, Florida, and Missouri, States that grow a relatively small amount of cotton, sales in the other cotton States for the five months of December to April, inclusive, were 1.5% less than for the like period a year ago, and 3% less than for the like period two years ago. This would seem to indicate that the cotton program has been reduced from that of last year by roughly 1.5% and from two years ago by 3%.

The Dallas "News" weekly report said that the past week has been rather poor for progress of Texas cotton crop, with severe storm damage in many areas, much washing to land in central, north and parts of south Texas, and unusual sand storms in the western counties, all of which will necessitate much replanting. Wet soils have halted planting in northwest Texas and replanting in much of north and east Texas. It also appears that a number of counties in both western and eastern areas of Texas are still insufficiently supplied with soil moisture. Virtually all of Texas now needs a period of dry, warm weather. Few insects have appeared except lice in the damper sections, which are not doing appreciable damage at present. Much of Oklahoma the past week has had excessive rain and considerable storm damage. Planting in northern, eastern, and southern and western counties has been halted by wet weather in many sections. A few counties report planting as being well under way. Temperatures as a whole have been too cool and warm. Dry weather is wanted.

To-day prices declined 16 to 23 points, but regained a good deal of it later. The early decline was due to favorable rains in the central and eastern belts, and also fears of shipments to New York by domestic mills for delivery on July contracts, and also importations for the same purpose from Havre, Bremen and Liverpool. Spot markets were dull and lower. The weekly statistics were bearish. There was considerable profit taking after a recent quick advance of about 75 points. Later on covering of shorts and trade buying caused a rally, in which most of the real advance disappeared. Worth Street was quiet and unchanged. Manchester was dull and there were further outbreaks in India. Final prices show a net decline on the old crop of 3 to 8 points, July leading the drop. The new crop ended for the most part 3 to 10 points higher. Spot cotton ended at 16.55c. for middling, a decline for the week of 5 points.

Staple Premiums
60% of average of
six markets quoting
for deliveries on
May 15 1930.

Table with 3 columns: 15-16 inch, 1-inch & longer, and various cotton grades like Middling Fair, Strict Good Middling, etc.

Differences between grades established for delivery on contract May 15 1930. Figured from the May 8 1930 average quotations of the ten markets designated by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Table showing price differences between grades for various cotton types like Middling Fair, Strict Good Middling, etc., with prices in cents.

*Not deliverable on future contracts. The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been: May 3 to May 9— Sat. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Middling upland. 16.40 16.55 16.55 16.45 16.60 16.55

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS. The quotations for middling upland at New York on May 9 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows: 1930 --- 16.55c. 1922 --- 20.00c. 1914 --- 13.00c. 1906 --- 11.95c. 1929 --- 19.60c. 1921 --- 12.95c. 1913 --- 12.00c. 1905 --- 8.05c. 1928 --- 21.85c. 1920 --- 41.30c. 1912 --- 11.90c. 1904 --- 13.80c. 1927 --- 15.75c. 1919 --- 29.10c. 1911 --- 15.75c. 1903 --- 11.15c. 1926 --- 19.25c. 1918 --- 28.15c. 1910 --- 15.50c. 1902 --- 9.62c. 1925 --- 23.30c. 1917 --- 19.60c. 1909 --- 10.90c. 1901 --- 8.06c. 1924 --- 31.70c. 1916 --- 13.05c. 1908 --- 10.65c. 1900 --- 9.88c. 1923 --- 26.55c. 1915 --- 9.85c. 1907 --- 11.90c. 1899 --- 6.25c.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK. The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader, we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

Table with columns for Spot Market Closed, Futures Market Closed, and SALES (Spot, Contr'd, Total) for days Saturday through Friday.

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

Table showing futures prices for various months (May through April) with columns for Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Range of future prices at New York for week ending May 9 1930 and since trading began on each option:

Table with columns: Option for, Range for Week, Range Since Beginning of Option. Rows include dates from May 1930 to Mar 1931 for various months.

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Table with columns: Week Ended May 9, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wed. day, Thursd'y, Friday. Rows list various cotton markets like Galveston, New Orleans, etc.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks as well as afloat are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening.

Table showing stock at Liverpool, London, Manchester, and other locations for May 10, 1930, 1929, 1928, and 1927. Includes sub-sections for American and East Indian stocks.

Table showing total visible supply, receipts at ports, and market statistics for May 9, 1930, 1929, 1928, and 1927. Includes sub-sections for American and East Indian stocks.

a Houston stocks are now included in the port stocks; in previous years they formed part of the interior stocks.

Continental imports for past week have been 85,000 bales. The above figures for 1930 show a decrease over last week of 67,665 bales, a gain of 661,582 over 1929, an increase of 541,541 bales over 1928, and a falling off of 419,386 bales from 1927.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding periods of the previous year, is set out in detail below:

Large table with columns: Towns, Movement to May 9 1930 (Receipts, Shipments, Stocks), Movement to May 10 1929 (Receipts, Shipments, Stocks). Rows list numerous towns like Ala., Birm'ham, Eufaula, etc.

Total, 56 towns 29,733 5,996,581 75,852 893,425 31,138 5,808,649 70,416 512,890

* Includes the combined totals of 15 towns in Oklahoma. The above totals show that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 47,570 bales and are to-night 380,535 bales more than at the same time last year.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night.

Table showing overland movement statistics for May 9, 1930, and since Aug. 1, 1929-30, and 1928-29. Includes sub-sections for Deduct Shipments and Total to be deducted.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 17,024 bales, against 1,857 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits an increase over a year ago of 72,416 bales.

Table showing in sight and spinners' takings for May 9, 1930, and since Aug. 1, 1929-30, and 1928-29. Includes sub-sections for Receipts at ports and Total marketed.

Movement into sight in previous years: Week—Bales, Since Aug. 1—Bales. Rows show data for May 12, May 13, and May 14.

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

Table with columns: Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, May 9. Rows list contract months from May to June.

COTTON ACREAGE ESTIMATE.—On Monday A. Norden & Co. made public their estimate of cotton acreage for the present crop, which is as follows:

A decrease of 4.2% in 1930 cotton acreage in the United States compared with 1929 is indicated in a survey made public Monday, May 5, by A. Norden & Co., members of the New York Cotton Exchange. The survey, as of the average date of April 24, places the 1930 acreage at 45,569,930, as against 47,569,000 acres in cultivation on July 1 1929. This year's estimate, it is pointed out, may be altered by weather conditions this month and to some extent by the course of the market. The survey in detail follows:

Table with 4 columns: State, Acreage in Cultivation July 1 1929, Indicated Acreage 1930, Average Percentage Decrease. Rows include North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Tennessee, Sundries, and Total.

NEW YORK COTTON EXCHANGE GIVES LICENSE TO SAVANNAH WAREHOUSE.—The Board of Managers of the New York Cotton Exchange May 8 (Thursday) licensed the Southeastern Compress & Warehouse Co. at Savannah, Ga., to receive cotton for delivery on New York Cotton Exchange contracts. This action was taken to facilitate the delivery of cotton to receivers of cotton who are willing to take actual delivery at Savannah.

While Savannah was officially designated by the Exchange as a delivery point, along with Mobile, some time ago, this does not become effective until delivery of cotton on October 1930 contracts and thereafter. The action of the Exchange on May 8, however, will permit actual delivery of cotton at Savannah by mutual agreement between the receiver and deliverer.

The Board of Managers also licensed the following weighers at Savannah: T. A. Ward, H. M. Kinney, C. J. Berry, Thos. Logan, J. B. Gandry, W. C. Lyon and Hubert Daniels.

NEW YORK COTTON EXCHANGE NOMINATIONS.—Philip B. Weld, of Post & Flagg, was nominated on May 8 for President of the New York Cotton Exchange, to succeed Gardiner H. Miller who is now completing his second term. Mr. Weld is now serving as Vice-President of the Exchange, which he joined in 1927.

Other nominations made by the Nominating Committee are: William S. Dowdell, who is with Weil Bros., to succeed Mr. Weld as Vice-President; T. Laurens Guild, re-nominated for Treasurer.

The committee also nominated five new members for the Board of Managers: Clayton B. Jones, of George F. Jones & Son; Frank J. Knell, with Lehman Bros.; Gardiner H. Miller, of Hopkins, Dwight & Co., retiring President of the Exchange; Frederick L. Munds, of Munds & Winslow, and Spencer Waters.

Re-nominated to the Board: Eric Alliot, Dr. Herman B. Baruch, John C. Botts, Lamar L. Fleming, Harry L. Goss, Elwood P. McEnany, John H. McFadden, Jr., Charles S. Montgomery, Simon J. Shlenker and George R. Siedenber.

Daniel Schmakenberg was nominated for trustee of the Gratuity Fund, to serve three years, and William C. Bailey, William A. Boger and J. Victor di Zeraga named for inspectors of election.

The annual election of the Exchange will be held on June 2.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening indicate that on the whole the week has been favorable for cotton. There have been many beneficial showers though some sections are in need of rain. Stands of early cotton are mostly good. Planting is generally well advanced except in the dry portions.

Texas.—The cotton crop has made very good progress in this State during the week. Stands are mostly good and fields are clean. Chopping of early cotton is well advanced and planting is progressing in the heretofore dry sections.

Mobile, Ala.—The weather has been dry all week except for a few heavy showers near the coast. In small areas planting has been retarded by lack of rain; germination is slow.

Memphis, Tenn.—Cotton planting is nearing completion.

Table with 4 columns: Location, Rain, Rainfall, Thermometer. Rows list various locations like Galveston, Abilene, Brenham, Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Henrietta, Kerrville, Lampasas, Longview, Luling, Nacogdoches, Palestine, Paris, San Antonio, Taylor, Weatherford, Ardmore, Altus, Muskogee, Oklahoma City, Brinkley, Eldorado, Little Rock, Pine Bluff, Alexandria, Amite, New Orleans, Shreveport, Columbus, Greenwood, Vicksburg, Mobile, Decatur, Montgomery, Selma, Gainesville, Madison, Savannah, Athens, Augusta, Columbus, Charleston.

Table with 4 columns: Location, Rain, Rainfall, Thermometer. Rows include Greenwood, Columbia, Conway, Charlotte, Newbern, Weldon, Memphis.

The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:

Table with 4 columns: Location, Gauge, May 9 1930, May 10 1929. Rows include New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, Shreveport, Vicksburg.

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overlaid receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Table with 10 columns: Week Ended, Receipts at Ports (1930, 1929, 1928), Stocks at Interior Towns (1930, 1929, 1928), Receipts from Plantations (1930, 1929, 1928). Rows include Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May.

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1929 are 8,486,184 bales; in 1928 were 8,970,880 bales, and in 1927 were 8,146,455 bales. (2) That, although the receipts at the outports the past week were 49,161 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 1,591 bales, stocks at interior towns having decreased 47,570 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were nil bales and for 1928 they were 68,977 bales.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.—The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons from all sources from which statistics are obtainable; also the takings or amounts gone out of sight for the like period:

Table with 5 columns: Cotton Takings, Week and Season, 1929-30 (Week, Season), 1928-29 (Week, Season). Rows include Visible supply, American in sight, Bombay receipts, Other India shipments, Alexandria receipts, Total supply, Deduct, Visible supply, Total takings.

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 4,210,000 bales in 1929-30 and 4,521,000 bales in 1928-29—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 12,977,523 bales in 1929-30 and 14,066,036 bales in 1928-29 of which 7,702,323 bales and 8,961,836 bales American. b Estimated.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments from all India ports for the week and for the season from Aug. 1, as cabled, for three years, have been as follows:

Table with 7 columns: Location, Receipts at (May 8, 1929-30, 1928-29, 1927-28), For the Week (Great Britain, Cont-nent, Japan & China, Total), Since August 1 (Great Britain, Cont-nent, Japan & China, Total). Rows include Bombay.

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 12,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 54,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show an increase of 71,000 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.—We now receive weekly cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years:

Alexandria, Egypt, May 7	1929-30.	1928-29.	1927-28.
Receipts (cantars)—			
This week	190,000	120,000	150,000
Since Aug. 1	8,087,084	7,929,707	5,942,054

Exports (bales)—	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.
To Liverpool	6,000	130,631	7,000	155,805	6,250	131,399
To Manchester, &c.	10,000	138,519	7,000	146,289	6,000	144,105
To Continent and India.	8,000	396,705	12,000	213,492	14,500	345,911
To America	—	101,749	1,000	161,482	2,500	103,174
Total exports	24,000	767,604	20,000	877,068	29,250	724,589

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weight about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending May 7 were 190,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 24,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report, received by cable to-night from Manchester, states that the market in both yarns and in cloths is quiet. Manufacturers are generally complaining. We give prices to-day below and leave those of previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

	1930.				1929.				Cotton Midd'l'g Upl'ds.
	32s Cop Twst.	8½ Lbs. Shrtngs, Common to Finest.	Cotton Midd'l'g Upl'ds.	32s Cop Twst.	8½ Lbs. Shrtngs, Common to Finest.	Cotton Midd'l'g Upl'ds.	32s Cop Twst.	8½ Lbs. Shrtngs, Common to Finest.	
Jan. d.	d.	s d.	s. d.	d.	d.	s d.	s. d.	d.	
24.	13¼ @ 14¼	12 2	@ 12 4	9.40	15¼ @ 16¼	13 3	@ 13 6	10.48	
31.	13 @ 14¼	12 2	@ 12 4	8.85	15¼ @ 16¼	13 3	@ 13 6	10.35	
Feb. 7.	12¼ @ 13	11 4	@ 11 0	8.60	15 @ 16	13 3	@ 13 5	10.34	
14.	12¼ @ 13¾	11 0	@ 11 4	8.69	15½ @ 16½	13 3	@ 13 6	10.43	
21.	12¼ @ 13¾	10 6	@ 11 2	8.47	15½ @ 16½	13 3	@ 13 6	10.49	
28.	12 @ 13¾	10 4	@ 11 0	8.40	15½ @ 16½	13 4	@ 13 7	10.76	
Mar. 7.	11¼ @ 13	10 2	@ 10 6	8.18	15¼ @ 16¼	13 4	@ 13 7	11.12	
14.	11¼ @ 12¾	10 2	@ 10 6	8.05	15 @ 16	13 5	@ 13 7	10.77	
21.	11¼ @ 13	10 4	@ 11 0	8.54	15¼ @ 16¼	13 4	@ 13 7	11.10	
28.	12 @ 13	10 4	@ 11 0	8.44	15¼ @ 16¼	13 4	@ 13 7	10.96	
Apr. 4.	12¼ @ 13¾	10 4	@ 11 0	8.85	15¾ @ 16¾	13 3	@ 13 6	10.72	
11.	12¼ @ 13¾	10 4	@ 11 0	8.76	15¾ @ 16¾	13 2	@ 13 4	10.81	
18.	11¼ @ 12¾	10 1	@ 10 5	8.61	15¾ @ 16¾	13 2	@ 13 4	10.59	
25.	12 @ 13	10 1	@ 10 5	8.74	15 @ 16	13 0	@ 13 2	10.23	
May 2.	12 @ 13	10 1	@ 10 5	8.65	14¾ @ 15¾	12 7	@ 13 1	10.02	
9.	11¾ @ 12¾	10 0	@ 10 4	8.63	14¾ @ 15¾	12 7	@ 13 1	10.08	

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 81,654 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic reports, are as follows:

	Bales.
GALVESTON—To Havre—Apr. 29—Deerlodge, 545—May 6—Notre Dame de Fourviere, 1,891	2,436
To Dunkirk—Apr. 29—Deerlodge, 567	567
To Japan—May 6—Invincible, 710	710
To Rotterdam—Apr. 29—Deerlodge, 740—May 3—Temple Pier, 450	1,190
To China—May 6—Invincible, 27	27
To Ghent—Apr. 29—Deerlodge, 655	655
To Bremen—Apr. 30—Connes Peak, 3,010—May 3—Temple Pier, 2,570	5,580
To Genoa—Apr. 30—Monstella, 2,510	2,510
To Barcelona—May 2—Jomar, 1,202—May 4—Mar Cantabrico, 3,964	5,166
To Liverpool—May 3—Magician, 1,198	1,198
To Manchester—May 3—Magician, 989	989
To Venice—May 2—Ida, 377	377
To Trieste—May 2—Ida, 634	634
To Oporto—May 5—Cody, 917	917
To Lisbon—May 5—Cody, 175	175
To Passages—May 5—Cody, 150	150
To Malaga—May 4—Mar Cantabrico, 500	500
NEW ORLEANS—To Havre—Apr. 30—Cranford, 1,600	1,600
To Ghent—Apr. 30—Cranford, 825—May 1—Cranford, 50 additional	875
To Antwerp—Apr. 30—Cranford, 550	550
To Bremen—May 1—West Gambo, 850; Raport, 1,548	2,398
To Hamburg—May 1—West Gambo, 700; Raport, 1,017	1,717
To Rotterdam—May 1—West Gambo, 1,198	1,198
To Mexico—May 1—Sinaloa, 750; Morozan, 400	1,150
To Dunkirk—May 2—Trolleholm, 600	600
To Oslo—May 2—Trolleholm, 100	100
To Gothenburg—May 2—Trolleholm, 294	294
To Canada—May 2—Point Ferman, 76	76
To Genoa—May 3—Monrosa, 2,900—May 6—Chester Valley, 2,550	5,450
To Tela Honduras—May 2—Abangars, 2	2
HOUSTON—To Liverpool—April 30—West Cressey, 3,639	3,639
To Gothenburg—May 7—Trolleholm, 287	287
To Manchester—April 30—West Cressey, 1,952	1,952
To Malino—May 7—Trolleholm, 124	124
To Havre—May 2—Deerlodge, 111—May 5—Notre Dame Defourviere, 1,516	1,627
To Veite—May 7—Trolleholm, 122	122
To Dunkirk—May 2—Deerlodge, 1,783—May 7—Trolleholm, 1,858	3,641
To Norrkoping—May 7—Trolleholm, 108	108
To Antwerp—May 2—Deerlodge, 50	50
To Hamburg—May 8—York, 543	543
To Ghent—May 2—Deerlodge, 415	415
To Genoa—May 8—West Cohas, 3,195	3,195
To Rotterdam—May 2—Deerlodge, 1,060—Temple Pier, 600	1,660
To Copenhagen—April 30—Frode, 200—May 7—Trolleholm, 198	398
To Bremen—May 2—Temple Pier, 5,529—May 8—York, 400	5,929
To Oporto—May 3—Cody, 1,658	1,658
To Lisbon—May 3—Cody, 25	25
To Passages—May 3—Cody, 100	100
To Barcelona—May 1—Mar Cantabrico, 1,892	1,892
To Japan—May 5—Invincible, 1,229	1,229
To China—May 5—Invincible, 2,298	2,298
To Bordeaux—May 5—Notre Dame Defourviere, 85	85

	Bales.
CHARLESTON—To Hamburg—May 3—Odenwald, 606	606
NEW YORK—To Oporto—May 1—Hinnoy, 100	100
To Vigo—May 2—Cristobal Colon, 200	200
NORFOLK—To Liverpool—May 6—Winona County, 300	300
To Manchester—May 6—Winona County, 780 Daytonian, 26	806
To Bremen—May 6—Hagen, 125	125
LOS ANGELES—To Liverpool—May 3—Nicherooy, 255	255
To Havre—May 5—Indiana, 542	542
To Dunkirk—April 30—Tenyo Maru, 600	600
To Japan—May 1—Bokuyo Maru, 2,100—May 5—President Jefferson, 1,350—May 7—Montreal Maru, 117; Imperial Prince, 200	3,767
To China—May 7—Imperial Prince, 360—April 30—Tenyo Maru, 400	760
MOBILE—To Liverpool—April 30—Maiden Creek, 899	899
To Manchester—April 30—Maiden Creek, 201	201
To Bremen—April 30—West Kyska, 1,500	1,500
To Hamburg—April 30—West Kyska, 225	225
Total	81,654

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	open
Manchester	45c.	60c.	Trieste	50c.	65c.	Bombay	42c.
Antwerp	45c.	60c.	Fiume	50c.	65c.	Bremen	45c.
Havre	45c.	60c.	Lisbon	45c.	60c.	Hamburg	45c.
Rotterdam	45c.	60c.	Oporto	60c.	75c.	Piraeus	75c.
Genoa	50c.	65c.	Barcelona	30c.	45c.	Salonica	75c.
Oslo	50c.	60c.	Japan	open	open	Venice	50c.

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	Apr. 18.	Apr. 25.	May 2.	May 9.
Sales of the week	47,000	22,000	27,000	22,000
Of which American	12,000	9,000	12,000	12,000
Sales for export	23,000	5,000	1,000	1,000
Forward	36,000	39,000	62,000	62,000
Total stocks	831,000	815,000	797,000	788,000
Of which American	356,000	351,000	354,000	350,000
Total imports	20,000	53,000	44,000	51,000
Of which American	9,000	12,000	10,000	18,000
Amount afloat	158,000	143,000	134,000	129,000
Of which American	49,000	43,000	39,000	29,000

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.	Dull.	More demand.	More demand.	Quiet.
Mid. Upl'ds	8.60d.	8.45d.	8.53d.	8.51d.	8.49d.	8.63d.
Sales	3,000	4,000	3,000	5,000	5,000	3,000
Futures. Market opened	Quiet, 1 pt. adv. to 1 pt. decline.	Barely st'y decline.	Steady, advance.	Q't, but st'y adv. to 1 pt. dec.	St'y, 3 pts. adv.	Steady, 5 to 6 pts. adv.
Market, 4 P. M.	Q't, but st'y unch'ged to 2 pts. adv.	Quiet, 18 to 21 pts. decline.	Barely st'y adv.	Steady, advance.	Steady, advance.	Barely st'y unch. to 2 pts. dec.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

May 3 to May 9.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	12.15	12.30	12.15	4.00	12.15	4.00
	12.15	12.30	12.15	4.00	12.15	4.00
	p. m. p. m.	p. m. p. m.	p. m. p. m.	p. m. p. m.	p. m. p. m.	p. m. p. m.
May	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
June	8.11	7.95	7.92	8.03	7.97	8.01
July	8.07	7.91	7.86	7.98	7.90	7.95
August	8.06	7.90	7.86	7.97	7.97	7.94
September	7.97	7.82	7.77	7.86	7.79	7.83
October	7.91	7.76	7.71	7.79	7.73	7.77
November	7.86	7.71	7.66	7.73	7.68	7.72
December	7.85	7.69	7.64	7.71	7.66	7.70
Jan. (1931)	7.86	7.71	7.66	7.73	7.68	7.70
February	7.87	7.72	7.67	7.74	7.69	7.71
March	7.89	7.74	7.69	7.76	7.71	7.73
April	7.91	7.76	7.72	7.79	7.74	7.76
May	7.93	7.78	7.74	7.81	7.76	7.78
June	7.95	7.81	7.77	7.84	7.79	7.80

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, May 9 1930.

Flour was dull late last week, but exports were larger; on the 2nd inst. they were 18,000 barrels from New York and 5,000 from New Orleans. New Kansas flour was reported sold on jute basis New York at \$5. Exports were 28,000 barrels, including 9,000 from New York, 14,000 from Boston, and 5,000 from New Orleans. Buyers were awaiting new crop quotations. On the 6th inst. prices advanced sharply, with feed weak and wheat up. Exports were 23,000 sacks. Later prices for flour declined. On feed the drop was sharp. Exports of flour last week were 96,000 sacks against 119,000 in the previous week. Later prices were weaker.

Wheat has declined owing mainly to favorable weather and crop reports from our own belt and Canada's. The belief was that the crop this season would show a larger total than that of last year. May sold at \$1, the lowest price on the crop. There is only 60 days to the beginning of the movement of the new crop of winter wheat. At the same time the market has acted oversold, so that there has been a certain amount of caution about selling.

On the 3rd inst. prices ended 1 to 2½c. lower, though at one time ½ to ¾c. higher. Export demand did not seem to be so large. The Farm Board seemed to be buying near months at times. Cash interests bought May and sold July.

The Government was said to be buying cash in private elevators, and also shipping from Omaha and Kansas City to New Orleans, the quantity being stated at about 200,000 bushels. Hard winter wheat at New York was sold on the basis of 3½c. over Chicago May, or about 93c. in Chicago. The big break in stocks had some effect. New York sold distant months. Local traders also sold freely toward the last on the decline in the New York stock market. But Kansas, according to some, will raise 100,000,000 to 110,000,000 bushels.

On the 5th inst. prices declined ½ to 1½c. net. The weather was good and the export demand slow, taking only 300,000 to 400,000 bushels, according to some estimates, though some said 500,000 to 600,000. The cables were not stimulating. Liverpool, in fact, ended 1½ to 1½d. lower. The fine weather in the Southwest was stressed. Rains there and in the Northwest, as well as in Canada, told against the price. Yet on the decline the market ran into buying orders. Some called the position heavily oversold. The United States visible supply decreased last week 3,332,000 bushels against 2,103,000 in the same week last year; total, 132,858,000 against 112,684,000 a year ago.

On the 6th inst. prices advanced 1¾ to 2½c. net on a natural rally in a "short" market. Export sales were estimated at 1,000,000 bushels. Central Europe had too much rain. Liverpool closed ¾ to ¾d. higher and strong. A rise in the stock market helped wheat. Cash houses bought. The mill demand was good. The visible supply tends to decrease rather heavily. The Southwest had heavy rains. In Texas floods were complained of. Oklahoma had rainfalls of as high as 5 inches. The crop reports from the Southwest were not quite so favorable.

On the 7th inst. prices ended 2¼ to 2¾c. lower, though Winnipeg itself was only 1¼ to 1¾c. net lower. Early in the day Chicago was ¼ to 1½c. higher, with Liverpool advancing. But later Liverpool lost most of its rise. Buenos Aires declined ½ to ¾c. Liquidation set in. Professionals sold. Favorable crop reports were received from the Southwest, despite recent heavy winds and rains there. In Canada seeding was nearly finished, and there was plenty of subsoil moisture. Export sales were 700,000 to 1,000,000 bushels, but were largely Manitoba. The Santa Fe Railway report said that the condition of wheat in the Texas Panhandle was excellent, and that it was better in Oklahoma. On the 8th inst. prices closed unchanged to ¼c. lower in Chicago and Winnipeg. Prices at one time were ¼ to ½c. higher. The cables were higher than due. A fair business was reported for export. A good reduction in the United States visible supply is expected in Monday's statement. Considerable areas of the hard winter belt were severely damaged before the rains came. On declines, buying orders were met. On the 5th inst. prices ended 1c. lower to ¼c. higher. The influence of lower prices for wheat was obvious. Local traders sold freely. They were the largest sellers. The weather was good for field work. But on the decline commission houses were good buyers. Offerings were small and receipts less than had been expected. May ended ¾c. higher. September and December were the weakest months. The United States visible supply decreased last week 1,704,000 bushels against 2,507,000 last year; total, 19,936,000 against 25,687,000 a year ago.

To-day prices closed ¼ to ½c. higher on scattered buying and covering, as well as steady cables and adverse crop advices from Italy and France. Export demand, it is true, was only fair, the sales reaching 500,000 to 600,000 bushels of Manitoba winter. The Italian crop is estimated at 37,000,000 bushels smaller than last year's. Liverpool closed ½ to 1d. higher. Buenos Aires was off ¾c. The Farm Board seemed to be giving support around \$1 for May. There was little disposition to take the aggressive on the selling side. Many covered on the eve of the Government report. Final prices show a decline for the week of ½ to 2¾c. To-day the Government report gave the winter wheat condition at 76.7% and crop 525,070,000 bushels against 578,336,000 harvested last year; yield per acre this year, 13.6 bushels.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 hard	105¼	105¼	108¾	106¾	107¾	108

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May	100½	100½	102½	100¾	100¾	101
July	102½	101¾	103½	101¾	101¾	101½
September	105	104¾	106¾	103¾	103¾	104½
December	110	109	110¾	108¾	108¾	108¾

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May	104¾	104½	106¼	104¾	104¾	105¾
July	107¾	106¾	108¾	107¾	107¾	107¾
October	110¾	109¾	111	109¾	109	109¾

Indian corn has declined, partly in sympathy for lower prices for wheat, but it is also true that supplies are considered ample for their requirements, and recent rains have helped the pastures. It is said that the farm consumption of corn is below the normal. The cash demand is only moderate, and prices have latterly declined. On the 3rd inst. prices ended ¼ to ½c. lower, in sympathy with the decline in wheat. Yet at one time corn was ¾ to ½c. lower, on a forecast of unsettled weather for most of this week. The visible supply was expected to show a fair decrease. Primary receipts were 692,000 bushels against 713,000 on the same day in the previous week and 490,000 last year; shipments, 955,000 against 415,000 a week before, and 480,000 last year.

On the 6th inst. a rise of ¾ to 1½c. took place. Heavy rains in the belt delayed field work. Also wheat was higher. Besides, the cash demand for corn was brisk from home and outside interests. Country offerings to arrive were small. Sales in Chicago on the 6th inst. were 11,640,000 bushels; open contracts, 47,713,000 bushels. On the 7th inst. prices closed ¾c. lower to ¼c. higher. Most of the day prices were higher. Only the weakness of wheat pulled them down at all. The cash demand was good from shippers and industries. Country offerings were small; also receipts, and wet weather hindered field work.

On the 8th inst. prices ended ¼ to ¾c. lower, after an early rise of ½ to ¾c. Liquidation set in later. Support was poor. The weather was much better. Country offerings increased a little. Shipping demand was not large. To-day prices ended ½ to 1c. lower, after some advance early in the day. The weather was unsettled, and indications were for further showers. But on the rise liquidation was encountered. Stop orders were met. New lows for the season were made. The cash demand was only moderate. Cash prices were 1c. lower. There was a fair shipping demand from the East. Professionals were selling. Final prices show a decline for the week of ½ to 2½c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 yellow	95¾	96¾	97¾	97¾	96¾	96

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May	78¾	78¾	79¾	79¾	79¾	78¾
July	80¾	80¾	81¾	81	79¾	78¾
September	81¾	81¾	82¾	81¾	80¾	79¾
December	76¾	75¾	76	75¾	74¾	73¾

Oats have felt the effects of lower prices for other grain. Besides, the farm consumption is said to be smaller than the normal. On the 3rd inst. prices closed unchanged to ½c. higher, regardless of the decline in other grain. May was the strongest month, owing to steady buying by cash houses. At one time during the day May was ¾c. higher. For the first time, May ended on that day ¼c. over July. On the 5th inst. prices closed ¼ to 1c. lower, with other grain falling. The United States visible supply decreased last week 219,000 bushels against 498,000 in the same week last year; total now 16,242,000 bushels against 10,276,000 a year ago. On the 6th inst. prices closed ¾ to 1c. higher, following the rise in other grain. Sales in Chicago on the 6th inst. were 2,081,000 bushels; open interest, 19,663,000. On the 7th inst. prices ended ½c. lower to ¼c. higher, keeping pace in a general way with other grain. On the 8th inst. prices ended unchanged to ½c. lower. Early prices were ¾ to ¼c. higher. Later they followed those for other grain.

To-day prices ended ¼ to ¾c. lower. Cash houses bought May and sold later deliveries. The weakness of corn caused selling by professionals. Final prices show a decline for the week of ½ to 1½c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 white	55	54½	55½	55½	55½	55

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May	40¾	40¾	41¾	41¾	41¾	41¾
July	40¾	40¾	41¾	40¾	40¾	40¾
September	40¾	39¾	40¾	39¾	39¾	39¾
December	43¾	42¾	42¾	42¾	42¾	42

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May	48¾	47¾	48¾	47¾	47¾	49¾
July	49¾	48¾	48¾	48¾	48	49¾
October	48	46¾	47¾	46¾	46¾	47

Rye has been influenced by the drop in wheat prices. Besides, there is no sign of export business, and the cash

demand has been none too brisk. Speculation has been sluggish. On the 3rd inst. prices ended 1/2 to 1c. lower. All the rye afloat at Chicago is understood to have been sold for shipment. Trading was light on Saturday. It was confined mostly to spreading with corn. On the 5th inst. prices declined 3/4 to 1 1/2c., with wheat down to \$1 for May and the inevitable liquidation. The United States visible supply last week decreased 295,000; total now 13,410,000 bushels, against 6,705,000 a year ago. On the 6th inst. prices ended 1 1/8 to 2 1/4c. higher, in response to a good advance in wheat. In Chicago on that day the sales were 1,375,000 bushels, and the open interest 18,629,000. On the 7th inst. prices ended 3/4 to 1 1/4c. lower, owing more than anything else to a decline in wheat. As usual, there was no stimulating demand. On the 8th inst. prices ended 3/4 to 1 1/2c. lower, responding to the decline in other cereals. Today prices ended 5/8 to 7/8c. higher, with wheat up, shorts covering, and an expectation of an unfavorable Government crop report. Final prices show a decline for the week of 1/2 to 2c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO. Table with columns for month (May-December) and days of the week (Sat, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri) with corresponding price values.

Closing quotations were as follows:

GRAIN. Table listing prices for Wheat, New York (No. 2 red, No. 2 hard winter), Corn, New York (No. 2 yellow, No. 3 yellow), Oats, New York (No. 2 white, No. 3 white), Rye, New York (No. 2 f.o.b., Coarse), Barley, New York (Chicago cash).

FLOUR. Table listing prices for Rye flour, patents (\$4.70-\$5.10), Seminola, No. 2, pound (3 1/4), Oats goods (2.60-2.65), Corn flour (2.40-2.45), Barley goods (3.25), Fancy pearl, Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 (6.00-6.50), and City mills (7.20-7.90).

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:

Table showing receipts at various ports (Chicago, Minneapolis, Duluth, Milwaukee, Toledo, Detroit, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Peoria, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Joseph, Wichita, Sioux City) for Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, and Rye. Includes totals for the week, same week of previous years, and since Aug. 1 for 1929, 1928, and 1927.

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, May 3 1930, follow:

Table showing receipts at various ports (New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk, New Orleans, Galveston, Boston) for Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, and Rye. Includes totals for the week, same week of previous years, and since Jan 1 1929.

* 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, May 3 1930, are shown in the annexed statement:

Table showing exports from various ports (New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk, New Orleans, Galveston, Houston) for Wheat, Corn, Flour, Oats, Rye, and Barley.

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1929 is as below:

Table showing Exports for Week and Since July 1 for Flour, Wheat, and Corn. Columns include Week May 3 1930, Since July 1 1929, and Total 1929.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, May 3 1930, were a follows:

GRAIN STOCKS. Table showing stocks for United States (Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley) and Canadian (Montreal, Ft. William & Pt. Arthur, Other Canadian) for various dates in 1930 and 1929.

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 230,000 bushels; Baltimore, 4,000; Buffalo, 91,000; Duluth, 5,000; total, 330,000 bushels, against 722,000 bushels in 1929. Barley, New York, 455,000 bushels; Buffalo, 2,133,000; Duluth, 77,000; total, 2,715,000 bushels, against 2,587,000 bushels in 1929. Wheat, New York, 1,405,000 bushels; Boston, 1,532,000; Philadelphia, 3,203,000; Baltimore, 3,429,000; Buffalo, 3,767,000; Buffalo afloat, 1,297,000; Duluth, 124,000; Canal, 1,013,000; total, 17,770,000 bushels, against 27,266,000 bushels in 1929.

Canadian— Montreal, 7,045,000; Ft. William & Pt. Arthur, 52,605,000; Other Canadian, 13,849,000.

Summary table for American and Canadian grain stocks for May 3 1930, May 26 1930, and May 4 1929.

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The world's shipments of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, May 2, and since July 1 1929 and 1928, are shown in the following:

Table showing world's shipments of Wheat and Corn for Exports from North America, Black Sea, Argentina, Australia, India, and Oth. countries for Week May 2 1930, Since July 1 1929, and Since July 1 1928.

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDED MAY 29.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended May 6 follows:

The weather was abnormally warm practically everywhere east of the Rocky Mountains. The table shows that the weekly mean temperatures were near normal along the Gulf coast, but otherwise they ranged from 4 deg. to as much as 18 deg. above the seasonal average throughout the country, except in the more western States. The warmest weather was experienced in the central valleys and lower Lake region, where the temperatures during the entire week did not go lower than 50 deg., while as far north as St. Louis the lowest reported was 60 deg. West of the Rocky Mountains it was cooler than normal in most districts, with marked minus departures in the Colorado Valley and in the San Joaquin Valley of California.

The table shows also that substantial to heavy rains occurred in most of the central and southern Great Plains area, with generous falls in the States just west of the Mississippi River from Arkansas northward, as well as in much of the Lake region. Rains, substantial in most places, were likewise widespread over the area west of the Rocky Mountains. On the other hand, sections from the Ohio Valley southward, eastward, and northward received very little precipitation, with negligible amount reported from many stations, and considerable areas having no rain during the entire week. In the Gulf States the droughty area extended westward over Louisiana to eastern Texas.

Further beneficial rains have occurred in the Southwest and also in the western lower Lake region and Central-Northern States. In fact, recent showers have been helpful quite generally over the western two-thirds of the country, extending eastward to the Mississippi River, and the soil is now sufficiently moist for present needs in most of this area, though some localities are dry. In the northern Ohio Valley States and in Pennsylvania there is only a moderate need for rain, though generous showers would be helpful.

In the Atlantic States, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana, as well as in some adjoining sections in States to the westward, droughty conditions have been intensified by a lack of rain and by high temperatures. Because of unusual dryness in nearly all parts of this area, growth and germination of recently-planted crops are slow, and a good soaking rain is badly needed. Farm work made satisfactory progress during the week, except for delay by rain in a few sections. Conditions were unusually favorable in the great western grazing area.

Late reports on the effect of the April freeze on fruit in the important commercial apple sections of the Virginias indicate that damage has been spotted, and, in general, less than was first feared. The amount of harm depended largely on the advancement of trees and the topographic condition of the orchards, most low-lying sections and early-blooming trees being badly harmed, and many late-blooming varieties and favorably located orchards largely escaping, with damage apparently greatest in the southern sections of the apple country. Elsewhere in the area experiencing freezing weather during the latter part of April there was considerable or serious harm to early fruit, such as cherries, plums, and in some cases peaches, but apples, apparently, were not greatly involved.

SMALL GRAINS.—Further rains in the western Winter Wheat Belt were favorable, but the crop made only slow advance in the more eastern and southern parts of the Ohio Valley due to dryness. In Kansas there were further good rains and warmth, with soil moisture now abundant, except in a few southwestern counties; winter wheat is very good to excellent in the northern two-thirds of the State, but much is poor or only fair in the southern third. In the more southwestern parts of the belt good advance was made, except in drier sections, mostly in extreme western and eastern Texas, but the crop is heading low in Oklahoma, with condition irregular. Rain would be very beneficial in the eastern belt, especially in the lower and eastern Ohio Valley, but improvement was noted in much of the South and East. Winter cereals are seriously in need of moisture in much of the South and East, ranging from Mississippi and Louisiana northward through Pennsylvania, and especially in the Southeast.

Spring wheat seeding is rapidly nearing completion; plants are coming up in many sections and looking well, the stands being fine in the southern and eastern parts of the belt. The early-sown is making rapid growth in northern sections. North Dakota reports the subsoil in excellent condition, and sufficient moisture is generally indicated. Seeding of other small grains advanced well, with the crops generally good. Oats show considerable improvement in central parts of the country, but were unfavorably affected in the dry Southeast.

CORN.—Corn planting made good progress during the week and was begun locally as far north as southern Minnesota. Rains in the western belt have improved germinating conditions and the general warmth was favorable, but in the Southeast, from the Ohio and Potomac Rivers southward, germination is slow and irregular because of dryness. A good general rain would be helpful also in some other parts of the Ohio and central Mississippi Valleys. In Iowa planting has begun rather generally, and is nearly half finished in the south, with some corn up.

COTTON.—In the western Cotton Belt further rains were beneficial, but there is a general need of moisture from the lower Mississippi Valley and Tennessee eastward to the Atlantic Ocean; temperatures were generally favorable where the soil is not too dry. In Texas the crop made very good progress; stands are mostly good and fields clean; chopping of the early crop is well advanced, and planting is progressing in the heretofore dry western sections. In Oklahoma seeding is well advanced in the south-central and east, with some cotton up, but was interrupted in the north and west by wet soil, while in Arkansas progress was mostly excellent, except in some dry areas. In nearly all other sections of the belt germination is being retarded, and growth of early-planted cotton is slow, because of widespread dryness.

The Weather Bureau furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Absence of rain and high percentage of sunshine drying soil. Most crops at standstill. Progress of cotton rather poor; some early good stands, but mostly irregular and much to plant. Rain much needed for transplanting tobacco and for that recently set out.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Crops show comparatively little progress account drought; warm, with abundant sunshine. Germination of corn, truck, gardens and cotton very slow and unsatisfactory. Cotton planting nearing completion and corn planting continues. Winter cereals fair to poor, with oats and rye heading; wheat heading on short straw.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Mostly warm, sunny weather continues; favorable for farm work, but scattered showers insufficient and general rain needed. Planting cotton rapidly approaching completion, but germinating slowly and stands still uncertain; chopping continues over southern division, with condition fair. Bulk of corn planted; early being cultivated; condition fair. Dryness injuring cereals, which are heading.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Chopping cotton advanced. Except in south, where locally heavy rains unfavorable on lowlands, week dry, with ample sunshine. Corn, melons, and tobacco well worked. Bulk of potatoes harvested in north. Citrus good to excellent. Rain needed on uplands.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Warm and continued dry. Vegetation badly needing rain. Corn planting progressed slowly; some up, but growth slow and stands irregular. Oats, potatoes, truck, and minor crops mostly poor to fair progress and condition. Cotton planting continued in central and north and some localities of south; dryness unfavorable for germination and growth; crop coming up slowly and stands mostly poor.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Generally dry in south third; local showers elsewhere. Soil pulverization and germination require moisture, with present progress of cotton and corn rather poor; planting cotton mostly completed. Progress of gardens, pastures, and truck poor to only fair.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Mostly dry weather favored farm work, but rains needed. Fields generally well cultivated and young cotton and corn healthy, but growth slow; germination of cotton badly retarded by dry soil. Cane and rice making excellent progress; some rice being flooded.

Texas.—Houston: Warm, with moderate to heavy rains in northern half, but only scattered showers in south. Progress of pastures, winter wheat, spring oats, and truck good, except in drier sections of extreme west and extreme east, where condition and progress poor. Rice and corn mostly very good. Warm nights favorable for cotton and progress very good, except in limited dry section; condition and stands averaged good, with fields clean and chopping of early well advanced; planting continued in portions of west-central and west, where formerly delayed by dryness, and started in northwest.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Rather warm and mostly cloudy, with frequent showers; rainfall heavy over practically whole State. Fine growing weather, but field work, planting, and cultivating retarded. Winter Wheat and oats made good progress and greatly improved, but heading low and condition irregular, ranging from very poor to good. Progress and condition of corn generally very good, but mostly late and stands only fair; some yet to plant. Cotton planting well advanced and some up in south-central and east; planting progressed slowly in north and west as soil too wet.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Progress of cotton excellent, except in south-east, where too dry; planting nearly completed and crop coming up, excellent except in southwest, where germination fair; chopping begun in south. Progress and condition of corn very good, except in southeast. Wheat, oats, meadows, pastures, potatoes, truck, and strawberries improving rapidly in most portions due to good rains, but more needed in most of east and south.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Continuing drought prevented progress of late corn, although progress of early fair; planting mostly on uplands. Progress of cotton rather poor; about half planted. Winter wheat and winter oats generally fair, although need rain.

Kentucky.—Louisville: Continued dry, with high temperatures and drought intensified. Progress of winter wheat poor; condition fair, but irregularly more pronounced and color not good. Growth of all vegetation very slow and nearly at standstill. Pastures short; drying in spots. Corn planting continued slowly; hampered by dryness.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, May 9 1930.

Summer weather brought a substantial influx of public buying into department stores during the past week, and figures from reporting centers covering sales so far this month are indicative of a better total than that of the corresponding period a year ago. While the somewhat unseasonably hot weather has held back spring sales in some directions, in favor of the even lighter fabrics popular for summer wear, the volume of the movement of the latter has been substantial enough in some instances to be a matter for unqualified self-congratulation on the part of sellers who had concentrated on the hotter season. Middle

Western retailers are reported to have done a very satisfactory business in most cases, which indicates that the better conditions are fairly general. Woolen goods markets have mounted a step further out of the depression which has been prevalent throughout the first quarter. Demand is expanding and some factors are of the opinion that it may be expected to continue on a broader scale for some time. Restricted output is the rule at the present time in woolens and silk markets as well as in cotton goods. Silk production is estimated to have been curtailed to the extent of 25%, while woolen mills are now operating on a 50% of capacity basis. Cotton goods curtailment, which had been largely a matter of anticipation up till a week ago, is now properly under way, and although conditions in the trade generally remain, temporarily, almost as unsatisfactory as ever, it is the reasonable hope of its advocates that a source of real relief has been approached in curtailment.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—The advent of hot weather has resulted in increased sales of retail cotton goods. With distribution of summer dresses definitely quickened, considerably more interest on the part of buyers has been shown during the week in sheer constructions for immediate delivery. The stimulus of expanded demand from the ultimate consumer is also reflected in somewhat better spot business for mills carrying shantung and piques suitable for light weight coatings. While only certain divisions of the primary cotton goods trade were noticeably benefited, the comparative suddenness with which the improvement manifested itself disclosed a decided scarcity of stocks in retail channels, even of constructions which might have been expected to take the lead in sales when summer demand materialized. The point emphasized is that any increased business developing in the future may be expected to be mirrored very quickly in primary and secondary divisions. On the whole, however, cotton goods markets remain somewhat unsettled. The procrastinating attitude of buyers continues unmodified in most quarters, due chiefly, it is said, to uncertainty concerning what is going to happen in the raw market during the next several weeks. At the same time manufacturers with heavy stocks on their hands are showing a disposition to give further countenance to the system of granting terms and dating on gray goods sales, instances of dating extending as far ahead as four months being cited. Buyers are accordingly tending to stipulate for terms and discounts on all purchases of gray goods. It is hoped that curtailment, which is now well under way, with some 3,500,000 spindles inactive, may succeed in checking this practice at an early date. It is expected that the number of inactive spindles represented will be increased during the next few weeks, since a number of mills which are committed to participate in the movement have not been able to begin as yet owing to delay in adjusting deliveries for contracts on hand. Print cloths 27-inch 64x60's construction are quoted at 4½c., and 28-inch 64x60's at 4½c. Gray goods, 39-inch 68x72's construction are quoted at 7c., and 39-inch 80x80's at 9c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—Further improvement has been registered in woolen and worsteds markets during the week, favorable weather aiding in the recovery from the relative depression of the past few weeks. The fact that demand did not approximate expectations at Easter had led many factors to believe that a further substantial consumer demand was awaiting a favorable opportunity to make itself evident. The current expansion is accordingly attributed partly to that source. At the same time, retailers, encouraged by the better rate at which their stocks are being taken by the public, are displaying more interest in fall goods, and producers are accordingly expecting a corresponding upturn in sales for the fall season before long. The "healthy" statistical ratio which has been maintained in the trade as a result of co-operative efforts by producers during the past few months continues a contributing factor to better conditions. While there is little immediate pressure to sell noticeable in primary quarters, retail stocks are light, particularly in light weight suitings, which are now beginning to move over the counters of department stores in good quantities. Considerable re-ordering of these and other fabrics is therefore indicated, of which the first installments are already being received by mills. Lines which show a steady movement at the present time include tropical suitings, sports woolens, flannels, and worsted dress goods.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—Most linen constructions shared in the better business which has been in evidence in almost all divisions of dry goods markets during the week. Department stores have been featuring household linens and handkerchiefs in some instances, during the hot spell, and it is reported that considerable response was received from the public to advertising connected therewith. Towellings and crashes continue to show improvement, business which is customarily placed by railroad and steamship companies at this season being reported up to usual volume. However, despite increased sales, profits are still narrow, and it is said that some buyers have succeeded in securing further concessions. Burlaps, after ruling easy during the early part of the week, developed a slightly firmer tone in sympathy with moderate advances in foreign markets. Light weights are quoted at 5.00c., and heavies at 6.55c.

State and City Department

ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL BOND SALES FOR APRIL.

In our tabulation of the municipal bond issues sold during April, given in connection with the review of the disposals made during the month, in our issue of May 3—V. 130, p. 3219—the sales made during last week were not included although the amounts of these issues were taken in consideration in arriving at the monthly total of sales. These omitted April sales and all others for that month recorded in our columns during the current week are shown in the list below. The total of long-term State and municipal bonds sold to date during April is \$150,210,631:

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Lists various municipal bond sales including Adams County, Ind.; Akron, Ohio; Appanoose Co., Iowa; Asbury Park, N. J.; Battle Creek, Mich.; Binghamton School Dist.; Canon City, Colo.; Cazenovia, Fenner & Nelson School District; Charleroi, Pa.; Cheektowaga, N. Y.; Chiloquin H. S. D., Calif.; Claiborne-Alexander R. D., Texas; Colusa County, S. D.'s, Calif.; Cromwell Con. Sch. Dist., Iowa; Cumberland, Md.; Cuyahoga County, Ohio; Dade County, Fla.; Dalhart Ind. S. D., Tex.; Davidson Co., N. C.; Dorey Con. S. D., Okla.; Dundee, Mich.; Edmond S. D., Okla.; Edmond S. D., Okla.; Erie, Pa.; Essex County, Mass.; Five-in-One High School District No. 50, Tex.; Fredericksburg, Va.; Galloway Twp. S. D., N. J.; Genoa, Ohio; Gibson County, Ind.; Glen Ridge, N. J.; Greene County, Ind.; Hamburg Com. Sch. Dist. No. 10, N. Y.; Hamilton, Lebanon, Sherburne & Smyrna School Districts No. 2, N. Y.; Hanover, Mass.; Hardin County, Iowa; Hartford Northeast Sch. District, Conn.; Hatboro, Pa.; Hattiesburg, Miss.; Haverhill, Mass.; Haywood County, Tenn.; Hendricks County, Ind.; Hendricks County, Ind.; Jonesville Sch. Dist. No. 12, S. C.; Kansas City, Kans.; Kershaw Co. High School Dist. No. 14, So. Caro.; Lancaster Twp. S. D., Pa.; Lexington, Mass.; Linden, Texas; Los Angeles Co. (Redondo High S. D.), Calif.; Landon, Tenn.; Lowell, Mass. (2 issues); Ludlow, Mass. (2 issues); Marioning Co., O. (7 iss.); Marion County, Iowa; Marshall County, Ind.; Massillon, Ohio; Mendian, Miss.; Middletown Twp. S. D., Pa.; Middletown Twp. S. D., Pa.; Millburn Twp., N. J.; Mitchell, Neb.; Mogadore, Ohio; Muskegon S. D., Mich. (2 issues); New Orleans, La.; Normandy Con. S. D., Mo.; North College Hill S. D., Ohio; Oakdale, Pa.; Oakley, Kan.; Ogden, Utah; Ogden City S. D., Utah; Ogden City S. D., Utah; Ossining, N. Y.; Pacific Grove H. S., D., Calif.; Palmer Fire Dist., Mass.; Philadelphia S. D., Pa.; Pine Hill, N. J. (2 iss.); Quanal S. D., Tex.; Rose, N. Y.; Rye Central H. S. D. No. 1, N. Y.; St. Louis, Mo.; Salisbury, Md.; Salt Lake City S. D., Utah; San Clemente Sew. Dist. No. 1, Calif.; Santa Barbara S. D.'s, Calif. (2 issues); Shawnee Co., Kan. (2 iss.); Smyth Co., Va.; Somersdale, N. J. (2 iss.); Stockton Munic. Imp't. Dist., Calif.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Lists various municipal bond sales including Toledo, Ohio (7 issues); Toledo, Ohio (4 issues); Tonawanda, N. Y.; Travis Co., Tex.; Travis Co., Tex.; Tulsa, Okla. (6 issues); Washington Co. S. D.'s, Va. (6 issues); Washington Twp. S. D., Ind.; Watkins Glen, N. Y.; Webster Co., Iowa; Wellsville, Ohio (2 iss.); Whitman Co. S. D. No. 201, Wash.; Womelsdorf S. D., Pa.; Wyandotte Co., Kan.

NEWS ITEMS

Mineral Wells, Tex.—Bond Election Contested.—Alleging that a number of illegal votes were cast in order to carry the proposed improvement, a suit has been entered by a local taxpayer contesting the election by which a \$75,000 school bond issue was authorized on March 27, reports the Dallas "News" of May 2.

New York State.—Municipal Finance Bills Signed or Vetoed by Governor.—Governor Roosevelt has recently approved several measures that deal with the laws affecting municipalities in the State and powers vested in them. Among the bills were the following: the Westall bill, which authorizes towns in the State to construct sewer lines connecting with sanitary sewer district lines and to issue bonds or notes to finance such lines, was signed as Chapter 876, Laws of 1930; another was signed as Chapter 854, Laws of 1930, entitled: An Act to amend the county law in relation to the issuance of bonds and, in certain cases, notes or certificates of indebtedness pending sale and delivery of such bonds; the Governor has vetoed the following bills; a measure amending the education law, in relation to creating Tonawanda City School District and providing for the issuance of bonds by such District, and a bill (No. 2427—Int. 2072) designed to amend the general municipal law, in relation to the issuance of bonds or other obligations in the State.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Supreme Court Denies Bond Decision Rehearing.—A special dispatch from Oklahoma City to the "Wall Street Journal" of May 6 reports that the State Supreme Court denied the motion brought by Attorney Charles Ruth, the complainant, for a rehearing on the bonds. The Supreme Court had sustained the opinion of the District Court when it ruled the airport bond issue valid on April 8—V. 130, p. 2827—and the Court adhered to its previous decision. It is stated that an injunction suit has now been filed in the District Court, making additional charges against the legality of the \$425,000 issue.

Union City, N. J.—Commission Government Adopted at Election.—At a special referendum held on April 22, although only 1-5 of the total registered vote cast their ballots, the Commission form of government was approved by the electors, reports the Jersey "Observer" of April 23. It is stated that the count was 3,426 "for" as compared to 1,494 "against." As a result of the favorable vote it is said that an election will be held on May 27 to select five commissioners to compose the ruling body of the municipality.

Uruguay (Republic of).—\$17,581,000 6% Bonds Sold.—A syndicate composed of Hallgarten & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Cassatt & Co., Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., Ames, Emerich & Co., Inc., the Commercial National Bank & Trust Co., all of New York, the National Republic Co., Chicago, Guardian Detroit Co., Detroit, the Shawmut Corp. of Boston, the Northern Trust Co., Chicago, Mississippi Valley Co., of St. Louis, BancNorthwest Co., Minneapolis, National Bankitaly Co., San Francisco, First Wisconsin Co., Milwaukee, and the First Securities Corp., of St. Paul, on May 9 offered and sold \$17,581,000 6% external sinking fund gold bonds of the Republic of Uruguay at 98 and interest, to yield about 6.15%. The bonds are dated May 1 1930 and mature on May 1 1964. Coupon bonds in denoms. of \$1,000 and \$500, registrable as to principal. Interest payable on May and Nov. 1. The following dealing with the place of payment of both principal and interest and with the operation of a sinking fund calculated to retire the whole issue at or before maturity is taken from the offering notice:

Principal and interest payable in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness in New York City at the office of Hallgarten & Co. and in Chicago, at the office of Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., without deduction for any Uruguayan taxes, present or future. Principal and interest also collectible in Montevideo at the Bureau of Public Debt of the Republic. The Republic covenants to provide a cumulative sinking fund of 1% per annum, to operate semi-annually through the redemption of bonds by lot at par on interest dates with 20 days notice, the Republic being permitted to tender at their purchase price, in lieu of cash for the sinking fund, bonds purchased at less than par. The Republic reserves the right to increase the amount of any sinking fund installment.

A detailed description of the bonds and the purpose for which they are issued will be found in our "Department of Current Events and Discussions" on a preceding page.

West Palm Beach, Fla.—Protective Committee Submits Deposit Agreement on Defaulted Bonds.—On May 8 it was announced that a general Bondholders' Protective Committee had been formed and has retained Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow as counsel in New York and L'Engle & Shands of Jacksonville to represent their interests in Florida. It is said that a similar committee is representing the holders of the four issues of improvement bonds, which aggregate \$6,676,000,

and have been in default since early in 1929—See V. 130, p. 1006. The attorneys have prepared a deposit agreement and they are said to expect that a large proportion of all the holders of the different securities will be enrolled within a short time. It is explained that it is necessary to start suit on each installment of principal and interest as it comes into default.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS.

ADAMS CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 88 (P. O. Guymon) Texas County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—The \$37,000 issue of school bonds offered for sale on April 14—V. 130, p. 2621—was purchased by C. Edgar Honnold, of Oklahoma City, as follows: \$32,000 as 5 3/4's, due \$2,000 from 1933 to 1948 and \$5,000 as 5's, maturing as follows: \$2,000 in 1949 and \$3,000 in 1950.

ALAMO HEIGHTS (P. O. Alamo) Hidalgo County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—A \$233,000 issue of 5 3/4% permanent improvement refunding bonds was registered on May 1 by the State Comptroller. Due serially.

ALLEGAN, Allegan County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Harold J. Bostwick, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7.30 p. m. (Eastern Standard time) on May 19, for the purchase of \$185,000 general obligation lighting bonds, to bear interest at a rate to be suggested in bid. Dated June 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due on June 1, as follows: \$4,000, 1933 to 1938 incl., \$5,000, 1939 to 1942 incl., \$6,000, 1943 to 1948 incl., \$8,000, 1949 to 1954 incl., \$9,000, 1955 to 1957 incl., and \$10,000 from 1958 to 1960 incl. Interest is payable semi-annually. A certified check for \$5,000 must accompany each proposal. The successful bidder will be required to furnish and print bonds.

AMHERST CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Eggertsville), Erie County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Albert A. Cushing, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7.30 p. m. (daylight saving time) on May 26, for the purchase of \$370,000, series B, coup. or reg. school bonds, to bear int. at a rate not to exceed 6%, stated in a multiple of 1/4 or 1/10th of 1%. Dated June 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due on June 1, as follows: \$5,000, 1935 to 1944, incl.; \$35,000, 1945 and 1946; \$40,000, 1947 to 1951, incl.; and \$50,000 in 1952. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D. 1) payable in gold at the Marine Trust Co., Buffalo. A certified check for \$7,000, payable to Louis B. Dorr, Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York City, will be furnished to the successful bidder.

ANGLETON, Brazoria County, Tex.—INT. RATE.—The \$32,000 issue of sewer bonds that was purchased at par by Mr. E. L. Dalton, of Dallas—V. 130, p. 2268—bears interest at 5 3/4%. Due from 1932 to 1963 incl.

ASHTABULA COUNTY (P. O. Jefferson), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—W. W. Howes, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. (eastern standard time) on May 26, for the purchase of \$19,850 5% coupon road improve. bonds. Dated May 1 1930. One bond for \$550, all others for \$1,000, due as follows: \$950, April 1 and \$1,000, Oct. 1 1931 and \$1,000 on April and Oct. 1 from 1932 to 1940, incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O. 1) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Bids for the bonds to bear int. at a rate other than 5% will also be considered, provided, however, that where a fractional rate is bid such fraction shall be 1/4 of 1% or a multiple thereof. A certified check for \$500, payable to the order of the Board of County Commissioners, must accompany each proposal. Successful bidder to furnish legal opinion.

Financial Statement table with columns: Item, Amount. Rows include True valuation approximate, Assessed valuation, This issue, Total bonded debt, Sinking fund, Population, Tax rate.

AVA, Douglas County, Mo.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$15,000 issue of 5 1/2% semi-annual water bonds that was reported sold—V. 130, p. 3031—was purchased by the Prescott, Wright, Snider Co., of Kansas City, at par.

AVOCA, Steuben County, N. Y.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held recently the voters approved a proposition calling for the issuance of \$30,000 street impmt. bonds, to bear interest at 4 3/4% and run for a period of 19 years. The issue is expected to be offered shortly.

BALTIMORE COUNTY (P. O. Towson), Md.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,000,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds offered on May 7—V. 130, p. 2622—were awarded to the First National Securities Corp., of Baltimore, at 104.546, a basis of about 4.16%. The bonds are dated June 1 1929 and mature on June 1 as follows: \$40,000, 1945; \$65,000, 1946 to 1949, incl.; and \$70,000 from 1950 to 1959, incl.

Bidder table with columns: Bidder, Rate Bid. Rows include First National Securities Corp., Union Trust Co., Alex Brown & Sons, Harris, Forbes & Co., The Baltimore Co., Chase Securities Corp., Garrett & Sons.

BELMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Many) Sabine Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until May 14, by G. O. Reeves, Secretary of the Parish School Board, for the purchase of a \$10,000 issue of school bonds.

BESSEMER, Jefferson County, Ala.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of public improv. bonds aggregating \$324,000, offered for sale at public auction on May 6—V. 130, p. 3223—were purchased jointly by Ward, Sterne & Co., and Steiner Bros., both of Birmingham, as 5 1/4's, at a price of 97.00, a basis of about 5.51%. The issues are divided as follows: \$264,000 ref. bonds. Due from July 1 1933 to 1960, incl. 60,000 ref. bonds. Due from Sept. 1 1933 to 1960, incl. The other bidders were as follows: Breed, Elliott & Harrison, Marx & Co., Caldwell & Co., Taylor, Wilson & Co., the Canal Bank & Trust Co., and Walter, Woody & Heimerdinger.

BEVERLY HILLS, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—At the special election held on April 28—V. 130, p. 2828—the voters approved the proposed issuance of \$1,100,000 in bonds for a civic center and a new city hall by a count reported to have been 1,028 "for" and 384 "against."

BINGHAMTON, Broome County, N. Y.—APPROVE \$154,000 BOND ISSUE.—At a meeting of the common council on May 7 approval was given to issue \$154,000 in bonds to provide funds for completion of the new West Junior High School. The bonds are to bear 5% int. and mature serially from 1931 to 1950, incl. Denom. \$1,000.

BINGHAMTON COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Binghamton), Broome County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The Chenango Valley Savings Bank, of Binghamton, on April 23 is reported to have purchased an issue of \$21,300 5 3/4% school bonds at 105.408, a basis of about 5.01%. Dated April 1 1930. Denoms. \$1,000, \$800 and \$500. Due on April 1, as follows: \$500, 1932 to 1944, incl.; \$1,000, 1945 to 1957, incl.; and \$1,800 in 1958. Principal and semi-annual interest (April and Oct. 1) payable at the City National Bank, Binghamton.

BLOOMFIELD, Essex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The Bancamerica-Blair Corp., of New York, bidding for \$428,000 bonds of the \$438,000 4 3/4% coupon or registered improvement issue offered on May 5—V. 130, p. 2828—was awarded the bonds at par plus a premium of \$10,700, equal to 102.50, a basis of about 4.31%. The bonds are dated June 1 1930 and mature on June 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1931 to 1936 incl.; \$13,000, 1937 to 1942, incl.; \$15,000, 1943 to 1948, incl.; \$15,000, 1949 to 1954, incl.; and \$5,000, 1955 to 1960, incl. The successful bidder is reoffering the bonds for public investment at prices to yield between 4.00 to 4.20%, according to maturity. The following is a complete list of the bids submitted for the issue:

Bidder table with columns: Bidder, No. Bonds Bid For, Amt. Bid. Rows include Bancamerica-Blair Corp., M. F. Schlater & Co., J. S. Rippl & Co., National City Co., Rapp & Lockwood, B. J. Van Ingen & Co., Lehman Bros., Bank of Montclair, Bankers Company of New York, H. L. Allen & Co., A. B. Leach & Co., Dewey, Bacon & Co., Bloomfield Bank & Trust Co.

BOSTON, Suffolk County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—Edmund L. Dolan, City Treasurer, on May 8 awarded the following issues of 4% bonds aggregating \$3,195,000 to the National City Co., and the Guaranty Co. of New York, both of N. Y. City, jointly, at 100.4317, a basis of about 3.95%; \$700,000 sewerage works bonds. Due \$35,000 on May 1 from 1931 to 1950, incl.

525,000 Charles River Basin and street bonds. Due \$35,000 on May 1 from 1931 to 1945, incl.

400,000 Hospital Dept., sanitarium division, new buildings and additions and equipment and furniture bonds. Due \$20,000 on May 1 from 1931 to 1950, incl.

350,000 airport improve. bonds. Due on May 1 as follows: \$18,000, 1931 to 1940, incl., and \$17,000 from 1941 to 1950, incl.

300,000 Columbus Park and strandway improve. bonds. Due \$15,000 on May 1 from 1931 to 1950, incl.

200,000 new ferry boat purchase bonds. Due \$10,000 on May 1 from 1931 to 1950, incl.

225,000 Congress St. bridge bonds. Due \$15,000 on May 1 from 1931 to 1945, incl.

160,000 New Fire Station, West End District building bonds. Due \$3,000 on May 1 from 1931 to 1950, incl.

160,000 new police boat purchase bonds. Due \$8,000 on May 1 from 1931 to 1950, incl.

45,000 Boston City Hospital, medical pavilion bonds. Due \$3,000 on May 1 from 1931 to 1945, incl.

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40,000 Tercentenary Memorial, gateway, etc., bonds. Due \$2,000 on May 1 from 1931 to 1940, incl.

25,000 land bonds. Due on May 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1931 to 1935, incl., and \$1,000 from 1936 to 1950, incl.

20,000 street improve. bonds. Due \$2,000 on May 1 from 1931 to 1940, incl.

All of the above bonds are dated May 1 1930. Reg. in \$1,000 denom. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N. 1), payable at the office of the City Treasurer. The successful bidders are re-offering the bonds for public investment at prices to yield from 3.60 to 3.875%, according to maturity. The offering notice states that the bonds are legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut and other States and are exempt from all Federal income taxes and tax free in Mass.

BRISTOL COUNTY (P. O. Taunton), Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—Esther Kingman, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (daylight saving time) on May 12, for the purchase of \$200,000 4% coupon (daylight saving time) bonds. Dated May 1, 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$20,000 on May 1 from 1931 to 1940, incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & Nov. 1), payable at the office of the First National Bank of Boston. The bonds will be engraved under the supervision of and certified as to genuineness by the aforementioned bank; their legality will be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, of Boston, whose opinion will be furnished the purchaser.

Financial Statement, May 1 1930 table with columns: Item, Amount. Rows include Last assessed valuation, Total debt, not including this issue.

BRISTOL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bristol), Bucks County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 4 3/4% coupon school bonds offered on May 3—V. 130, p. 3032—were awarded to M. M. Freeman & Co., of Philadelphia, at par plus a premium of \$750, equal to 102.14, a basis of about 4.32%. The bonds are dated May 1 1930 and mature on May 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1933 and 1934, and from 1936 to 1947, incl.; \$2,000, 1948, \$1,000, 1949 and 1950; \$2,000, 1951 and 1952; \$1,000, 1953 and \$2,000 from 1954 to 1959 incl.

BROWARD COUNTY PORT DISTRICT (P. O. Fort Lauderdale), Fla.—PRICE PAID.—The \$28,000 6% coupon semi-annual port authority bonds that were purchased by the Lake Worth Inlet District—V. 130, p. 3032—were awarded at a price of 95.

CADIZ, Harrison County, Ohio.—BOND ISSUE APPROVED.—At a special election held on April 29 the voters authorized the issuance of \$50,000 in bonds for school construction purposes. The measure received a favorable vote of 380 to 112.

CALDWELL, Essex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 coup. or reg. paving bonds offered on May 6—V. 130, p. 2828—were awarded as 4 3/4's to H. L. Allen & Co., of New York, at par plus a premium of \$772.55, equal to 101.03, a basis of about 4.55%. The bonds are dated March 1 1930 and mature on March 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1931 to 1935, incl.; and \$9,000 from 1936 to 1940, incl.

CANANDAIGUA, Ontario County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—William M. Crowley, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on May 19, for the purchase of the following issues of coupon or reg. bonds aggregating \$66,000, to bear int. at a rate not to exceed 5%, stated in a multiple of 1/4 or 1/10th of 1%.

\$50,000 special appropriation bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$2,500 on May 15 from 1931 to 1950, incl.

16,000 special appropriation bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 on May 15 from 1931 to 1938, incl.

Both issues are dated May 15 1930. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N. 15), payable in gold at the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., N. Y. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of N. Y. City, will be furnished to the successful bidder.

CANANDAIGUA, Ontario County, N. Y.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held recently the voters sanctioned the issuance of \$50,000 in bonds for street paving purposes.

CANYONVILLE, Douglas County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—We are informed that sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on May 14, by E. J. Hash, City Recorder, for the purchase of a \$10,000 issue of 6% semi-annual water bonds. Denom. \$500. Due in 20 years and optional after 5 years. A certified check for 5% must accompany the bid. A similar amount of bonds was sold on April 11—V. 130, p. 3032.

CARTERSVILLE, Bartow County, Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7.30 p. m. on May 19, by John W. Dent, City Clerk, for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 5% improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1930. Due \$4,000 from Jan 1 1932 to 1950, incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the Hanover National Bank in New York. Bids will be validated by judgment of the Superior Court of Bartow County on April 26. A certified check for 1% of the bonds bid for, payable to the City is required.

CEDAR TOWNSHIP INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Sac City) Sac County, Iowa.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$3,000 issue of 5% semi-annual school bonds that was reported sold—V. 130, p. 3032—was purchased by the Sac City State Bank, of Sac City, for a \$30 premium, equal to 101, a basis of about 4.63%. Due in from 1 to 5 years.

CHARLOTTE, Mecklinburg County, N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by C. M. Creswell, City Treasurer, until 4 p. m. on May 21, for the purchase of four issues of coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$810,000 divided as follows:

\$525,000 sewer bonds. Due on May 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1933 to 1936; \$10,000, 1937 to 1940; \$12,000, 1941 to 1949; \$15,000, 1950 to 1956, and \$20,000, 1957 to 1968.

150,000 water bonds. Due on May 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1933 to 1946; \$4,000, 1947 to 1958, and \$5,000, 1959 to 1970, all incl.

100,000 underpass bonds. Due \$4,000 from May 1 1932 to 1956, incl.

35,000 garage and incinerator bonds. Due on May 1 as follows: \$1,000 1933 to 1949, and \$2,000, 1950 to 1958, all incl.

Interest rate is not to exceed 5%, stated in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. All bonds will bear the same rate of interest and no bids for less than all the bonds offered will be entertained. Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 1 1930. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable in gold in New York City. Masslich & Mitchell of New York City, will furnish the legal approval. The American Trust Co. of Charlotte will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures and seal. The City Clerk or the said trust company will furnish the required bidding forms. A certified check for \$16,200, payable to the City Treasurer is required.

CHEEKTOWAGA (P. O. Forks), Erie County, N. Y.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—In connection with the report of the award on April 28 of three issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$339,347.36 as 5 1/2 to Edmund Seymour & Co., of New York, at 100.21, a basis of about 5.21%—V. 130, p. 3224—we learn that A. C. Allyn & Co., of New York, were associated with the aforementioned investment house in the award.

CHESTER, Liberty County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on June 15 by P. M. Kuhry, Town Clerk, for the purchase of a \$6,500 issue of 6% semi-annual funding bonds. Bids should be for amortization bonds, if desired, and if not, then for serial bonds.

CLARK COUNTY (P. O. Neilsville), Wis.—BOND SALE.—We are informed that an \$88,000 issue of highway bonds has been purchased by an undisclosed buyer.

CLAYTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Clayton), St. Louis County, Mo.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on May 19 by R. T. Wiegler, District Treasurer, for the purchase of \$245,000 of 4 1/2 or 4 3/4 semi-annual school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 1 1930. Due on May 1 as follows: \$7,400, 1931; \$12,000, 1932; \$12,000, 1933; \$15,000, 1934 to 1950, all inclusive. Prin. and int. (M. & N. 1.) payable at the First National Bank in St. Louis. (These bonds are part of an authorized issue of \$545,000.) District will print and register the bonds and will furnish the legal opinion of Benj. H. Charles of St. Louis. Delivery of the bonds will be made on or before June 15. A \$2,500 certified check, payable to the above-named Treasurer, must accompany the bid.

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles C. Frazier, Director of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Eastern Standard time) on May 19, for the purchase of the following issues of 4 1/2% bonds aggregating \$143,043: \$74,000 Fire Station Building and equipment bonds. Dated May 15 1930. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$7,400, 1931; \$7,000, 1932; \$8,000, 1933; \$7,000, 1934; \$8,000, 1935; \$7,000, 1936; \$8,000, 1937; \$7,000, 1938 and 1939 and \$8,000 in 1940. 35,443 street improvement bonds. Dated June 1 1930. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$3,443, 1930; \$4,000, 1931; \$3,000, 1932; \$4,000, 1933; \$3,000, 1934; \$4,000, 1935; \$3,000, 1936; \$4,000, 1937; \$3,000, 1938 and \$4,000 in 1939. 33,600 fire apparatus and fire equipment bonds. Dated May 1 1930. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$3,600, 1931; \$3,000, 1932 and 1933; \$4,000, 1934; \$3,000, 1935 and 1936; \$4,000, 1937; \$3,000, 1938 and 1939 and \$4,000 in 1940. These bonds were originally scheduled to have been sold on May 5—V. 130, p. 2829.

Bids for the above bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 4 1/2% will also be considered, provided, however, that where a fractional rate is bid such fraction shall be 1/4 of 1% or a multiple thereof. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the office of the Director of Finance. A cert. check for 3% of the amount of bonds bid for must accompany each proposal.

CLINTON COUNTY (P. O. Plattsburgh), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Roosevelt & Son, of New York, are reported to have been awarded on May 1 an issue of \$42,000 4 3/4% coupon highway bonds at 103.92, a basis of about 4.35%. The bonds are dated April 1 1930 and mature \$6,000 on April 1 from 1940 to 1946 incl. Interest payable semi-annually. Legality to be approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York City.

CLIO, Genesee County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Robert F. Covert, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. on May 14, for the purchase of the following issues of bonds aggregating \$45,000 to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 6%: \$22,500 special assessment sewage disposal bonds. Due \$2,500 on June 1 from 1931 to 1939 inclusive. 22,500 special assessment water works bonds. Due \$2,500 on June 1 from 1931 to 1939 incl.

The offering notice states that the bonds are general city obligations. The city will pay \$40 toward the cost of printing the bonds and will furnish legal opinion of Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, of Detroit, without cost to the successful bidder. A certified check for \$2,000 must accompany each proposal.

COAHOMA COUNTY (P. O. Friar Point), Miss.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 issue of refunding bonds offered for sale on May 5—V. 130, p. 3022—was purchased by the First Securities Corp., of Memphis, as 5s, for a premium of \$1,700, equal to 101.70, a basis of about 4.83%. Dated July 1 1930. Due from 1931 to 1955, incl.

COLUMBIA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. St. Helens), Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 6 p. m. on May 12, by Teresa Lowe, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$5,000 issue of 6% semi-ann. school bonds. Denom. \$500. Dated May 12 1930. Due \$500 from 1931 to 1940 incl. Optional in 1935. A certified check for 5% must accompany the bid.

COLUMBIA, Richland County, S. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$72,000 issue of coupon street improvement bonds offered for sale on May 2—V. 130, p. 3032—was purchased by the South Carolina National Bank of Columbia, as 4 1/4s, for a premium of \$1,170.50, equal to 101.63, a basis of about 4.57%. Due \$4,000 from April 1 1933 to 1950, incl. The following is an official list of bids:

Bidder	Rate	Premium.
Seasongood & Mayer	5%	\$1,302.00
Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, Inc.	4 3/4%	100.00
First Detroit Co.	4 3/4%	324.00
Boatmen National Bank	4 3/4%	517.00
*South Carolina National Bank	4 3/4%	1,170.50
Well, Roth & Irving Co.	4 3/4%	66.66
Peoples State Bank & J. H. Hillsman & Co.	4 3/4%	738.25
The Robinson Humphrey Co.	4 3/4%	1,030.00
C. P. Childs & Co. & G. H. Crawford Co., Inc.	4 3/4%	589.68

CONVERSE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17 (P. O. Douglas), Wyo.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on May 27, by R. E. Morrison, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$47,000 issue of 4 3/4% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 1 1930. Due on June 1, as follows: \$2,000 in 1936, and \$5,000 from 1927 to 1945 incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at Kountze Bros. in N. Y. City. A certified check for 10% of the bid, payable to the District Treasurer, is required.

COTTAGE GROVE, Lane County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 issue of 6% coupon semi-annual armory bonds offered for sale on April 28—V. 130, p. 3033—was sold to the Atkinson-Jones Co. of Portland at a price of 101.37, a basis of about 5.78%. Dated May 1 1930. Due \$1,000 from May 1 1931 to 1945 incl. No other bids were received.

CRAWFORD, Dawes County, Neb.—BOND SALE DETAILS.—The \$56,000 issue of 5 3/4% semi-annual intersection paving bonds that was purchased by the United States Trust Co., of Omaha—V. 130, p. 1008—was sold at a price of 98.85, giving a basis of about 6.35%. Due on April 15 1940 and optional after 1932.

CROCKETT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Crockett) Houston County, Tex.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$78,000 issue of 5% school bonds that was sold to the State Board of Education—V. 130, p. 2829—is more fully described as follows: Coupon bonds in denominations of \$1,000. Dated March 10 1930. Due serially in from 1 to 23 years. Optional after 10 years. Int. payable on March and Sept. 1. Purchased at par and accrued interest.

CRYSTAL LAKE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Crystal Lake) Hancock County, Iowa.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 7:30 p. m. on May 6, by D. F. Willis, Secretary of the Board of Directors, for the purchase of a \$52,000 issue of refunding bonds.

CUBA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Fulton County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The Hanchett Bond Co., of Chicago, on February 12 purchased an issue of \$30,000 5 1/2% coupon, registerable as to principal high school gymnasium construction bonds at par plus a premium of \$200, equal to 100.66. The

bonds are dated May 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due annually on May 1 from 1934 to 1950 incl. Interest payable on May and Nov. 1

CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Carmichaels), Greene County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—J. Frank Gwynne, Secretary of the Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (Eastern standard time) on May 24 for the purchase of \$75,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered refunding bonds. Dated April 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1931 to 1933 incl.; \$3,000, 1934 to 1935 incl.; \$4,000, 1939 to 1944 incl.; and \$5,000 from 1945 to 1950 incl. Principal and semi-annual int. (June and Dec. 1) payable at the First National Bank, Carmichaels. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Secretary of the Board of Directors, must accompany each proposal. The legality of the bonds will be approved by Reed, Smith, Shaw & McClay of Pittsburgh.

CUSTER, Custer County, S. Dak.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$35,000 issue of 5% coupon sewer and disposal plant bonds offered for sale on May 1—V. 130, p. 3033—was not sold as there were no bids received. Dated June 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 from 1933 to 1950, and \$1,000 in 1951. Int. payable on June and Dec. 1.

CUT BANK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cut Bank) Glacier County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until June 9, by M. L. Miller, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$40,000 issue of 6% semi-annual school bonds. Due in 1950 and optional in 1935. (These bonds were voted at an election held on April 26.)

DALLAS COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Dallas), Tex.—BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—A block of \$1,500,000 of the \$3,000,000 issue of road bonds that was purchased by Geo. L. Simpson & Co., of Dallas, as 4 3/4s, at 100.669, a basis of about 4.68%—V. 130, p. 2072—is now being offered for public subscription by Edge & Co., of New York priced to yield from 4.00 to 4.40%, according to maturity. Dated April 10 1930. Due from April 10 1931 to 1960, incl. They are reported to be direct and general obligations of the entire district.

DANE COUNTY (P. O. Madison), Wis.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Selma Fjelstad, County Clerk, until 2 p. m. on May 19, for the purchase of an issue of \$139,000 4 1/2% coupon highway improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 1 1930. Due on May 1 1940. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. No certified check is required.

DAVIDSON COUNTY (P. O. Lexington), N. C.—BONDS OFFERED TO PUBLIC.—The \$115,500 issue of 4 3/4% coupon or registered school bonds that was purchased by the Mercantile-Commerce Co., of St. Louis, at 101.41, a basis of about 4.63%—V. 130, p. 3225—is now being offered for general subscription by the successful bidder at prices to yield 4.50% on all maturities. Due from April 1 1933 to 1960.

Financial Statement (As Officially Reported).

Actual valuation (estimated)	\$75,000,000
Assessed Valuation	40,450,725
Total bonded debt, including this issue	674,500
Population, 1920 Census	35,201.

DAWSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Glendon) Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. on May 20, by J. L. Jones, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$32,000 issue of school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 1 1930. Due in 1950 and optional in 5 years. (These bonds were voted at an election held on May 2.)

DE KALB COUNTY (P. O. Auburn), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$6,800 4 1/2% Franklin Township road construction bonds offered on May 5—V. 130, p. 3033—were awarded to the City Securities Corp. of Indianapolis, at par plus a premium of \$72, equal to 101.05, a basis of about 4.29%. The bonds mature as follows: \$340, July 15 1931; \$340, Jan. and July 15 from 1932 to 1940 incl., and \$340 on Jan. 15 1941.

Bids submitted were as follows:

Bidder	Premium.
City Securities Corp., Indianapolis (Purchaser)	\$72.00
Inland Investment Co., Indianapolis	51.00
Fletcher Trust & Savings Bank, Indianapolis	51.80

DOXEY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Erick) Beckham County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—The \$22,000 issue of school bonds offered for sale on April 28—V. 130, p. 3033—was purchased by the Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita, as 5 and 5 1/4% bonds, for a premium of \$12, equal to 100.05.

EAST BANK WATER DISTRICT (P. O. Gretna) Jefferson Parish, La.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The \$1,250,000 issue of fire defense and water supply system bonds that was purchased by Caldwell & Co. of Nashville—V. 130, p. 2624—bears interest at 6%, and was awarded at par. Dated Oct. 1 1925. Due as follows: \$5,000, 1932; \$15,000, 1933; \$20,000, 1934; \$25,000, 1935; \$30,000, 1936 and 1937; \$35,000, 1937 and 1939; \$37,000, 1940 to 1944; \$48,000, 1945 to 1949; \$58,000, 1950 to 1954, and \$68,000, 1955 to 1959, all incl.

EAST FORK CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Liberty) Amite County, Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on May 21 by the Secretary of the School Board, for the purchase of a \$9,000 issue of school bonds. (These bonds are offered subject to an election to be held on May 17.)

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY (P. O. Eau Claire) Wis.—MATURITY—BASIS.—The \$182,000 issue of 4 1/2% highway improvement bonds that was purchased by the First Detroit Co., of Detroit, at a price of 100.18—V. 130, p. 2072—matures \$91,000 on April 1 1934 and 1935, giving a basis of about 4.46%.

EKALAKA, Carter County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 8 p. m. on June 2, by Olive B. Davis, Town Clerk, for the purchase of a \$10,000 issue of semi-annual lighting plant and distribution system bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%, payable on June and Dec. 1. Dated June 2 1930. Amortization will be the first choice and serial bonds will be the second choice of the council. A \$500 certified check, payable to the Town Clerk, must accompany the bid.

The official offering notice specifies as follows: Amortization will be the first choice and serial bonds will be the second choice of the said council. If amortization bonds are sold and issued the entire issue may be put into one single bond or divided into several bonds as the said council may determine upon at the time of sale, both principal and int. to be payable in semi-ann. installments during a period of 20 years from the date of issue. If serial bonds are issued and sold they will be in the amount of \$500 each. The sum of \$500 of the said serial bonds will become payable on the 2nd day of June 1931, and a like amount on the same day each year thereafter until all of the bonds are paid.

ELKHART COUNTY (P. O. Goshen), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Elizabeth Miltenberger, County Treasurer will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on May 22, for the purchase of \$9,000 4 1/2% Harry Goodman et al. township road construction bonds. Dated May 15 1930. Denom. \$225. Due \$225, July 15 1931; \$225, Jan. and July 15 from 1932 to 1950 incl., and \$225 on Jan. 15 1951. Int. is payable on Jan. and July 15.

ELIZABETH, Union County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$562,250 offered on May 6—V. 130, p. 3033—were awarded as follows: \$444,000 temporary loan bonds awarded as 4 1/4s to the Peoples National Bank, of Elizabeth, at par plus a premium of \$726, equal to 100.16, a basis of about 4.22%. Dated May 1 1930. Due on May 1 1936. 118,250 public improvement bonds awarded as 4 1/4s to Lehman Bros. and E. H. Rollins & Sons, jointly, both of New York, at par plus a premium of \$23.65, equal to 100.02, a basis of about 4.24%.

The bonds are dated April 1 1930 and mature on April 1, as follows: \$5,000, 1931 to 1935 incl.; \$6,000, 1936 to 1947 incl.; \$7,000, 1948 and 1949, and \$7,250 in 1950. The purchasers are reoffering the bonds for public investment priced to yield 4.25%.

EMPORIA, Lyon County, Kan.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received up to 9 a. m. on May 6, by H. E. Peach, Commissioner of Finance, for the sale of a \$75,000 issue of not exceeding 4 1/4% street improvement bonds. The purchaser is required to accept and carry the construction warrants until the delivery of the bonds.

ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Mass.—NOTE SALE.—The Gloucester Safe Deposit & Trust Co., of Gloucester, on May 5 was awarded an issue of \$15,000 Tuberculosis Hospital addition notes at 3.30% discount. The

notes are dated May 6 1930 and mature on April 15 1931. Bids for the issue were as follows:

Table with columns: Bidder, Discount. Includes Gloucester Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Salem Trust Co., Merchants National Bank, Cape Ann National Bank, Beverly National Bank, Naumkeag Trust Co., Warren National Bank, Gloucester National Bank.

EUCLID, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of bonds aggregating \$277,000 offered on May 5—V. 140, p. 2830—were awarded as follows:

18,500 Village portion special assessment bonds. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$24,000, 1931 and 1932; \$25,000, 1933; \$24,000, 1934 and 1935; \$25,000, 1936; \$24,000, 1937 and 1938; \$25,000, 1939, and \$24,000 in 1940.

EVANSVILLE SCHOOL CITY, Vanderburg County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 4 1/4% coupon school bonds offered on May 5—V. 130, p. 2073—were awarded to the Fletcher American Co., of Indianapolis, at par plus a premium of \$2,038, equal to 102.03, a basis of about 4.10%.

Table with columns: Bidder, Premium. Includes Fletcher American Co., O. F. Childs & Co., Inc., Citizens National Bank, National City Bank, Mercantile Commercial Bank, A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., Old National Bank.

FAYETTE COUNTY SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fayette), Jefferson County, Miss.—MATURITY.—The \$10,000 issue of semi-ann. school bonds that was purchased by the Peoples Bank & Trust Co. of Fayette, as 5 1/2%, at a price of 100.50—V. 130, p. 3033—matures as follows:

FOND DU LAC, Fond du Lac County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 issue of 4 1/2% semi-annual water works plant bonds offered for sale on May 6—V. 130, p. 3033—was purchased by the Commercial Co., of Fond du Lac, at a price of 101.445, a basis of about 4.33%.

FORDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Dearborn), Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$610,090 school bonds offered on May 5—V. 130, p. 3225—were awarded as follows:

FOSTORIA, Seneca County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Myrtle J. Lindsey, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on May 27, for the purchase of \$44,000 5 1/2% special assessment street improvement bonds.

FREMONT, Dodge County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$100,000 4 1/4% refunding bonds has recently been purchased by Mr. Fred Teisler, of Fremont.

FULTON COUNTY (P. O. Wauseon), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—O. L. Watkins, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. on May 19, for the purchase of the following issues of 6% bonds, aggregating \$40,350:

GADSDEN, Etowah County, Ala.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 issue of coupon school bonds offered for sale on May 5—V. 130, p. 3226—was purchased by Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, Inc., of Cincinnati, as fs, at a price of 97.405, a basis of about 5.23%.

Table with columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Price Bid. Lists various bidders and their respective interest rates and prices for bonds.

GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cologne), Atlantic County, N. J.—LIST OF BIDS.—The following is a complete list of the bids received on April 26 for the \$85,000 coupon or registered school bonds awarded as 5 1/2%, at 100.43, a basis of about 5.19% to the Egg Harbor Commercial Bank, of Egg Harbor City—V. 130, p. 3226:

Table with columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Premium. Lists bidders for Galloway Township School District.

GARNER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Council Bluffs, R. 4) Pottawattamie County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on May 14, by R. E. Heilman, Secretary of the Board of Education, for the purchase of a \$5,000 issue of school bonds.

GATES AND CHILI COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Coldwater), Monroe County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$86,500 coupon or registered school bonds offered on May 3—V. 130, p. 3034—were awarded as follows:

GENOA, Ottawa County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Spitzer, Rorick & Co., of Toledo, on April 15 purchased an issue of \$46,000 5% coupon water works construction bonds at par plus a premium of \$137, equal to 100.29,

a basis of about 4.97%. The bonds are dated April 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1931 to 1944 incl., and \$3,000 from 1945 to 1950 incl. Interest is payable on April and October 1.

GOODHUE COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11 (P. O. Cannon Falls), Minn.—BOND SALE.—A \$35,000 issue of school bonds has recently been purchased by the State of Minnesota.

GRAHAM CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Graham), Muhlenberg County, Ky.—BOND ELECTION.—On May 10 a special election will be held in order to pass upon the proposed issuance of \$21,000 in school purpose bonds.

GRAND RAPIDS, Kent County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of bonds aggregating \$195,000 offered on May 5—V. 130, p. 3034—were awarded as follows:

80,000 street improvement bonds. Due \$8,000 on May 1 from 1931 to 1940, inclusive.

All of the above bonds are dated May 1 1930. A complete list of the bids submitted for the bonds follows:

Table with columns: Bidder, Amount Bid. Lists bidders for Grand Rapids bonds.

GRANT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20 (P. O. Silver City), N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on June 14 by Blanche C. Boulware, County Treas., for the purchase of a \$10,000 issue of school bonds.

GREAT NECK SEWER DISTRICT (North Hempstead), P. O. Manhasset, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles Snedeker, Supervisor of the town of North Hempstead, will receive sealed bids until 2.30 p. m. (daylight saving time) on May 20, for the purchase of \$561,000 4 1/4% coupon or reg. sewer bonds.

GREENVILLE, Greenville County, S. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on May 29, by B. F. Dillard, City Clerk and Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$75,000 issue of 5% sewerage system bonds.

GREENWICH TOWNSHIP (P. O. Gibbstown), Gloucester County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—John S. Johnson, Township Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (Daylight saving time) on May 26, for the purchase of \$110,000 5% water bonds.

GRIFFITH, Lake County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$16,000 5% drain construction bonds offered on May 2—V. 130, p. 2625—were awarded to Kent, Grace & Co., of Chicago, at par plus a premium of \$11, equal to 100.66, a basis of about 4.99%.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of bonds aggregating \$464,000 offered on May 2—V. 130, p. 3226—were awarded jointly to the First Detroit Co., and the Gullan Detroit Co., both of Detroit:

\$314,000 water filtration and pumping station bonds. Due on April 15, as follows: \$5,000, 1932 to 1934 incl., \$10,000, 1935 to 1940 incl., \$15,000, 1941 to 1950 incl., and \$16,000 from 1951 to 1955 incl.

HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Cincinnati), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 series C. Tuberculosis Hospital sanatorium bonds offered on May 6—V. 130, p. 2831—were awarded as follows:

Table with columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Amount Bid. Lists bidders for Hamilton County bonds.

HAMMOND, Lake County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—W. H. Spellman, City Controller, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (standard time) on June 2, for the purchase of \$58,000 4 1/2% bonds issued to provide funds for street widening purposes.

HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. Findlay), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$37,800 road construction bonds offered on May 6—V. 130, p. 3226—were awarded as 4 1/4% to the Banc Ohio Securities Corp. of Columbus, at par plus a premium of \$30.25, equal to 100.08, a basis of about 4.49%. The bonds are dated April 1 1930 and mature as follows: \$4,800, 1931; \$5,000, 1932; and \$4,000 from 1933 to 1939 incl. An official list of the bids submitted for the issue follows:

Table with columns: Bidder, Premium, Int. Rate. Includes entries for Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, Inc., Cincinnati; Braun, Bosworth & Co., Toledo; Banc Ohio Securities Co., Columbus; The Davies-Bertram Co., Cincinnati; First National Co., Detroit; Herrick Co., Cleveland; Merrill, Hawley & Co., Cleveland; Otis & Co., Cleveland; The Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati; Ryan, Sutherland & Co., Toledo; W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo; Splizer, Rorick & Co., Toledo; Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati.

HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19 (P. O. Mosquero), N. Mex.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,000 issue of 6% semi-annual school bonds offered for sale on May 1—V. 130, p. 3035—was purchased by a local investor. Dated Feb. 1 1930.

HARLINGEN, Cameron County, Tex.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The two issues of bonds aggregating \$500,000 that were purchased at par by A. C. Allyn & Co., of Chicago—V. 130, p. 1009—bear interest at 5 1/2%. They are dated Feb. 15 1930 and mature serially in from 1 to 40 years. The issues are divided as follows: \$280,000 funding indebtedness, and \$220,000 improvement bonds.

HARRIMAN, Roane County, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7.30 p. m. on May 13, by H. P. Green, City Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$75,000 issue of 5 1/2% coupon high school building bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1930. Due on July 1, as follows: \$5,000, 1935; \$2,000, 1936 to 1941 and \$3,000, 1942 to 1960, all incl. (This maturity totals only \$74,000). Prin. and int. (J. & J. I.) payable in gold in New York. The City Treasurer will furnish the required bidding forms. It is stated that these bonds are issued free of State, county and municipal tax in Tennessee. A certified check for \$1,500, payable to the City Treasurer, must accompany the bid. These bonds are registerable only as to principal. (The election will be held on the issuance of these bonds on June 10.)

Financial Statement.

Table with columns: Description, Amount. Includes Assessed valuation, 1929 (see note) at \$2,601,200.00; Actual valuation, estimated at 6,000,000.00; Outstanding bonded debt at \$420,000.00; Less City of Harriman bonds owned by sinking fund Commission at 32,000.00; Floating debt at 388,000.00; Uncollected special assessments applicable to outstanding debt at 15,554.82; Sinking fund (excl. of City of Harriman bonds in hands sinking fund commission) at 316,660.14; Net debt at 555,785.04.

HARRIS COUNTY RURAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Deer Park), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7.30 p. m. on May 15, by C. E. Davis, Secretary of the Board of Education, for the purchase of an issue of \$120,000 5% school bonds. Dated April 10 1930. Due on April 10, as follows: \$2,000, 1934 to 1936; \$3,000, 1937 to 1941; \$4,000, 1942 to 1946; \$5,000, 1947 to 1952; \$6,000, 1953 to 1957; \$7,000, 1958 and 1959 and \$5,000 in 1960. Optional after April 10 1940. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. in New York City. A \$2,400 certified check must accompany the bid. (This report corrects that given in V. 130, p. 2829 under Deer Park, Ind., S. D.)

HIDALGO COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 12 (P. O. San Juan), Tex.—On May 1 the State Comptroller registered the following two issues of 6% serial bonds: \$1,265,000 construction and \$1,150,000 interim bonds. (On the same day these bonds were approved by the Attorney General Department.)

HIGHLAND PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT, Wayne County, Mich.—NOTE SALE.—The \$200,000 school district notes offered on May 6—V. 130, p. 3227—were awarded as 4 1/4%, at a price of par as follows: \$200,000 to the First Detroit Co., of Detroit, and \$200,000 to the Highland Park State Bank. Of the notes sold, \$100,000 are dated May 20 1930, and \$100,000, June 15 1930, all of which mature on August 25 1930.

HILLSIDE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hillside), Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Arthur G. Woodfield, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on May 13, for the purchase of \$20,000 coupon or registered school bonds, to bear interest at either 4 1/4, 4 3/4 or 5%. Dated July 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 on July 1 from 1932 to 1941 incl. Prin. and semi-annual interest (Jan. and July) payable at the Hillside National Bank, Hillside. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$20,000. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Board of Education, must accompany each proposal. Proceedings incident to the issuance of these bonds have been conducted under the supervision of August C. Ulrich, of Hillside, and the legality of the issue will be certified by the Attorney General.

HINDS COUNTY (P. O. Jackson), Miss.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 issue of court house and jail, series C bonds offered for sale on May 5—V. 130, p. 2831—was jointly purchased by Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc. of Toledo and Saunders & Thomson, of Memphis, as 4 1/4%, for a premium of \$102.75, equal to 100.05, a basis of about 4.74%. Dated July 1 1929. Due from July 1 1930 to 1954 incl.

HONOLULU (City and County) Territory of Hawaii.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 9 a. m. on June 5 by D. L. Conkling, City Treasurer, for the purchase of an issue of \$1,500,000 5% coupon public improvement bonds. Bids will also be received on the same day at 2 p. m. (Eastern Standard time) at the Chemical Bank & Trust Co. in New York City. Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 15 1930. Due \$60,000 from June 15 1932 to 1959 incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the office of the Treasurer of the City and County, or at the Chemical Bank & Trust Co. in New York. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the above named bank, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon, and the validity of the bonds will be approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, of New York, a copy of whose opinion will be furnished to the purchaser. Form of proposal may be obtained from the above bank or the said attorneys. A certified check for 2% par of the bonds bid for, payable to the Treasurer, is required.

The following statement accompanies the official offering notice: These bonds are issued under the authority of an Act of Congress of the United States, entitled "An Act to Provide a Government for the Territory of Hawaii," approved April 30 1900 (31 Stats. 141), as amended by an Act of Congress approved May 27 1910 (36 Stats. 443), as amended by an Act of Congress approved July 9 1921, and as amended by an Act of Congress approved June 9 1926, and pursuant to the provisions of an Act of Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii, entitled "An Act to Meet the Public Health Emergency at Honolulu by Authorizing the Construction of the Public Sewer and Water Improvements by Special Commission with Funds Provided by a Bond Issue," approved April 29 1925 (Act 150, S. L. 1925), as amended by Act 40, S. L. 1927, approved April 7 1927, as amended by Act 178, S. L. 1929, approved May 1 1929, and pursuant to Act 96, S. L. 1929, approved April 27 1929.

Under these Statutes these bonds are the absolute and unconditional obligation of the City and County of Honolulu and a direct charge upon its consolidated revenues.

Under the Acts of Congress, the approval of the President of the United States is required before the issuance of these bonds, and this approval has been obtained and is on file in the office of the Secretary of the Interior.

The total issue approved by the President was for \$1,500,000. The present offering is for the whole or any part of \$1,500,000. These bonds are exempt from taxation under the Federal Income Tax Law and by a decision of the United States Supreme Court are exempt from taxation by any State in the United States, or any municipal or political subdivision of any such State, the same as bonds or other obligations of the United States. (See Farmers' & Mechanics' Savings Bank of Minneapolis vs. State of Minn., 232 U. S. 516.)

HOOKER, Texas County, Okla.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$60,000 issue of 6% semi-annual water extension and improvement bonds offered on April 28—V. 130, p. 3035—was not sold as all the bids were rejected.

HOUSTON, Harris County, Tex.—TAX RATE INCREASED.—The city council has established a rate of \$1.98 on \$100 valuation taxes this year, report newspaper dispatches from Houston. It is stated that this increase of 8 1/2 cents over that of last year is divided as follows: general purposes \$1.05; bond interest and sinking fund 88 1/2 cents; library expenses 2 1/2 cents.

HOUSTON COUNTY CONSOLIDATED ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Crockett), Tex.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$500,000 issue of 5% semi-annual road bonds offered on May 5—V. 130, p. 3227—was not sold as there were no bids received. Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 10 1930. Due from 1933 to 1960 incl.

HOWARD COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Big Spring), Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$15,000 issue of 5% semi-annual school bonds has been purchased by the County.

HUDSON COUNTY (P. O. Jersey City), N. J.—BOND SALE.—The seven issues of 4 1/2% coupon or reg. bonds offered on May 8—V. 130, p. 2831—were awarded to Eldredge & Co., and M. M. Freeman & Co., Inc., both of N. Y. City, jointly, as follows:

- \$1,457,000 Maternity Hospital bonds (\$1,505,000 offered) sold at 103.30, a basis of about 4.24%. Successful bidders paid \$1,505,182.99. Due on May 15, as follows: \$30,000, 1931 to 1940, incl. \$41,000, 1941 to 1968, incl., and \$37,000 in 1969.
- 675,000 County Park bonds (\$700,000 offered) sold at 103.79, a basis of about 4.24%. Successful bidders paid \$700,589.25. Due on May 15, as follows: \$10,000, 1931 to 1937, incl. \$15,000, 1938 to 1977, incl., and \$15,000 in 1978.
- 346,000 Hospital for Contagious Diseases bonds (\$355,000 offered) sold at 102.71, a basis of about 4.26%. Successful bidders paid \$355,401.50. Due on May 15, as follows: \$10,000, 1931 to 1949, incl. \$15,000 from 1950 to 1959, incl., and \$6,000 in 1960.
- 200,000 boulevard east widening bonds (\$205,000 offered) sold at 102.57, a basis of about 4.27%. Successful bidders paid \$205,152.90. Due on May 15, as follows: \$6,000, 1931 to 1944, incl. \$8,000, 1945 to 1958, incl., and \$4,000 in 1959.
- 162,000 County Parental School bonds (\$166,000 offered) sold at 102.62, a basis of about 4.26%. Successful bidders paid \$166,260.43. Due on May 15, as follows: \$5,000, 1931 to 1952, incl. \$7,000, 1953 to 1959, incl., and \$3,000 in 1960.
- 136,000 County Jail bonds (\$140,000 offered) sold at 103.35, a basis of about 4.24%. Successful bidders paid \$140,560.48. Due on May 15, as follows: \$3,000, 1931 to 1950, incl., and \$4,000 from 1951 to 1969, incl.
- 124,000 boulevard reconstruction bonds (\$125,000 offered) sold at 101.11 a basis of about 4.33%. Successful bidders paid \$125,387.40. Due on May 15, as follows: \$7,000, 1931 to 1935, incl. \$10,000, 1936 to 1943, incl., and \$9,000 in 1944.

All of the above bonds are dated May 15 1930 and are to be re-offered by the successful bidders for public investment beginning Monday, May 12.

HUDSON RIVER REGULATING DISTRICT, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Morris S. Tremaine, State Comptroller, will receive bids until 1 p. m. (daylight saving time) on June 3, for the purchase of \$2,790,000 coupon, registerable as to principal series D, Sacandaga Reservoir construction bonds, to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 5%, stated in a multiple of 1/4 or 1/10th of 1%. The bonds are the balance of a total authorized issue of \$9,000,000 and are dated July 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$90,000 on July 1 from 1935 to 1965 incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. (Jan. and July 1) payable at the New York State National Bank, Albany, or at the Guaranty Trust Co., N. Y. City. The bonds are said to be exempt from taxation and are legal investments for savings banks and trust funds in New York State but are not to be construed in any event as bonds or indebtedness of the State, and the State shall not be obligated to pay the principal or interest therefor. Bids must state a single rate of interest and may be for all or any part of the bonds. The offering notice states that these bonds are issued by the Board of Hudson River Regulating District pursuant to the provisions of the Conservation Law of the State of New York, for the construction of the Sacandaga Reservoir in the counties of Saratoga, Fulton and Hamilton, and further says that "these bonds are a charge upon and shall be payable, prin. and int., from the bond fund of the Hudson River Regulating District, and payment thereof is secured by an assessment levied against the public corporations and parcels of real estate benefited by this improvement, such assessment being payable in 40 annual installments, of which installments five have been paid. An additional issue of \$3,000,000 of bonds for the completion of the project has been authorized, which will be sold hereafter but not before Oct. 1 1930."

Certified or bank or trust company check to order of Comptroller, State of New York, for 2% of the face value of bonds bid for must accompany each proposal. No interest will be allowed upon the good faith check of the successful bidder. Legal opinion of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, attorneys, 120 Broadway, New York City, on the validity of the bonds will be furnished.

HUNTINGTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Huntington) Cabell County, W. Va.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the special election held on May 3—V. 130, p. 2271—the voters defeated the proposed issuance of \$1,700,000 in school bond issues.

HURON AND TUSCOLA COUNTIES (P. O. Caro), Mich.—BONDS OFFERED.—The Clerk of the Board of County Drain Commissioners received sealed bids until 2 p. m. (eastern standard time) on May 9, for the purchase of an issue of \$480,000 drain bonds, to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 6%. Dated May 15 1930. Due on May 15, as follows: \$40,000, 1931 and 1932; \$45,000, 1933; \$50,000, 1934 to 1939, incl., and \$55,000 in 1940. Interest is payable semi-annually. Legality approved by Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, of Detroit.

ILLINOIS, State of (P. O. Springfield)—BOND OFFERING.—Omer N. Custer, State Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on May 15, for the purchase of \$1,000,000 4% coupon waterway bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1920. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 1937. Principal and semi-annual interest (Jan. and July 1) payable at the office of the State Treasurer. The bonds are registerable as to principal only. It is contemplated that the proceedings authorizing these bonds will be prepared under the supervision of Wood & Oakley, of Chicago, whose final approving opinion will be furnished at the expense of the successful bidder. A certified check for \$20,000 payable to the order of the State Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. It is stated that the State does not contemplate the offering of any further waterway bonds before Sept. 1 1930.

ITHACA, Tompkins County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Of the \$300,000 4% coupon or registered improvement bonds offered on May 7—V. 130, p. 2832—J. E. Matthews, Deputy City Clerk, states that \$200,000 bonds were awarded at a price of par as follows: \$100,000 to the Tompkins County National Bank and \$100,000 to the Ithaca Trust Co. The remaining \$100,000 bonds are to be sold when funds are needed. The bonds are dated Jan. 1 1930.

JACKSBORO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Jacksboro) Jacks County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller on April 30 registered a \$20,000 issue of 5% serial school bonds.

JACKSONVILLE ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Jacksonville) Cherokee County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—We are informed that sealed bids will be received until May 19, by J. J. Bolton, County Judge, for the purchase of \$284,000 road bonds. (These bonds are a part of a total issue of \$400,000.)

JASPER AND TROUPSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Addison), Steuben County, N. Y.—BID REJECTED.—Burt F. Smith, District Clerk, reports that the only bid received on May 1 for the purchase of the \$97,000 5% coup. or registered school bonds offered for sale—V. 130, p. 2626—was rejected. The bonds are dated June 1 1930 and mature on June 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1932 to 1941 incl., \$3,000, 1942 to 1948 incl., \$4,000, 1949 to 1953 incl., \$5,000, 1954 to 1959 incl., and \$6,000 in 1960.

BONDS REOFFERED.—Burt F. Smith, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on June 2, for the purchase of the above issue of \$97,000 5% coupon or registered school bonds. Dated June 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due on June 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1932 to 1941 incl., \$3,000, 1942 to 1948 incl., \$4,000, 1949 to 1953 incl., \$5,000, 1954 to 1959 incl., and \$6,000 in 1960. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D. 1) payable in gold at the First National Bank, Addison, or at the Chatham Phenix Bank & Trust Co., New York City. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Board of Education, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Reed, Hoyt & Washburn of New York City, will be furnished to the successful bidder.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Birmingham), Ala.—BOND OFFERING.—A \$250,000 issue of courthouse construction bonds will be offered for sale at public auction by W. D. Bishop, President of the Board of Revenue, at noon on May 19. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%, payable semi-annually. Due \$50,000 in 1957, and \$100,000 in 1958 and 1959. Prin. and int. payable at the Guaranty Trust Co. in New York. The bonds are being sold subject to the approving opinion of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, of New York. A certified check for 2% is required. These bonds are a portion of a \$1,500,000 issue voted in Nov. 1924. (This report supplements that given in V. 130, p. 3035.)

JUDITH BASIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22 (P. O. Windham), Mont.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$30,000 issue of 5% school building bonds that was purchased at par by the State Land Commissioner—V. 130, p. 2832—is dated June 15 1930. Coupon or registered bonds. Due in 20 years and optional after 5 years. Int. payable on June and Dec. 1.

JUDITH BASIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 58 (P. O. Geysler), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received at the First National Bank in Geysler, by Irene A. Livingston, District Clerk, until 2 p. m. on May 26, for the purchase of a \$30,000 issue of high school building bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%, payable semi-annually. The offering notice states as follows: "Amortization bonds will be the first choice and serial bonds will be the second choice of the said school board.

"If amortization bonds are sold and issued, the entire issue may be put into one single bond or divided into several bonds, as the said Board of Trustees may determine upon at the time of sale, both principal and interest to be payable in semi-annual installments during a period of 20 years from the date of issue.

"If serial bonds are issued and sold they will be in the amount of \$500 each; the sum of \$1,500 of the said serial bonds will become payable on the first day of June 1931, and a like amount on the same day of each year thereafter until all of such bonds are paid.

"The said bonds, whether amortization or serial bonds, will bear date of June first 1930, and will bear interest at a rate not exceeding 6% per annum, payable semi-annually, on the first day of June and December in each year, and will be redeemable in full on any interest payment date from and after five years from the date of issue.

"The said bonds will be sold for not less than their par value with accrued interest, and all bidders must state the lowest rate of interest at which they will purchase the bonds at par. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to sell the said bonds at private sale. A certified check for \$1,500, payable to the above Clerk, must accompany the bid.

KING COUNTY (P. O. Seattle), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by George A. Grant, County Auditor, until 2 p. m. on May 27, for the purchase of two issues of coupon bonds aggregating \$2,310,000 as follows: \$1,310,000 County-city building bonds. Denom. \$500 or \$1,000. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%, payable semi-annually. Due in from 2 to 30 years from date of issuance.

1,000,000 King County Hospital bonds. Denom. \$100 or multiples thereof not exceeding \$1,000. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%, payable semi-annually. Due in from 2 to 20 years from date of issuance.

Dated June 1 1930. Authority for issuance: Resolution Nos. 3642 and 3644 of the Board of County Commissioners, passed April 22 1930. The offering notice states as follows:

"Each bidder submitting a bid shall specify: (a) The lowest rate of int. and premium, if any, above par at which such bidder will purchase said bonds; or (b) The lowest rate of int. at which the bidder will purchase said bonds at par. Bonds shall be sold to the bidder making the best bid, subject to the right of the Board of County Commissioners of said county to reject any or all bids and re-advertise. None of such bonds shall be sold at less than par and accrued int., nor shall any discount or commission be allowed on the sale of such bonds. A certified check for 5% of the bid, is required.

KING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Seattle), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—We are informed that sealed bids will be received by W. W. Shields, County Treasurer, until 1 p. m. on June 6, for the purchase of an issue of \$1,500,000 coupon school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%, payable semi-annually. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer, or at the fiscal agency in New York. A certified check for 5% of the bid is required.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Waukegan), Ill.—BOND SALE.—The County Clerk states that an issue of \$1,250,000 5% road construction bonds was awarded to the H. C. Spear & Sons Co., of Chicago. The bonds are dated May 15 1930 and mature annually on August 1 from 1932 to 1949 incl. Authorized by a favorable vote of 4,505 to 4,104 at an election held on April 29.

LANSING, Ingham County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$225,000 offered on May 5—V. 130, p. 3035—were awarded as 4 1/4% to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo, at par plus a premium of \$81, equal to 100.03, a basis of about 4.24%.

\$125,000 paving bonds. Due \$25,000 on May 15 from 1931 to 1935 incl.
\$100,000 Memorial Building bonds. Due \$10,000 on May 15 from 1931 to 1940 incl.

Both issues are dated May 15 1930.

The following is a complete, official list of the proposals submitted for the issues:

Bidder	Amount Bid.
Stranahan, Harris and Oatis, Toledo, 4 1/4%	\$225,081.00
Braun, Bosworth & Co., Toledo, for 4 1/4% paving bonds, and 4 1/4% memorial building bonds	225,612.00
First Detroit Co., Detroit, for 4 1/4% paving bonds, and 4 1/2% memorial building bonds	225,808.00
Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, 4 1/2%	226,761.00
Grand Rapids Trust Co., Grand Rapids, 4 1/2%	226,662.75
First Detroit Co., Detroit, 4 1/2%	226,653.00
Braun, Bosworth Co., Toledo, 4 1/2%	226,406.00
Chatham, Phenix Corp., New York, 4 1/2%	226,356.00
Stephens & Co., New York, 4 1/2%	226,140.75
C. F. Childs & Co., New York, 4 1/2%	225,984.00
First Union Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, 4 1/2%	225,976.00
Darby & Co., New York, 4 1/2%	225,877.50
Capital National Bank, Lansing, 4 1/2%	225,750.00
Batchelder & Co., New York, 4 1/2%	225,725.00
A. C. Allyn & Co., New York, 4 1/2%	225,479.25
Butter & Co., New York, 4 1/2%	225,239.45
A. B. Leach & Co., Chicago, 4 1/2%	225,068.00
Halsey, Stuart & Co., Chicago, 4 1/2%	

LAPORTE COUNTY (P. O. La Porte), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—J. C. Loomis, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on May 16, for the purchase of the following issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$66,000:

\$38,000 S. T. Nelson et al., Michigan Township highway improvement bonds. Denom. \$950. Due \$1,900, July 15 1931 \$1,900, Jan. and July 15 from 1932 to 1940 incl., and \$1,900 on Jan. 15 1941
28,000 John Steinke et al., Cass Township highway improvement bonds. Denom. \$700. Due \$1,400, July 15 1931 \$1,400, Jan. and July 15 from 1932 to 1940 incl., and \$1,400 on Jan. 15 1941.
Both issues are dated May 15 1930.

LEAVENWORTH COUNTY (P. O. Leavenworth), Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by J. E. Voorhes, County Clerk, until 11 a. m. on May 12, for the purchase of an issue of \$133,514.87 4 1/4% county road bonds. Due serially in from 1 to 15 years. A \$500 certified check, payable to the above County Treasurer, must accompany the bid.

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 177 (P. O. Davenport), Wash.—BOND SALE.—A \$65,000 issue of school bonds is reported to have recently been purchased by the State of Washington, as 5s, at par.

LONG BEACH, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—James J. McCabe, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8.15 p. m. (daylight saving time) on May 13, for the purchase of \$250,000 series G coupon water bonds, to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 6%, stated in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Dated May 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due on May 1, as follows: \$5,000, 1931 to 1950 incl., and \$9,000 from 1951 to 1960 incl. Int. is payable semi-annually. The principal and interest of said bonds to be included in the annual City Budgets and raised by the annual tax levy as approved of in the City Charter. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to Thomas J. Hogan, City Treasurer must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York City, will be furnished to the successful bidder.

LONGVIEW, Gregg County, Tex.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$140,000 improvement bonds that were purchased at par by Caldwell & Co., of Nashville—V. 130, p. 1318—are more fully described as follows: \$55,000 5% water bonds. Due from 1931 to 1949, incl.
15,000 5% sewer bonds. Due \$1,000 from 1933 to 1947 incl.
70,000 5% street bonds. Due from 1932 to 1949 incl.
Int. payable on Feb. and Aug. 1. Legality approved by Chapman & Cutler, of Chicago.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—BOND SALE.—Three of the four issues of bonds offered for sale on April 28—V. 130, p. 3036—were awarded as follows: \$588,500 5% Flood Control District bonds to the American Securities Co., of Los Angeles, for a premium of \$972, equal to 100.165, a basis of about 4.33%. Dated July 2 1924. Due on July 2 1930.

93,000 5% county hospital, sanitarium and county farm additional construction bonds to the same purchaser for a premium of \$58 equal to 100.062, a basis of about 4.59%. Due on July 1 1930.
165,000 5% Redondo Union High School District bonds to Wm. Cavalier & Co. and the Wm. R. Staats Co., both of San Francisco, for a premium of \$5,740, equal to 103.47, a basis of about 4.63%. Due from April 1 1931 to 1955 incl.

The \$10,000 issue of 5% Alhambra City School District bonds offered at the same time—V. 130, p. 3036—was not sold as there were no bids received Dated June 1 1929. Due on June 1 1930.

LOUISBURG, Franklin County, N. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 issue of semi-annual public improvement bonds offered for sale on May 2—V. 130, p. 2832—was purchased by Spitzer, Rorick & Co., of Toledo. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Due from Jan. 1 1931 to 1950 incl.

Official Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation, 1929	\$1,519,117.00
Real value estimated	3,500,000.00
Total bonded debt, including bonds now offered	298,500.00
Sinking fund (except for water bonds)	\$6,000.00
Uncollected special assessments actually levied,	
pledged to a portion of above debt	12,049.85
Water and Electric light bonds	161,000.00
Funding bonds	15,000.00
	<u>194,049.85</u>
Net indebtedness	\$104,450.15
Population estimated, 3,000.	

McHENRY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. McHenry) Stone County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—We are informed that a \$15,000 issue of 6% semi-annual school bonds has recently been purchased at par by the Citizens Bank of McHenry. Denom. \$1,000.

MAHONING COUNTY (P. O. Youngstown), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of bonds aggregating \$245,932.38 offered on April 29—V. 130, p. 2627, 2833—were awarded as 4 1/4% to Mitchell, Herrick & Co., of Cleveland, at par plus a premium of \$152, equal to 100.06, a basis of about 4.49%. (This report corrects that given in V. 130, p. 3228.)

\$58,000 road construction bonds. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$5,000, 1931; \$6,000, 1932; \$5,000, 1933; \$5,000, 1934; \$6,000, 1935 to 1937 incl.; \$5,000, 1938, and \$6,000, 1939 and 1940.
39,900.00 road construction bonds. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,900, 1930, and \$4,000 from 1931 to 1939 incl.
35,697.62 road construction bonds. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,697.62, 1931; \$4,000, 1932; \$3,000, 1933; \$4,000, 1934; \$3,000, 1935; \$4,000, 1936; \$3,000, 1937; \$4,000, 1938 and 1939, and \$3,000 in 1940.
29,118.25 road construction bonds. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$2,118.25, 1931, and \$3,000 from 1932 to 1940 incl.
14,184.56 road construction bonds. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$2,184.56, 1931, and \$3,000 from 1932 to 1935 incl.
11,592.75 road construction bonds. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$2,592.75, 1931, \$2,000, 1932, and 1933; \$3,000, 1934, and \$2,000 in 1935, 1936 and 1937.
The issue of \$57,439.20 bonds is dated Nov. 1 1929; all of the other bonds are dated Oct. 1 1929.

MAHONING VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT (P. O. Youngstown) Mahoning County, Ohio.—OFFER \$1,250,000 4 1/4% BONDS.—Otis & Co., of Cleveland, and Eldredge & Co., of New York, jointly, are offering a block of \$1,250,000 4 1/4% coupon or registered water bonds for public investment as follows: the 1933 and 1934 maturities are priced to yield 4.25%, the 1935 and 1936 maturities to yield 4.30%, the 1937 to 1939 maturities to yield 4.35%, and the 1940 to 1952 maturities are being offered to yield 4.40%. The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1928 and are in the office of the Prin. and semi-annual int. (April and Oct. 1) payable at the office of the Dempsey, of Cleveland. (District officials on May 1 rejected all of the bids submitted for the purchase of \$3,000,000 4 1/4% series C water bonds.—V. 130, p. 3228). The following in reference to the creation of the District is taken from the offering notice:

"The Mahoning Valley Sanitary District, a political subdivision organized by authority of the Ohio Legislature, was created for the purpose of providing an adequate and pure water supply for the joint use of the cities of Youngstown and Niles. The bonds are the obligation of the Mahoning Valley Sanitary District and the assessments are a general obligation of the two cities levied as units, payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes. The City of Youngstown is obligated for 90.55% and the City of Niles for 9.45% which is the proportion of the benefits approved by the court."

OFFICIAL LIST OF REJECTED BIDS.—Fred A. LaBelle, Secretary-Treasurer of the District, has obliged us with the following complete list of the bids rejected on May 1 for the purchase of the \$3,000,000 4 1/4% series C water bonds offered for sale.—V. 130, p. 3228.

Bidder	Amount Offered.	Int. Rate.	Interest Cost	
			May 1 '30	Net Premium Interest Cost.
Ames, Emerich & Co., Chicago	\$3,001,050	5%	\$2,100,000	\$1,050 \$2,098,950
Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., Toledo	3,003,000	5	2,100,000	3,000 2,097,000
Continental Illinois Co., Chicago	2,882,000	4 1/2	1,980,000	*118,000 2,008,000
Taylor, Wilson & Co., Inc., Cincinnati	3,009,900	5	2,100,000	9,900 2,099,100
Chicago	2,955,900	4 1/4	1,995,000	*44,100 2,039,100
x Installments of \$500,000 each at intervals of 30 days. Interest cost not computed.	\$3,018,300	4 1/4		

MANCHESTER, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Day Trust Co., of Boston, on May 5 purchased at 3.33% discount a \$65,000 temporary loan, due on Nov. 21 1930. Bids for the loan were as follows:

Bidder	Discount
Day Trust Co. (purchaser)	3.33%
Manchester Trust Co.	3.34%
Grafton Co. (plus \$1.52)	3.35%
First National Old Colony Corp	3.365%
Faxon, Gade & Co.	3.39%
F. S. Moseley & Co.	3.41%

MANCHESTER, Hillsborough County, N. H.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Amoskeag Trust Co., of Manchester, on May 5 purchased at 3.34% discount a \$300,000 temporary loan, dated May 6 1930 and due on Dec. 12 1930. Bids for the loan were as follows:

Bidder	Discount
Amoskeag Trust Co. (purchaser)	3.34%
Day Trust Co.	3.38%
Faxon, Gade & Co. (plus \$15)	3.38%
S. N. Bond & Co. (plus \$13)	3.43%
Barr Bros. & Co. (plus \$11)	3.47%
	3.62%

MANITOWOC COUNTY (P. O. Manitowoc), Wis.—BOND SALE.—The \$250,000 issue of 4 1/2% semi-ann. highway bonds offered for sale on May 6—V. 130, p. 2451—was jointly purchased by the First Wisconsin Co., of Milwaukee, and the East Wisconsin Trustee Co., of Manitowoc, at a price of 101.32, a basis of about 4.33%. Dated May 1 1930; due from May 1 1939 to 1941.

The following is an official list of the bids:

Bidder	Premium
* East Wisconsin Trustee Co.; First Wisconsin Co.	\$3,300.00
First Securities Co.	3,275.75
A. B. Leach & Co.	2,997.80
Ames, Emerich Co.	2,995.00
Continental Illinois Co.	2,875.00
H. M. Byllesby & Co.	2,265.00
National City Co.	2,078.25
Halsey, Stuart & Co.	1,625.00

* Successful bid.

MARIETTA, Washington County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Laura Morse, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on May 19, for the purchase of \$24,000 5 1/2% street improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Nov. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1931 to 1936 incl., and \$3,000 from 1937 to 1940 incl. Interest payable on May and Nov. 1. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 5 1/2% will also be considered, provided, however, that where a fractional rate is bid such fraction shall be 1/4 of 1% or a multiple thereof. A certified check for \$480, payable to the order of the City, must accompany each proposal.

MARLBORO, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—R. L. Da & Co., of Boston, recently purchased an issue of \$25,000 4% coupon water bonds at a price of 100.03, a basis of about 3.99%. The bonds are dated May 1 1930 and mature annually from 1931 to 1940 incl. Bids for the issue were as follows:

Bidder	Rate Bid
R. L. Day & Co. (purchasers)	100.03
Merchants National Bank of Boston	100.01
Estabrook & Co.	100.00

MARSHALL COUNTY (P. O. Plymouth), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$9,000 5% James H. Stone et al., highway improvement bonds offered on May 1—V. 130, p. 3037—were awarded to the City Securities Corp., of Indianapolis, at par plus a premium of \$317, equal to 103.52, a basis of about 4.22%. The bonds are dated April 8 1930. One is due semi-annually from July 15 1931 to Jan. 15 1941. An official list of the bids submitted for the issue follows:

Bidder	Premium
Inland Investment Co., Indianapolis	\$295.80
* City Securities Corp., Indianapolis	317.00
Fletcher American Co., Indianapolis	237.00
Fletcher Savings & Trust Co., Indianapolis	263.00
Salem Bank & Trust Co., Goshen	271.00

* Purchaser.

MARYLAND, State of (P. O. Annapolis)—BOND OFFERING.—The State Treasurer is reported to have issued a call for sealed bids to be opened on June 3, for the purchase of \$2,245,000 4 1/2% bonds, comprising road and bridge construction issues.

MASSENA UNION FREESCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Massena) St. Lawrence County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds offered on May 2—V. 130, p. 2832—were awarded to the Lincoln Equities, Inc., of Syracuse, at 101, a basis of about 4.39%. The bonds are dated May 1 1930 and mature \$1,000 on May 1 from 1931 to 1955 inclusive.

The Massena Banking & Trust Co., and the First National Bank & Trust Co., both of Massena, each offered a price of par for the bonds.

MATADOR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Matador) Motley County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$60,000 issue of 5% semi-annual school bonds is reported to have recently been purchased by H. C. Burt & Co., of Houston.

MAYVILLE POINT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mayville) Gilliam County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—We are informed that a \$6,000 issue of 6% school building bonds has been purchased by C. E. Nelson, of Salem.

MAYWOOD, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—C. A. Preim & Co., of New York, bidding for \$369,000 bonds of the \$370,000 coupon or reg. assessment issue offered on May 6—V. 130, p. 3037—were awarded the bonds as 5 1/4, at par plus a premium of \$1,468.87, equal to 100.39, a basis of about 5.17%. The bonds are dated May 1 1930 and mature on May 1 as follows: \$30,000, 1931 to 1935, incl., and \$44,000 from 1936 to 1940, incl.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY (P. O. Charlotte), N. C.—NOTE SALE.—An issue of \$100,000 4 1/4% tax anticipation notes is reported to have been purchased by the American Trust Co., of Charlotte, for a premium of \$12, equal to 100.12.

MEDFORD, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4% coupon bonds aggregating \$185,000 offered on May 6—V. 130, p. 3228—were awarded to the National Shawmut Bank, of Boston, at 100.542, a basis of about 3.92%:

- \$75,000 sewer bonds. Due on May 1, as follows: \$4,000, 1931 to 1948 incl., and \$3,000 in 1949.
- 70,000 water mains bonds. Due \$5,000 on May 1 from 1931 to 1944 incl. 40,000 separate sewer system bonds. Due on May 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1931 to 1943 incl., and \$1,000 in 1944.

All of the above bonds are dated May 1 1930. Bids for the issues were as follows:

Bidder	Rate Bid
National Shawmut Bank (purchaser)	100.542
F. S. Moseley & Co.	100.495
R. L. Day & Co.	100.389
Chase Securities Corp.	100.279
First National Old Colony Corp.	100.19
Harris, Forbes & Co.	100.11
Merchants National Bank	100.09
Wise, Hobbs and Arnold	100.066

MERCEDAS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Merced), Hidalgo County, Texas.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Fred Johnston, Secretary of the Board of Education, until 2 p. m. on May 27 for the purchase of a \$250,000 issue of 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due as follows: \$2,000, 1931 to 1933; \$3,000, 1934 to 1936; \$4,000, 1937 to 1940; \$5,000, 1941 to 1946; \$6,000, 1947 to 1951; \$7,000, 1952 to 1957; \$8,000, 1958 to 1961; \$9,000, 1962 to 1966, and \$10,000 1967 to 1970, all inclusive. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the Chase National Bank in New York. The purchaser will be furnished with the legal approval of Chapman & Cutler of Chicago. A \$7,500 certified check, payable to the Trustees of the District, must accompany the bid.

MIAMI BEACH, Dade County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$900,000 issue of coupon semi-ann. golf course bonds offered for sale on May 7—V. 130, p. 2833—was purchased by the First Trust & Saving Bank of Miami, as 5 3/8 at par. Due from May 1 1932 to 1950, incl. No other bids were received.

BONDS NOT SOLD.—The other two issues of coupon semi-ann. bonds aggregating \$843,000, that were offered at the same time—V. 130, p. 2833—were not sold as there were no bids received. The issues are divided as follows:

\$698,000 street improvement, sidewalks, sanitary sewer and beach protection, series H bonds. Due from May 1 1931 to 1945, incl. 145,000 bridge and water works bonds. Due from May 1 1931 to 1950.

MIAMISBURG, Montgomery County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Carl F. Lenz, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on May 17 for the purchase of \$1,900 5 1/4% village's portion street improvement bonds. Dated June 1 1930. Denom. \$190. Due \$190 on Oct. 1 from 1931 to 1940, incl. Interest payable on April and Oct. 1. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 5 1/4% will also be considered, provided, however, that where a fractional rate is bid such fraction shall be 1/4 of 1%. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

MIDDLETOWN, Butler County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—C. H. Campbell, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Eastern Standard time) on June 2, for the purchase of \$18,000 6% city's portion street improvement bonds. Dated June 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 on Sept. 1 from 1931 to 1939 incl. Prin. and semi-annual interest (March and Sept. 1) payable at the Chase National Bank, N. Y. City. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 6% will also be considered, provided, however, that where a fractional rate is bid such fraction shall be 1/4 of 1% or a multiple thereof. A certified check for \$300, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The proceedings leading up to the issuing of these bonds have been under the supervision of Peck Shaffer and Williams, attorneys, Cincinnati, Ohio, whose opinion as to the validity will be furnished to the purchaser without charge. Purchasers are required to satisfy themselves as to the validity of these bonds prior to the bidding therefor, and only unconditional bids shall be considered. Purchaser shall pay the entire expense for the delivery of said bonds.

MIDDLETOWN, Butler County, Ohio.—INTEREST RATE—PRICE PAID.—The \$58,333 special assessment street improvement bonds awarded on May 1 to the Banc Ohio Securities Corp., of Columbus—V. 130, p. 3228—bear 4 1/2% interest and were sold at par plus a premium of \$34.80, equal to 100.05, a basis of about 4.49%. The bonds are dated May 1 1930 and mature \$6,537 on Sept. 1 from 1931 to 1939 incl. The following is an official tabulation of the bids submitted for the issue:

Bidder	Int. Rate	Premium
The BancOhio Secur. Co., Columbus	4 1/2%	\$34.80
Assel, Goets & Moerlein Inc., Cincinnati	4 1/2%	385.00
Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati	4 1/2%	286.65
Seasongood & Mayer Co., Cincinnati	4 1/2%	256.00
Ryan & Sutherland Co., Toledo	4 1/2%	238.00
Well, Roth & Irving Co., Cincinnati	4 1/2%	211.00
Bohmer-Reinhart Co., Cincinnati	4 1/2%	77.00
Title Guarantee Securities Corp., Cincinnati	4 1/2%	76.50
Oris & Co., Cleveland	4 1/2%	71.00
R. E. Herzog & Co., Chicago	4 1/2%	31.00

* Successful bidder.

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Parkland) Bucks County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$16,000 5% coupon school bonds offered on April 28—V. 130, p. 3037—were awarded to E. H. Rollins & Sons, of Philadelphia, at par plus a premium of \$913.72, equal to 105.742 a basis of about 4.29%. Dated May 1 1930. Denomination \$1,000. Due on May 1 1950, but optional as follows: Bonds No. 1 to \$8,000 are subject to redemption on or after May 1 1940, the remaining \$8,000 bonds, however, contain no option of redemption prior to 1950. The successful bidders are reoffering the bonds for public investment at a price to yield 4.25%.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation (1930)	\$2,662,416
Real valuation (est.)	5,200,000
Bonded debt (incl. this issue)	\$53,000
Sinking fund	1,460
Net debt	51,540
Population, 2,200.	

MONTICELLO, Sullivan County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$70,000 coupon water main installation bonds offered on May 1—V. 130, p. 2833—were awarded as 4.60s to Dewey, Bacon & Co., of New York, at 100.23, a basis of about 4.55%. The bonds are dated May 1 1930 and mature \$5,000 on May 1 from 1934 to 1947 incl. The successful bidders are reoffering the bonds for public investment priced to yield 4.35%. Bids for the issue were as follows:

Bidder	Int. Rate	Rate Bid
Dewey, Bacon & Co. (purchasers)	4.60%	100.23
Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co., Buffalo	4.70%	100.055
Farson, Son & Co., New York	5.50%	100.374
Rutter & Co., New York	4.70%	100.30
Edmund Seymour & Co., New York	5.00%	100.509
Batchelder & Co., New York	4.60%	100.22
George B. Gibbons & Co., New York	5.00%	100.2274

MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP, Geauga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—L. E. Rhodes, Township Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. on May 23 for the purchase of \$15,984.61 5 1/4% special assessment street improvement bonds. Dated April 1 1930. Denom., one bond for \$484.61, all others for \$500. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,984.61, 1930, and \$2,000 from 1931 to 1937, incl. Interest is payable semi-annually. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 5 1/4% will also be considered, provided, however, that where a fractional rate is bid such fraction shall be 1/4 of 1% or a multiple thereof. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Clerk-Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. A transcript of the proceedings authorizing the issuance and sale of said bonds will be furnished the successful bidder, and the delivery of said bonds will be made at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer of said township, and conditional bids will not be received nor considered.

MOORE COUNTY (P. O. Carthage), N. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 issue of bridge bonds offered for sale on May 6—V. 130, p. 3037—was awarded to Braun, Bosworth & Co., of Toledo, as 5s, for a premium of \$531, equal to 101.06, a basis of about 4.88%. Dated April 1 1930; due from April 1 1932 to 1951, inc. The second highest bid was a premium offer of \$135 or 5s tendered by Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, Inc., of Cincinnati.

MORROW COUNTY (P. O. Mount Gilead), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—F. A. Dukes, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on May 26, for the purchase of \$4,195.61 5 1/4% road construction bonds. Dated April 1 1930. One bond for \$205.61, all others for \$210. Due as follows: \$205.61 on March 1 and \$210, Sept. 1 1931 and \$210 on March and Sept. 1 from 1932 to 1940 incl. Int. payable on March and Sept. 1. Bids for the bonds to bear int. at a rate other than 5 1/4% will also be considered, provided, however, that where a fractional rate is bid such fraction shall be 1/4 of 1% or a multiple thereof. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. Transcript of the proceedings incident to the issuance of the bonds will be furnished successful bidder.

MORROW COUNTY (P. O. Heppner), Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 issue of road bonds offered for sale on May 7—V. 130, p. 3037—was purchased by the First National Bank of Portland, as 5s, at a price of 101.08, a basis of about 4.90%. Dated June 1 1930. Due \$2,500 from June 1 1936 to 1955, incl.

MORSE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Morse) Hansford County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—A \$40,000 issue of 5% serial school bonds was registered by the State Comptroller on May 1.

MOUNTAINAIR, Torrance County, N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Elmer E. Shaw, Town Clerk, until 8 p. m. on June 2, for the purchase of a \$38,000 issue of coupon water bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%, payable semi-annually. Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 1 1930; due \$2,000 from June 1 1932 to 1950 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the office of Kountze Bros. in N. Y. City. The approving opinion of Pershing, Nye, Tallmadge & Bosworth, of Denver, will be furnished. A certified check for 5% of the bid is required. (The official advertisement of this offering appears on an ensuing page of this section.)

MOUNTAIN LAKES, Marris County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Myrtle L. Hillman, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) on May 22, for the purchase of \$75,000 4 1/2, 4 3/4 or 5% coupon or registered water bonds. Dated June 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due on June 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1932 to 1967, incl., and \$1,000 from 1968

to 1970, incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (June and Dec. 1), payable in gold at the Chemical Bank & Trust Co., New York City. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$75,000. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Borough, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, of New York City, will be furnished to the successful bidder.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Maury County Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. on May 24 by L. H. Hammond, City Recorder, for the purchase of a \$10,000 issue of 5 1/2% coupon city hall bonds. Denom. \$500. Dated Sept. 1 1929. Due on March 1, as follows: \$500 in 1930; \$1,000, 1931 and 1932, and \$1,500, 1933 to 1937, incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the First National Bank, Mount Pleasant. Legality approved by Chapman & Cutler, of Chicago. A certified check for \$150 must accompany the bid.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY (P. O. Portland), Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by A. A. Bailey, County Clerk, until noon on June 2 (Pacific time) for the purchase of an issue of \$1,000,000 coupon St. Johns Bridge bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%, payable semi-annually. Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 20 1930. Due \$40,000 from June 20 1936 to 1960, incl. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the fiscal agency of the State in New York, or at the office of the County Treasurer. Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston will furnish the legal approval to purchaser. No bids for less than par and accrued interest will be considered. The bonds will be sold for cash only. The above County Clerk will furnish the required bidding forms. The purchaser may designate the Portland bank at which these bonds will be delivered. Unconditional bids only will be considered. A certified check for 5% of the bid, payable to the County Clerk, is required.

MUSKEGON, Muskegon County, Mich.—BONDS OFFERED.—Ida L. Christianson, City Clerk, received sealed bids until 2 p. m. (eastern Standard time) on May 9, for the purchase of \$50,000 improvement bonds, to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 4 1/2%. Dated May 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 on May 1 from 1931 to 1940 incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (May and Nov. 1) payable at the office of the City Treas. Legality approved by Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, of Detroit.

MUSKEGON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Muskegon County, Mich.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—In connection with the recent sale of \$400,000 coupon bonds, comprising \$265,000 4 1/4% and \$135,000 4 1/2%, to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, at par plus a premium of \$125, equal to 100.03, a basis of about 4.37%—V. 130, p. 3239—we learn that the purchasers also bid par plus a premium of \$5,885 for the \$400,000 bonds at 4 1/2%. The bonds are being reoffered by the purchasers for public investment priced to yield 4.20% and are described as follows: Dated May 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. The \$265,000 4 1/4% bonds mature annually on May 1 as follows: \$15,000, 1936 to 1940, incl., \$20,000, 1941, \$15,000, 1942, \$20,000, 1943 and 1944, \$25,000, 1945 and \$45,000 in 1946 and 1947. The \$135,000 4 1/2% bonds mature \$45,000 on May 1 in 1948, 1949 and 1950. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & N. 1) payable at the office of the Board of Education, Muskegon.

Financial Statement.

(As reported by the Assistant Superintendent of Schools.)

Real value of taxable property, estimated	\$81,000,000
Assessed valuation for taxation (1929)	65,027,994
Total debt (this issue included)	2,185,000
Population, present estimated, by Assistant Superintendent of Schools, 48760; 1920 census, 35,570.	
The following is a complete list of the bids submitted for the bonds as reported in the May 3 issue of the "Michigan Investor"	
Bidder and Terms of Proposal	Rate Bid.
Harris Trust & Savings Bank—\$265,000, 1936-47, 4 1/4% and \$135,000, 1948-50, 4 1/2%	100.03
Also all 4 1/2%	101.47
First Detroit Co., Watling, Lerchen & Hayes.—\$270,000, 1936-48, 4 1/4%, and \$130,000, 1949-50, 4 1/2%	100.004
Also all 4 1/2%	101.02
Braun, Boswert & Co.—\$295,000, 1936-48, 4 1/2%, and \$105,000, 1949-50, 4 1/2%	100.032
Also all 4 1/2%	101.009
Stranahan, Harris & Oatis and Fidelity Trust Co.—\$175,000, 1936-45, 4 1/4% and \$225,000, 1946-50, 4 1/2%	100.07
Guardian Detroit Co.—\$130,000, 1936-43, 4 1/4%, and \$270,000, 1944-50, 4 1/2%	100.035
John Nuveen & Co.—All 4 1/2%	100.727
Continental Illinois Co.—All 4 1/2%	100.381
A. B. Leach & Co.—All 4 1/2%	100.379
Guaranty Co. of New York.—All 4 1/2%	100.20

NEBRASKA CITY, Otoe County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 4 1/2% coupon bonds aggregating \$273,000, offered for sale on May 5—V. 130, p. 3229—were purchased by the U. S. National Co. of Omaha, for a premium of \$1,370, equal to 100.501, a basis of about 4.67%. The issues are divided as follows: \$193,000 refunding and \$80,000 intersection paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 1 1930. Due in 20 years and optional after 5 years. Int. payable on June and Dec. 1.

NEDROW WATER DISTRICT (P. O. Nedrow), Onondaga County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Mate P. Kenyon, Clerk of the Town of Onondaga, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on May 19 for the purchase of \$95,000 coupon or registered water bonds to bear int. at a rate not to exceed 6%, stated in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Dated May 15 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due on May 15 as follows: \$6,000, 1935 to 1949 incl., and \$8,000 in 1950. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (May and Nov. 15) payable in gold at the Syracuse Trust Co., Syracuse, or at the Equitable Trust Co., New York City. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Town, must accompany each proposal. The opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, attesting the legality of the bonds will be furnished to the successful bidder.

NEWTON COUNTY (P. O. Kentland), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of bonds aggregating \$19,600 offered on May 5—V. 130, p. 2834—were awarded to the Fletcher American Co. of Indianapolis, at par plus a premium of \$367, equal to 101.88:

\$17,600 5% A. D. Washburn et al., Jefferson Township highway improvement bonds. Dated May 15 1930. Due \$440, July 15 1931; \$880, Jan. and July 15 from 1932 to 1940 incl., and \$440, July 15 1931.

2,000 6% ditch construction bonds. Dated May 5 1930. Due \$200 on June 1 from 1932 to 1941 incl.

Although the offer of the Fletcher American Co. was the lowest received, it was accepted as it was the only one of those submitted accompanied by a good-faith certified check. Bids were as follows:

Bidder	Premium.
Fletcher, American Co., Indianapolis (Purchaser)	\$367.00
Fletcher Trust & Savings Bank, Indianapolis	513.60
City Securities Corp., Indianapolis	604.00
Inland Investment Co., Indianapolis	521.00

NORFOLK COUNTY (P. O. Dedham) Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—Frederic C. Cobb, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (Daylight Saving time) on May 13, for the purchase at discount of a \$160,000 temporary loan. Dated May 13 1930. Denom. \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000. Payable on Nov. 15 1930 at the First National Bank of Boston. The notes will be certified as to genuineness and validity by the aforementioned bank under advice of Roger Gray, Boyden & Perkins, and all legal papers incident to this issue will be filed with said bank, where they may be inspected at any time.

NORTH TONAWANDA, Niagara County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—J. M. Zimmerman, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time), on May 12, for the purchase of \$25,000 bridge bonds. Rate of int. to be named in proposal. The bonds are dated May 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due annually from 1935 to 1947, incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable in N. Y. City. A certified check for \$1,000 must accompany each proposal. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of N. Y. City.

OAKWOOD, Paulding County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—A. C. Bergman, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Eastern Standard time) on May 19, for the purchase of \$34,891.61 6% village's portion street improvement bonds. Dated May 15 1930. Denom. \$1,000, one bond for \$891.61. Due on Nov. 15, as follows: \$2,891.61, 1931, \$3,000, 1932; \$4,000, 1933; \$3,000, 1934; \$4,000, 1935; \$3,000, 1936; \$4,000, 1937; \$3,000, 1938; and \$4,000 in 1939 and 1940. Interest payable in May and November. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 6% will also be considered, provided, however, that where a fractional rate is bid

such fraction shall be 1/4 of 1% or a multiple thereof. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, of Cleveland, will be furnished to the successful bidder.

OCEAN GATE, Ocean County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles W. Throckmorton Jr., Borough Collector, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on May 24, for the purchase of \$35,000 6% coupon or reg. gen. imp. prov. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 from 1931 to 1965, incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O. 1) payable at the Ocean County Trust Co., Toms River. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$35,000. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the above-mentioned official, must accompany each proposal.

OJAI, Ventura County, Calif.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The \$15,000 issue of sewage disposal plant bonds that was purchased by the Freeman Smith & Camp Co., of Los Angeles—V. 130, p. 3038—bears interest at 6% and matures in 1960. The bonds were awarded for a premium of \$82.50, equal to 100.55, a basis of about 5.96%.

OSBORNE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Phoenix), Mariposa County, Ariz.—BOND SALE.—A \$55,000 issue of 5% school bonds is reported to have been recently purchased by the Valley Bank of Phoenix, for a premium of \$297, equal to 100.54.

OSWEGO, Oswego County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of coupon or reg. bonds aggregating \$118,000 offered on May 7—V. 130, p. 3038—were awarded as follows to the Bancamerica-Blair Corp. of New York, at par plus a premium of \$118, equal to 100.10 a basis of about 4.24%:

- \$60,000 paving bonds. Due \$3,000 on May 1 from 1931 to 1950, incl.
- 33,000 series B water bonds. Due on May 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1931 to 1937, incl., and \$2,000 from 1938 to 1950, incl.
- 15,000 sewer bonds. Due on May 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1932, 1934, 1936 and 1938, and \$1,000 from 1940 to 1950, incl.
- 10,000 series A water bonds. Due \$1,000 on May 1 in 1932, 1934, 1936, 1938, 1940, 1942, 1944, 1946, 1948 and in 1950.

All of the above bonds are dated May 1 1930.

QUANAH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Quanah) Hardman County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The \$120,000 issue of 5 1/2% semi-annual school bonds that was sold on April 21—V. 130, p. 3230—was registered by the State Comptroller on April 29.

PACIFIC GROVE HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Salinas), Monterey County, Calif.—OTHER BIDDERS.—The following is an official list of the other bids submitted for the \$70,000 issue of 5% coupon school bonds sold on April 25 to Dean Witter & Co., of San Francisco—V. 130, p. 3230—at 104.777, a basis of 4.57%:

Bidder	Premium.
National Bankitaly Co.	\$3,339.00
Anglo-London-Paris Co.	2,943.00
First National Bank of Monterey	2,837.50
Monterey Co. Trust & Savings Bank of Salinas	2,655.00
Weeden & Co.	2,410.00

PALESTINE SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT (P. O. Boonville), Cooper County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—A \$50,000 issue of 5% semi-ann. road bonds has been purchased by Stern Bros. & Co., of Kansas City, at a price of 98.80, a basis of about 5.16%. Due serially over a 20-year period.

PERRYSBURG VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Perrysburg), Wood County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—David V. Scheld, Clerk of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on May 13, for the purchase of \$25,000 5% school building construction and equipment bonds. Dated May 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$9,000, 1931 to 1935, incl., and \$10,000 from 1936 to 1953, incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable at the office of the District Treasurer. Bids for the bonds to bear int. at a rate other than 5% will also be considered, provided, however, that where a fractional rate is bid such fraction shall be 1/4 of 1% or a multiple thereof. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the District Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

PETERSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT, Hunterdon County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds offered on April 29—V. 130, p. 2835—were awarded at a price of par to the Pennsylvania School Teachers Retirement Board, of Harrisburg. Due \$500 on Oct. 1 from 1931 to 1936 incl. Interest payable on April and Oct. 1. Denom. \$500.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS (Government of)—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on May 22 by Brig.-Gen. F. Le J. Parker, Chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, at Room 3040, Munitions Building, Washington, D. C., for the purchase of two issues of 4 1/2% loan of 1930 coupon bonds aggregating \$1,425,000, divided as follows:

\$925,000 Iloilo Port Works, Third Series bonds. Dated April 15 1930. Due on April 15 1960. Int. payable on April and Oct. 15.

500,000 Cebu Port Works, Third Series bonds. Dated March 15 1930. Due on March 15 1960. Int. payable on March and Sept. 15.

Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. payable in gold coin at the Treasury of the United States. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the above-named Chief, is required. The following statement is furnished with the official offering notice:

The bonds are to be issued under authority contained in Section 11 of an Act of Congress, approved Aug. 29 1916 as subsequently amended by an Act, approved May 31 1922 and in Act No. 3417 of the Philippine Legislature, approved Dec. 7 1927.

Act No. 3417 of the Philippine Legislature authorizes a total issue of bonds to the face value of \$2,175,000 for the extension of said port works and improvement of the harbor facilities at Iloilo, the first series of which in the amount of \$750,000 were issued under date of April 1 1928 and the second series of which in the amount of \$500,000 were issued under date of Oct. 15 1929.

Under date of April 11 1930 the Attorney General of the United States rendered an opinion in which he passed upon the legality of the proposed issue of this third series of bonds in the sum of \$925,000, a copy of which will be furnished to the successful bidder. Act No. 3413 of the Philippine Legislature authorizes a total issue of bonds to the face value of \$2,000,000 for the extension of said port works and improvement of the harbor facilities at Cebu, the first series of which in the amount of \$750,000 were issued under date of March 1 1928 and the second series of which in the amount of \$750,000 were issued under date of September 15 1929.

Under date of April 8 1930 the Attorney General of the United States rendered an opinion in which he passed upon the legality of the proposed issue of this third series of bonds on the sum of \$500,000 a copy of which will be furnished to the successful bidder.

Under the terms of an Act of Congress approved Feb. 6 1905 "all bonds issued by the Government of the Philippine Islands, or by its authority, shall be exempt from taxation by the Philippine Islands or of any political or municipal subdivision thereof, or by any State or by any county, municipality, or other municipal subdivision of any State or Territory of the United States, or by the District of Columbia," and, under the provisions of Section 22 (b) of the Revenue Act of 1928, the term "gross income" does not include the following, which shall be exempt under that title: (4) interest upon (c) obligations of the United States or its possessions.

PICO COUNTY WATER DISTRICT (P. O. Pico), Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—We are informed that a \$10,000 issue of water bonds has recently been purchased by Dean Witter & Co., of San Francisco, as 5 3/8 (J. & J.) for a premium of \$109, equal to 101.09.

POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 27 (P. O. Tecumseh), Okla.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 2 p. m. on May 7, by J. W. Dugan, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$7,000 issue of school bonds. Due \$1,000 from 1933 to 1939, incl. Int. rate specified by the bidder.

PROVIDENCE, Providence County, R. I.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4% bonds aggregating \$2,000,000 offered on May 8—V. 130, p. 2835—were awarded to a syndicate composed of H. M. Bylesby & Co., M. F. Schlater & Co., Inc., Stephens & Co., and Seagoood & Mayer, all of New York City, at 99.139, a basis of about 4.11%:

- \$500,000 highway bonds. Due \$25,000 on June 1 from 1931 to 1950 incl.
- 500,000 public improvement bonds. Due \$25,000 on June 1 from 1931 to 1950 inclusive.
- 500,000 sewer bonds. Due \$25,000 on June 1 from 1931 to 1950 inclusive.
- 500,000 hospital bonds. Due \$25,000 on June 1 from 1931 to 1950 incl.

All of the above bonds are dated June 1 1929. An official list of the bids submitted for the bonds follows:

Table with columns: Bidder, Rate Bid. Includes entries for H. M. Bylesby & Co., W. F. Schlater & Co., Inc.; Stephens & Co., and Seasongood & Mayer, etc.

PUTNAM COUNTY (P. O. Greencastle), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$16,480 4 1/2% C. W. Davis et al., Clinton Township highway improvement bonds offered on May 1—V. 130, p. 3039—were awarded to the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co., of Indianapolis, at par plus a premium of \$138.27, equal to a price of 100.83, a basis of about 4.32%.

Table with columns: Bidder, Premium. Includes Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. (purchaser) at \$138.27, Cities Securities Corp., Indianapolis at 173.00, etc.

RAPID CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Rapid City), Pennington County, S. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until May 17, by H. M. Johnson, Secretary of the Board of Education, for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 school bonds.

RED BANK, Monmouth County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—A. E. Shinn, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) on May 19 for the purchase of \$521,000 coupon or registered improvement bonds...

RINGGOLD, Catoosa County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—A \$5,000 issue of 6% street improvement bonds has been purchased by J. H. Hillsman & Co., Inc., of Atlanta. Denom. \$500. Dated July 1 1929.

Table: Financial Statement (As Officially Reported). Actual values \$750,000, Assessed values 1929 200,084, Total bonded debt (this issue only) \$5,000, Less sinking fund 1,200.

Net debt 3,800, Population (est.), 800.

RIPLEY COUNTY (P. O. Versailles), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,200 4 1/2% William Smith et al., Brown Township road construction bonds offered on May 5—V. 130, p. 3039—were awarded to Lewis Westerman, a local investor, at par plus a premium of \$40, equal to 101.81, a basis of about 4.41%.

Table with columns: Bidder, Premium. Includes Lewis Westerman, Versailles (Purchaser) at \$40.00, R. H. Jackson, Versailles at 34.00, etc.

ROCHESTER, Monroe County, N. Y.—NOTE SALE.—C. E. Higgins, City Comptroller, on May 8 awarded an issue of \$450,000 overdue tax notes of 1929 to the Guaranty Co. of New York, at par plus a premium of \$5. The notes are to bear interest at 3.23%. Dated May 12 1930.

ROGER MILLS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Durham), Okla.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 2 p. m. on May 6, by John W. Foster, District Clerk, for the purchase of an \$11,000 issue of note to exceed 6% semi-ann. school bonds.

ROMNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Romney), Hampshire County, W. Va.—BOND SALE.—A \$57,000 issue of 5% semi-ann. school bonds has recently been purchased at par by the State Sinking Fund Commission.

ROBERTSON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Lumberton), N. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 issue of 6% semi-ann. drainage bonds offered for sale on April 10—V. 130, p. 2275—was purchased by the Guaranty Investment Corp., of Trinity, at par and accrued int.

ROSWELL, Chaves County, N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by M. J. McDonald, City Clerk, until 7.30 p. m. on June 3, for the purchase of the following issues of coupon bonds aggregating \$260,000:

- \$50,000 water bonds. Due on June 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1933 to 1946, and \$2,000, 1947 to 1950, all incl.
165,000 sewer bonds. Due on June 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1933 to 1937; \$9,000, 1938 to 1948, and \$8,000 in 1949 and 1950.
25,000 street improvement bonds. Due on June 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1933 to 1939, and \$1,000, 1940 to 1950, all incl.
20,000 public parks bonds. Due on June 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1933 and 1934, and \$1,000, 1935 to 1950, all incl.

Int. rate is not to exceed 5 1/2%, payable semi-annually. Bids must be made on the basis of the bidder furnishing the bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 1 1930. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable in lawful money at the office of the City Treasurer. A certified check for 5% of the bid is required.

ST. BERNARD, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—A. G. Kemme, City Clerk, states that an issue of \$70,000 5% street improvement bonds was recently purchased by the Sinking Fund Commission. The bonds are dated March 1 1930. Denom. \$500. Due \$3,500 on March and Sept. 1 from 1931 to 1940, incl. Int. payable on March and Sept. 1. The bonds are part of an issue of \$250,000 voted at the general election in Nov. 1929.

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. St. Charles) St. Charles County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—The \$70,000 issue of 4 3/4% semi-annual school bonds offered for sale on May 5—V. 130, p. 3231—was purchased by the Lafayette-South Side Bank & Trust Co., of St. Louis, at a price of 103.26, a basis of about 4.40%. Dated May 1 1930. Due from May 1 1931 to 1950, incl.

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY (P. O. South Bend), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—George A. Swintz, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. (C. D. S. time) on May 12, for the purchase of the following issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$53,500: \$19,000 Philip Hesch et al., Madison Township road construction bonds. Denom. \$950. Due \$950, July 15 1931; \$950, Jan. and July 15 from 1932 to 1940, incl., and \$950 on Jan. 15 1941.

13,000 John Van Ess et al., Clay Township road construction bonds. Denom. \$650. Due \$650, July 15 1931; \$650, Jan. and July 15 from 1932 to 1940, incl., and \$650 on Jan. 15 1941.
12,000 Emma V. Finch et al., Penn Township road construction bonds. Denom. \$600. Due \$600, July 15 1931; \$600, Jan. and July 15 from 1932 to 1940, incl., and \$600 on Jan. 15 1941.
9,500 William Pissell et al., Harris and Penn Townships road construction bonds. Denom. \$475. Due \$475, July 15 1931; \$475, Jan. and July 15 from 1932 to 1940, incl., and \$475 on Jan. 15 1941.
All of the above bonds are dated May 1 1930. Int. is payable on Jan. and July 15.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY (P. O. Canton), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles M. Tait, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (eastern standard time) on May 13, for the purchase of \$260,000 4 1/4% coupon or registered highway bonds. Dated May 1 1930. Denom. to suit purchaser. Due on May 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1943; \$30,000, 1944; \$50,000 in 1945 and 1946; \$70,000, 1947; and \$50,000 in 1948. Interest payable on May and Nov. 1. A certified check for \$5,000, payable to the order of the County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York City, will be furnished to the successful bidder.

SALEM, Columbiana County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Helen R. Woerther, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on May 23 for the purchase of \$4,100 5% fire apparatus purchase bonds. Dated June 1 1930. One bond for \$900, all others for \$800. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$900, 1931, and \$800 from 1932 to 1935, inclusive. Interest payable on April and Oct. 1. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 5% will also be considered, provided, however, that where a fractional rate is bid such fraction shall be 1/4 of 1% or a multiple thereof. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The transcript for this issue has been approved by Messrs. Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, Cleveland, and their unqualified approving opinion will be furnished to the successful bidder, if desired, without charge. Otherwise, all bids must be unconditional.

SALEM, Essex County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—Charles G. Coker, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (daylight saving time) on May 13, for the purchase at discount of a \$500,000 temporary loan, comprising \$300,000 issue, denoms. \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000, due on Nov. 7 1930, and a \$200,000 issue, denoms. \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000, due on Nov. 24 1930. The notes will be engraved under the supervision of the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, which will guarantee the signatures and will certify that the notes are issued by virtue and in pursuance of an order of the City Council, the validity of which order has been approved by Messrs. Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

SALT LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Salt Lake City), Utah.—LIST OF BIDDERS.—The following is a list of the bids submitted on April 29 for the \$1,000,000 issue of 4% coupon semi-annual school bonds that was sold to a group headed by P. F. Childs & Co., of New York City, at 97.338, a basis of about 4.21%.—V. 130, p. 3231:

Table with columns: Bidder, Price Bid. Includes E. H. Rollins & Sons, et al. at \$968,000, Eldredge & Co., et al. at 963,600, Harris Trust & Savings Bank, et al. at 961,840, etc.

SAN ANGELO, Tom Green County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by E. E. Lowrie, City Manager, until 10 a. m. on May 13, for the purchase of an issue of \$150,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated April 1 1930. Due as follows: \$2,000 in 1931; \$3,000, 1932 to 1939; \$4,000, 1940 to 1970, all incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. in New York. These bonds were voted at an election held on Mar. 11, have been approved by the Attorney General and were registered on Apr. 25 by the State Comptroller—V. 130, p. 3231. Bids for less than par and accrued interest cannot be accepted. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, is required.

SAND HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Denton), Denton County, Tex.—MATURITY.—The \$6,000 issue of 5% semi-annual school bonds that was purchased at par by the State of Texas—V. 130, p. 1702—is due on April 10 1949.

SAND SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sand Springs), Tulsa County, Okla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on May 12, by E. F. Dixon, Clerk of the Board of Education, for the purchase of a \$41,000 issue of school bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1934 to 1953, and \$1,000 in 1954. A certified check for 2% is required. (These bonds were previously offered on April 28—V. 130, p. 3039.)

SAN FRANCISCO, San Francisco County, Calif.—BOND ISSUE AUTHORIZED.—We quote as follows from the Los Angeles "Times" of April 30: "San Francisco has authorized the directors of the district to fill the bay, a 1,900 feet long to cost \$493,000; land drainage system, \$160,000; filling land adjacent to the channel, \$886,000. The work planned will reclaim 280 acres and make the creek navigable for freight craft. The bonds draw 6% and are tax free."

SANTA BARBARA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Santa Barbara), Santa Barbara County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 5% semi-ann. school bonds aggregating \$317,000, offered for sale on April 28—V. 130, p. 2836—were purchased by a group composed of the National Bankitly Co. and Wenden & Co., both of San Francisco, and the American Securities Co., of Los Angeles, as follows: \$200,000 Santa Barbara High School District bond for a premium of \$8,829, equal to 104.4145, a basis of about 4.51%. Due from April 7 1931 to 1955, incl.
117,000 Santa Barbara School District bonds for a premium of \$5,151, equal to 104.402, a basis of about 4.52%. Due from 1931 to 1955.

(This report supersedes that given in V. 130, p. 3231.) Newspaper reporters from the Coast gave the other bids as follows:

Other bids for the high schools were: R. H. Moulton & Co. and Security First Co., \$8,610; National City Co., \$7,830; William R. Staats & Co., \$7,222; Dean Witter & Co., \$6,260, and Anglo London Paris Co., \$5,802. For the school district bonds the other bids were: R. H. Moulton & Co. and First Security Co., \$5,029; National City Co., \$4,428; William R. Staats & Co., \$4,212; Dean Witter & Co. and Wells Fargo Bank and Union Trust Co., \$3,620 and Anglo London Paris Co., \$3,476.

SEATTLE, King County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until noon on June 6, by H. W. Carroll, City Comptroller, for the purchase of an issue of \$1,000,000 water extension bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%, payable semi-annually. (These bonds are part of a \$5,000,000 issue that was authorized under ordinance No. 58-624.) A certified check for 5% of the bid is required.

SENECA TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Monroe County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Earl Stephens, Clerk of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on May 28, for the purchase of \$20,000 5 1/4% school house construction and equipment bonds. Dated May 1 1930. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 on March and Sept. 1 from 1931 to 1950, incl. Interest is payable on March and Sept. 1. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 5 1/4% will also be considered, provided, however, that where a fractional rate is bid such fraction shall be 1/4 of 1% or a multiple thereof. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the order of the Board of Education, must accompany each proposal.

SCITUATE, Plymouth County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Rockland Trust Company on May 3 purchased a \$75,000 temporary loan, due on Nov. 12 1930, at a 3.09% discount. Bids for the loan were as follows:

Table with columns: Bidder, Discount. Includes Rockland Trust Co. (Purchaser) at 3.09%, Cohasset National Bank at 3.24%, Merchants National Bank of Boston at 3.32%, Hingham Trust Co. at 3.35%.

SHELBYVILLE, Bedford County, Tenn.—BOND ELECTION.—On May 23, a special election will be held in order to have the voters pass judgment on a proposed \$10,000 bond issue to be used for sewer construction.

purposes. They will be 5% coupon bonds in the denomination of \$1,000 each. Dated June 1 1930. Due on June 1 1950. Int. payable on June and Dec. 1.

SHERIDAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Dayton), Wyo.—BOND SALE.—The \$14,000 issue of coupon semi-ann. school bonds offered for sale on May 1—V. 130, p. 2630—was purchased by Geo. W. Valley & Co. of Denver, as 5 1/8%, at a price of 100.18, a basis of about 5.47%. Dated May 1 1930. Due on May 1 1950 and optional after May 1 1940. The only other bidder was the U. S. National Co. of Denver.

SHOSHONE, Lincoln County, Ida.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 issue of coupon water system bonds offered for sale on May 6—V. 130, p. 2836—was purchased by the State of Idaho, as 5.65%, at par. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Due in from 2 to 20 years. No other bids were received.

SIDNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sidney), Cheyenne County, Neb.—MATURITY—BASIS.—The \$192,000 issue of semi-annual school bonds that was jointly purchased by Ware, Hall & Co., and the First Trust Co., both of Omaha, as 4 1/8%, at a price of 100.391—V. 130, p. 3040—is due on Jan. 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1937 to 1939, and \$162,000 in 1950. Optional after Jan. 1 1940. Basis of about 4.45%.

SIKESTON, Scott County, Mo.—BOND OFFERING.—P. H. Stevenson, City Clerk, will offer for sale at public auction on May 15, at 10 a. m., in the Hotel Statler, St. Louis, an issue of \$150,000 municipal light plant bonds, subject to the approval of the City Council.

SOMERVILLE, Somerset County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The Bancamerica-Blair Corp., of New York, bidding for \$228,000 bonds of the \$230,000 coupon or registered improvement issue offered on May 5—V. 130, p. 3040—was awarded the bonds as 4 1/8%, at par plus a premium of \$2,280, equal to 101, a basis of about 4.38%. The bonds are dated June 1 1930 and mature on June 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1931 to 1944 incl., \$15,000 from 1945 to 1949 incl., and \$13,000 in 1950. The purchasers are reoffering the bonds for public investment at prices to yield from 4.00 to 4.25%, according to maturity. The following is a complete list of the bids submitted for the bonds:

Bidder	No. Bonds Bid For.	Amt. Bid.
Bancamerica-Blair Corp. (purchaser)	228	\$230,280.00
Fidelity Union Trust Co.	229	230,964.46
J. S. Rippel & Co., Newark	229	230,357.00
Rapp & Lockwood, New York	229	230,106.87
Second National Bank, Somerville	229	230,039.00
Lehman Bros., and H. L. Allen & Co., jointly	230	230,793.50
Somerville Trust Co., Somerville	100	100,000.00

Financial Statement.

Indebtedness—	
Gross debt: bonds (outstanding)	\$177,520.00
Floating debt (incl. tempor. bonds outst'g)	441,801.88
	\$619,321.88
Deductions—Sinking funds, other than for water bonds	26,382.21
Net debt	\$592,939.67
Bonds to Be Issued:	
Improvement bonds of 1930	\$230,000
Floating debt to be funded by such bonds	230,000
Net debt, including bonds to be issued	\$592,939.67

Assessed Valuations.—Real property, 1928, \$7,585,763; 1929, \$7,823,558; 1930, \$8,071,664. Population, census of 1920, 6,718; est., 1930, 10,000

SOUTH CAROLINA, State of (P. O. Columbia).—NOTE SALE.—The \$3,500,000 issue of tax anticipation notes offered for sale on May 7—V. 130, p. 3231—was awarded to the Central Union Bank, of South Carolina, for Barr Bros. & Co., Inc., of New York City, at 3.64%, plus a premium of \$38. Dated May 12 1930; due in six months.

SOUTH RIVER, Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—John R. Petrie, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) on May 26, for the purchase of the following issues of 5% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$177,000: \$101,000 street assessment bonds. Due on June 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1931 to 1939, incl., and \$11,000 in 1940. 39,000 street improvement bonds. Due on June 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1931 to 1943, incl., and \$3,000 in 1949. 37,000 water bonds. Due on June 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1931 to 1948, incl., and \$1,000 in 1949.

All of the above bonds are dated June 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-annual int. (J. & D. I) payable at the South River Trust Co., South River. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the International Trust Co., N. Y., which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount of each issue. Legality to be approved by Caldwell & Raymond, of N. Y., whose opinion will be furnished to the successful bidder.

Financial Statement, South River, N. J.

Assessed valuation of taxable real property, 1929	\$4,821,335.00
Assessed valuation of taxable personal property, 1929	708,200.00
Gross debt, bonded and floating, excl. of tax anticipation borrowing, but inclusive of these (3) issues	1,064,360.68
Water debt, included in above	157,000.00
Sinking fund for bonds, Dec. 31 1929, of which \$35,740.10 pertains to water debt	80,516.99
Net debt for bonding purposes as of Dec. 31 1929, after making above deductions and others permitted by New Jersey law, such as electric light bonds (amount then outstanding \$198,500) and special assessments	252,144.51
Net debt at present time	252,144.51

Note.—In addition to its water plant, the borough has owned for about 20 years its own electric light and power plant, which is more than self-supporting (net earnings for 1929, after interest, sinking fund and retirement of serial bonds \$96,000). Population, 1920 census, 6,595; estimated population 1930, 12,000.

SOUTH STRABANE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Washington, R. D. 2), Washington County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—T. Scott, Pease, Secretary of Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 2 P. M. on May 24, for the purchase of \$35,000 4 1/4% coupon school bonds. Dated July 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Jan. 1, as follows: \$10,000 in 1936 and 1941, and \$15,000 in 1946. Interest is payable semi-annually. A certified check for \$500, payable to the order of the District Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

SPARTANBURG COUNTY (P. O. Spartanburg), S. C.—BONDS OFFERED BY PURCHASERS.—The \$660,000 issue of 4 1/4% coupon general obligation bonds that was jointly purchased by C. F. Childs & Co., of New York, and G. L. Crawford & Co., of Columbia, at 99.41, a basis of about 4.57%—V. 130, p. 3231—is being offered for public subscription by them at prices to yield from 4.10% on the earliest maturity to 4.40% on the latest. Due from May 1 1931 to 1950, incl. These bonds are reported to be payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes levied on all the taxable property in the County.

SPRING VALLEY, Fillmore County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 issue of funding bonds offered for sale on May 6—V. 130, p. 3231—was purchased by the First Securities Corp. of Minneapolis, as 4 3/8%, for a premium of \$60, equal to 100.10, a basis of about 4.49%. Dated May 1 1930. Due from 1931 to 1950 incl.

SUMMIT COUNTY (P. O. Akron), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following bond issues aggregating \$389,450 offered on May 5—V. 130, p. 3232—were awarded to the Title Guarantee Securities Corp., of Cincinnati, at par plus a premium of \$598, equal to 100.15. (Rate of interest not stated). \$350,000 road improvement bonds. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$59,000, 1931; \$58,000, 1932; \$59,000, 1933 and \$58,000 from 1934 to 1936 incl. 30,850 road improvement bonds. Due annually on Oct. 1 from 1931 to 1940 inclusive. 8,600 road improvement bonds. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$900, 1931 to 1935 incl., \$800, 1936, \$900, 1937, \$800 from 1938 to 1940 incl. All of the above bonds are dated May 1 1930.

SUMMIT COUNTY (P. O. Akron), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. P. Riddle, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. (Eastern standard time) on May 16 for the purchase of \$57,500 5% road construction bonds. Dated May 1 1930. One bond for \$500, all others for \$1,000. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1931 to 1939, incl., and \$5,500 in 1940. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (April

and Oct. 1) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 5% will also be considered, provided, however, that where a fractional rate is bid, such fraction shall be 1/4 of 1% or a multiple thereof. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Board of County Commissioners, must accompany each proposal.

SWARTHMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Delaware County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The Delaware County National Bank, of Chester, recently purchased an issue of \$137,500 4 1/4% school bonds at a price of 100.10, a basis of about 4.24%. The issue is due serially in 30 years.

TACOMA, Pierce County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of semi-annual bonds aggregating \$3,350,000, offered for sale on May 3—V. 130, p. 2630—were purchased by a syndicate composed of the Bancamerica-Blair Corp., Eldredge & Co., B. J. Van Ingen & Co. and Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., all of New York, Ferris & Hardgrove, of Spokane, Dean Witter & Co., of San Francisco, Geo. H. Burr, Conrad & Broom, of Portland, the Seattle Co., the Pacific National Co., and the Marine National Co., all of Seattle, at a price of 96.11 on 4 3/4% bonds, a basis of about 5.15%.

The issues are divided as follows: \$1,350,000 electric light and power, series B, 1929 bonds. Dated July 1 1929. Due on Jan. and July 1 from 1942 to Jan. 1 1946. 2,000,000 electric light and power, 1930 bonds. Dated April 1 1930. Due on April and Oct. 1 from 1934 to April 1 1951.

BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The above bonds are now being offered for public subscription by the purchasers at prices to yield 4.80% on all maturities. Legality of bonds to be passed upon by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York City. These bonds are reported to be exempt from all Federal income taxes.

OTHER BIDS.—The successful group submitted an alternative tender of 97.71 on 5s. Newspaper reports gave the other bids as follows: Halsey, Stuart & Co., headed a syndicate submitting the second highest tender of 97.35 for 5s. This group included as associates the following banking houses: A. P. Leach & Co., Drum, Heller, Ehrlichman & White, the First Seattle, Dexter Horton National Securities Corp. and Paine, Rice & Co. The third group that bid for the bonds, headed by C. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago, also submitted two tenders. For the bonds with 5% coupons this group offered 97.10, while for 4 3/4% a price of 94.78 was named. Included in this syndicate were Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., John Nuveen & Co., Caldwell & Co., and M. M. Freeman & Co., Inc.

TANGIAPAHOA PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 104 (P. O. Amite) La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by W. J. Dunn, Secretary of the Parish School Board, until 11 a. m. on May 23, for the purchase of a \$25,000 issue of school bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%, payable semi-annually. Denom. \$500. Dated June 1 1930. Principal and interest payable in gold at the office of the Parish School Board or at a bank to be designated. A certified check for 2 1/4% must accompany the bid. (This report supplements that given under "Loranger Sch. Dist."—V. 130, p. 3228.)

TAUNTON, Bristol County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—Lewis A. Hodges, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 5 p. m. (Daylight Saving time) on May 13, for the purchase at discount of a \$200,000 temporary loan. Dated May 14 1930. Denoms. \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000. Payable on Nov. 13 1930. Notes will be engraved under the supervision of the First National Bank of Boston. The Bank will also guarantee the signatures and will certify that the notes are issued by virtue and in pursuance of an order of the municipal council, the validity of which order has been approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston.

TEKAMAH, Burt County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—A \$15,000 issue of park bonds is reported to have recently been purchased by the United States National Bank of Omaha.

THREE RIVERS (CITY OF) AND LOCKPORT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Three Rivers), St. Joseph County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—E. H. Andrews, Secretary of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. (standard time) on May 14, for the purchase of \$65,000 4 1/4 or 4 3/4% school bonds. Dated May 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Jan. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1931 to 1935, incl.; \$5,000, 1936 to 1941, incl.; \$4,000, 1942 to 1946, incl., and \$5,000 in 1947. Interest payable on Jan. and July 1. Place of payment of principal and interest to be agreed upon by the Board of Education and successful bidder. A certified check for \$2,000 must accompany each proposal. Successful bidder to furnish bonds and legal opinion of Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, of Detroit.

THROCKMORTON, Throckmorton County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On April 28, the State Comptroller registered a \$22,000 issue of 6% water works improvement bonds. Due serially.

TILLAMOOK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 39 (P. O. Nehalem), Ore.—WARRANT SALE.—The \$30,000 issue of semi-annual school warrants offered for sale on April 18—V. 130, p. 2837—was purchased by the First National Bank of Tillamook, as 6s, at par. Dated May 1 1930. Due \$5,000 from May 1 1932 to 1937, incl. No other bids were received.

TIPTON, Tillman County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of bonds aggregating \$20,000, offered for sale on April 22—V. 130, p. 2837—were jointly purchased by C. Edgar Honnold and the Piersol Bond Co., both of Oklahoma City. The issues are divided as follows: \$15,000 sanitary sewer system bonds. Due from 1935 to 1949, incl. 5,000 water works extension bonds. Due from 1935 to 1939, incl.

TRAVIS COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Austin) Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The \$200,000 issue of 5% serial road bonds that was reported sold—V. 130, p. 3232—was registered by the State Comptroller on May 3.

UNION CITY, Hudson County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Wilfred G. Turner, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) on May 20, for the purchase of \$275,000 4 1/4, 4 1/2, 4 3/4 or 5% coupon or registered Hoboken Street Improvement bonds. Dated June 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due on June 1, as follows: \$15,000, 1931 to 1935, incl., and \$20,000 from 1936 to 1945, incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (Jan. and July 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 \$275,000. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the Trust Co. of New Jersey, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the City, must accompany each proposal. The bonds are said to be payable from a general tax, which however, may be levied only on the taxable property within the former Town of West Hoboken. The approving opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, of New York City, as to the validity of the bonds will be furnished to the successful bidder.

UNION TOWNSHIP, Porter County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—John M. Brown, Township Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on June 4, for the purchase of \$42,500 5% school building construction bonds. Dated May 15 1930. Denom. \$500. Due as follows: \$500, May 15, and \$1,000, Nov. 15 1931; \$1,500, May and Nov. 15 from 1932 to 1944, incl., and \$2,000 on May 15 1945. Principal and semi-annual interest (May and Nov. 15) payable at the First Trust Co., Valparaiso. A certified check for \$250 must accompany each proposal.

VANCOUVER, Clarke County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—A \$60,000 issue of 5% semi-annual municipal building bonds has recently been purchased at par by the State of Washington.

WACO, McLennan County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The four issues of semi-annual bonds aggregating \$370,000, offered for sale on May 6—V. 130, p. 2837—were purchased by Geo. L. Simpson & Co., of Dallas, as 4 3/8%, for a premium of \$5,328, equal to 101.44, a basis of about 4.39%. The issues are:

- \$70,000 fire station bonds. Due from 1931 to 1970, incl.
- 100,000 school bonds. Due from 1931 to 1970, incl.
- 100,000 drainage bonds. Due from 1931 to 1970, incl.
- 100,000 street improvement bonds. Due from 1931 to 1970, incl.

WAKEFIELD, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4% coupon bonds aggregating \$113,000 offered on May 6—V. 130, p. 3232—were awarded to Wise, Hobbs and Arnold, of Boston, at 100.27, a basis of about 3.95%:

- \$76,000 Montrose schoolhouse bonds. Due on May 1, as follows: \$8,000, 1931 to 1939, incl., and \$4,000 in 1940.
- 37,000 water bonds. Due on May 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1931 to 1939, incl.; \$2,000, 1940 to 1943, incl., and \$1,000 in 1944 and 1945.

Both issues are dated May 1 1930. Bids for the bonds were as follows:

Bidder	Rate Bid.
Wise, Hobbs and Arnold (Purchasers).....	100.27
Estabrook & Co.....	100.14
R. L. Day & Co.....	100.079

WALNUT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p.m. on May 19, by L. E. Lampton, County Clerk, for the purchase of a \$14,000 issue of 5½% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 1 1930; due on May 1, 1931, as follows: \$1,000 in 1935; \$2,000, 1936 to 1940, and \$3,000 in 1941. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the County Treasury. A certified check for 3% of the bonds, payable to the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, is required. The following statement is furnished with the offering notice:

Walnut School District has been acting as a school district under the laws of the State of California continuously since July 1 1900.

The assessed valuation of the taxable property in said school district for the year 1929 is \$1,209,255.00, and the amount of bonds previously issued and now outstanding is \$11,000.00.

Walnut School District includes an area of approximately 21 square miles, and the estimated population of said school district is 475.

WARREN, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of bonds aggregating \$65,270 offered on May 2—V. 130, p. 3040—were awarded as 4½s to the Banc Ohio Securities Co., of Columbus, at par plus a premium of \$403, equal to 100.60, a basis of about 4.61%: \$47,300 property owners' portion street improvement bonds. One bond for \$300, all others for \$1,000. Due as follows: \$1,300, April 1, and \$1,000, Oct. 1 1931; \$2,000, April 1 and \$3,000, Oct. 1 from 1932 to 1940 inclusive.

11,750 property owners' portion street improvement bonds. One bond for \$750, all others for \$1,000. Due as follows: \$2,750, April 1, and \$3,000, Oct. 1 1931; \$3,000, April and Oct. 1 in 1932.

6,220 property owners' portion street improvement bonds. One bond for \$220, all others for \$500. Due as follows: \$720, April 1 and \$500, Oct. 1 1931; \$500, April and Oct. 1 in 1932 and 1933; \$500, April 1 and \$1,000, Oct. 1 in 1934 and 1935.

All of the above bonds are dated April 1 1930. A complete list of the bids submitted for the issues follows:

Bidder	Rate of Interest %	Premium.
Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati.....	4¾	\$278.00
Title Guar. Sec. Corp., Cincinnati.....	4¾	6.95
Ryan, Sutherland & Co., Toledo.....	5	585.00
Braun, Bosworth & Co., Toledo.....	4¾	26.50
First Detroit Co., Detroit.....	4¾	78.00
R. E. Herchel & Co., Chicago.....	4¾	215.41
Otis & Co., Cleveland.....	4¾	235.00
Merrill, Hawley & Co., Cleveland.....	4¾	506.00
*BancOhio Sec. Co., Columbus.....	4¾	403.00
Provident Sav. Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati.....	4¾ 5¼ 5	474.53

* Successful bidder.

WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Abingdon), Va.—LIST OF BIDDERS.—The following is an official list of the bids received for the six issues of 5% bonds that were purchased on April 29—V. 130, p. 3232—by Seasongood & Mayer, of Cincinnati, at 100.82, a basis of about 4.90%:

Bidder	Premium.
First National Bank of Detroit.....	\$681.00
Fifth-Third Union Co.....	504.00
Caldwell & Co.....	448.56
First National Bank of Abingdon.....	300.00
Walter, Woody, Helmerding.....	118.00

(All bids included accrued interest and printing of bonds.)

WATERVILLE, Oneida County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 5% coupon street improvement bonds offered on May 5—V. 130, p. 3041—were awarded to Michael Buckley, of Utica, at a price of 101, a basis of about 4.87%. The bonds are dated May 1 1930 and mature \$1,000 on May 1 from 1931 to 1950 incl. Bids for the issue were as follows:

Bidder	Rate Bid.
Michael Buckley, Utica (purchaser).....	101.00
Marine Trust Co., Buffalo.....	100.829
Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co., Buffalo.....	100.7978
George B. Gibbons & Co., New York.....	100.41
Batchelder & Co., New York.....	100.18

WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Detroit), Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$740,000 Road Assessment District No. 14 offered on May 6—V. 130, p. 3232—were awarded to the Guardian Detroit Co., of Detroit, and Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo, jointly. The bonds are dated May 1 1930 and mature on May 1, as follows: \$81,000, 1932 and 1933; \$82,000, 1934 to 1936 inclusive, and \$83,000 from 1937 to 1940 inclusive.

The successful bidders paid 100.131 for the county and district portion bonds as 4½s and the township portion bonds as 4¾s. A group composed of the First Detroit Co., Detroit, Braun, Bosworth & Co., of Toledo, and Watling, Leitch & Hayes, of Detroit, bidding for the county portion bonds as 4¾s and the district and township portion as 4¾s, offered par plus a premium of \$355.20.

WEBSTER COUNTY (P. O. Fort Dodge), Iowa.—INT. RATE—BASIS.—The \$200,000 issue of annual primary road bonds that was purchased by Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport, at a price of 100.07—V. 130, p. 3233—bears int. at 4¾%, giving a basis of about 4.48%. Due from 1935 to 1944 incl. and optional after 5 years.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY (P. O. White Plains), N. Y.—AWARD \$19,775,000 BONDS.—The following issues of coupon or reg. bonds aggregating \$19,775,000 offered on May 7—V. 130, p. 3041, 3233—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Chase Securities Corp., Bancamerica-Blair Corp., Hallgarten & Co., Kountze Bros., A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., B. J. Van Ingen & Co., Marine Trust Co. (Buffalo), Otis & Co., Batchelder & Co., Lary & Co., Stephens & Co., Edward Lowber Stokes & Co., and T. Rutter & Co., unless otherwise noted, all of New York, at par plus a premium of \$160,875.25, equal to 100.811, an int. cost basis of about 4.087%, for the \$10,500,000 park bonds as 4¾s and the remaining \$9,275,000 bonds as 4s:

- \$10,500,000 park bonds sold as 4¾s. Due \$250,000 on June 1 from 1930 to 1980, inclusive.
- 3,500,000 4% Mamaronck Valley sanitary sewer bonds. Due on June 1, as follows: \$25,000, 1933 to 1940, incl.; \$30,000, 1941 to 1950, incl.; \$50,000, 1951 to 1960, incl.; \$90,000, 1961 to 1970, incl., and \$160,000 from 1971 to 1980, incl.
- 1,900,000 4% Hutchinson Valley sanitary sewer bonds. Due on June 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1933 to 1940, incl.; \$20,000, 1941 to 1945, incl.; \$30,000, 1946 to 1950, incl.; \$40,000, 1951 to 1955, incl.; \$50,000, 1956 to 1960, incl.; \$60,000, 1961 to 1965, incl.; \$70,000, 1966 to 1970, incl.; \$80,000, 1971 to 1975, incl., and \$70,000 in 1976.
- 1,615,000 4% County Hospital bonds. Due on June 1 as follows: \$15,000, 1931; \$50,000, 1932 to 1954, incl., and \$75,000 from 1955 to 1960, incl.
- 948,000 4% County House site bonds. Due on June 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1931 and \$45,000 from 1932 to 1952, incl.
- 512,000 4% highway bonds. Due on June 1 as follows: \$32,000, 1931 and \$40,000, from 1932 to 1943, incl.
- 360,000 4% Blind Brook sanitary sewer bonds. Due on June 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1937 to 1948, incl., and \$10,000 from 1949 to 1978, incl.
- 205,000 4% bridge bonds. Due on June 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1931 and \$15,000 from 1932 to 1944, incl.
- 135,000 4% Court House bonds. Due \$15,000 on June 1 from 1931 to 1939, incl.
- 100,000 4% South Yonkers sanitary sewer bonds. Due \$5,000 on June 1 from 1933 to 1952, incl.

All of the above bonds are dated June 1 1930 and according to the offering notice are legal investment for saving banks and trust funds in the New York State in addition to being exempt from all Federal income taxes and tax exempt in New York State. The successful bidders are re-offering the securities for public investment as follows: The \$9,275,000 4% various improvement bonds are being offered at prices to yield 3.50% for the 1931 maturities; 3.75% for the bonds due in 1932; 3.90% for the 1933 and 1934 maturities, and 4.00% for all of the bonds due from 1935 to 1980, incl. The \$10,500,000 4¾% park bonds are being offered at prices to yield 4.05% for all maturities. A detailed statement of the financial condition of the County appeared in—V. 130, p. 3041.

WEST COCALICO TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Stevens, R. F. D.), Lancaster County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—L. A. Wolf, Secretary of the Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 10 a.m. (to be opened at 2 p.m.) on May 29, for the purchase of \$33,000 4½% coupon school bonds. Dated May 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$11,000 on May 1 in 1935, 1940 and 1945. Sale of the bonds has been approved by the Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the School District, must accompany each proposal. The entire record in connection with the issuance of these bonds is on file in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions in and for Lancaster County, and can be examined by any or prospective bidder his attorney.

WHITMAN, Plymouth County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Rockland Trust Co. on May 6 purchased at 3.33% discount a \$100,000 temporary loan, dated May 10 1930 and due on May 10 1931. Bids for the loan were as follows:

Bidder	Discount.
Rockland Trust Co. (purchaser).....	3.33%
Salomon Bros. & Hutzler.....	3.62%
Faxon, Gade & Co.....	3.37%
Bank of Commerce & Trust Co.....	3.60%
F. S. Moseley & Co.....	3.54%
First National Old Colony Corp.....	3.53%
Merchants National Bank.....	3.40%

WHITMAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 21 (P. O. Colfax), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a.m. on May 17 by Mabel Greer, County Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$60,000 issue of school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%, payable semi-annually. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer, or at the fiscal agency in New York. A certified check for 5% of the bid is required.

WHITMAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 201 (P. O. Colfax), Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 issue of coupon school building bonds offered for sale on April 26—V. 130, p. 2838—was purchased by the State Finance Committee, of Olympia, as 5¼s, at par. Dated May 15 1930. Due serially, without option of payment after two years. Int. payable annually in May.

WILDWOOD CREST (P. O. Wildwood), Cape May County, N. J.—NO BIDS.—Harry L. Nickerson, Borough Clerk, reports that no bids were received on May 5 for the purchase of \$72,000 5½% coupon or registered improvement bonds offered for sale—V. 130, p. 3041. The bonds are dated May 1 1930 and mature on May 1, as follows: \$4,000, 1931 to 1943 incl., and \$5,000 from 1944 to 1947 inclusive.

Mr. Nickerson states that the bonds will probably be reoffered to bear interest at a higher coupon rate.

WINSTON-SALEM, Forsyth County, N. C.—NOTE SALE.—A \$500,000 issue of tax anticipation notes was purchased on May 6 by the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., of Winston-Salem, at 3.75%, plus a premium of \$150. Denom. \$25,000. Dated May 12 1930. Due on Oct. 6 1930. Prin. and int. payable at the Chase National Bank in New York City. Legality approved by Reed, Hoyt & Washburn of New York.

WINTHROP, Suffolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A \$50,000 temporary loan, payable on Nov. 14 1930, was awarded on May 5 at a 3.37% discount, plus a premium of \$1.50, to the First National Old Colony Corp., of Boston. The following is a list of the bids reported to have been submitted for the loan:

Bidder	Discount.
First National Old Colony Corp. (plus \$1.50, purchaser).....	3.37%
Merchants National Bank of Boston.....	3.37%
Faxon, Gade & Co.....	3.375%
W. O. Gay & Co.....	3.38%
F. S. Moseley & Co.....	3.42%
Grafton Co. (plus \$3.25).....	3.43%
Bank of Commerce & Trust Co.....	3.39%

WOOD COUNTY (P. O. Bowling Green), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of bonds aggregating \$29,500 offered on May 5—V. 130, p. 3041—were awarded as 4¾s to Ryan, Sutherland & Co. of Toledo, as follows:

- \$18,000 road construction bonds sold at par plus a premium of \$26, equal to 100.14, a basis of about 4.72%. Due as follows: \$1,000, Mar. and \$2,000, Sept. 1 1931 and 1932; \$1,000, Mar. 1 and \$3,000, Sept. 1 1933 to 1935 incl.
- 11,500 road construction bonds sold at par plus a premium of \$17, equal to 100.14, a basis of about 4.72%. Due as follows: \$500, Mar. 1 and \$1,000, Sept. 1 1931; \$1,000, Mar. and Sept. 1 1932 to 1934 incl., and \$2,000, March and Sept. 1 1935.

Both issues are dated May 1 1930. An official list of the bids submitted for the bonds follows:

Bidder	\$18,000		\$11,500	
	Int. Rate.	Premium.	Int. Rate.	Premium.
Braun, Bosworth & Co., Toledo.....	4¾	\$8.00	4¾	\$14.00
Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati.....	4¾	2.00	4¾	2.00
R. E. Herchel & Co., Chicago.....	4¾	1.00	4¾	Par
Ryan, Sutherland & Co., Toledo.....	4¾	26.00	4¾	17.00
W. S. Slayton & Co., Inc., Toledo.....	4¾	17.00	4¾	10.00
Spitzer, Rorick & Co., Toledo.....	5¼	51.00	5¼	31.00

WOONSOCKET, Providence County, R. I.—BOND OFFERING.—A J. Follet, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a.m. (daylight saving time) on May 21, for the purchase of \$450,000 4½% coupon sewer bonds. Dated June 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$10,000 on June 1 from 1934 to 1978 incl. Prin. and semi-annual interest (June and Dec. 1) payable in gold at the First National Bank of Boston, which will certify as to the genuineness of the bonds. Legality will be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, of Boston.

Financial Statement June 2 1930.

Assessed valuation, 1929.....	\$86,645,300.00
3% of same.....	2,599,359.00
Total bonded debt (not including this issue).....	9,392,000.00
Deductions:—Water bonds.....	\$1,275,000.00
Sewer bonds.....	847,000.00
Sink. fd. (not incl. water and sewer).....	1,264,258.14
Net debt.....	3,386,258.14
Water sinking funds.....	\$6,005,741.86
Sewer sinking funds.....	233,109.46
	27,966.94

YORKVILLE, Jefferson County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Sinking Fund Trustees of the Village recently purchased an issue of \$6,000 5½% property owners' portion street improvement bonds at par plus a premium of \$80, equal to 101.33. The bonds are in denominations of \$320. Interest is payable on A. & O. 1.

ZANESVILLE, Muskingum County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Henry F. Stemm, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on May 20 for the purchase of \$36,622.84 4½% special assessment improvement bonds. Dated May 1 1930. One bond for \$622.84, all others for \$1,000. Due on May 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1932 to 1934, incl. \$8,000, 1935, and \$7,622.84 in 1936. Int. payable on May and Nov. 1. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 4½% will also be considered, provided, however, that where a fractional rate is bid such fraction shall be ½ of 1% or a multiple thereof. A certified check for 1% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

BOWMANVILLE, Ont.—BOND ELECTION.—At an election to be held shortly the rate-payers will pass on a proposition calling for the issuance of \$76,000 in bonds for hydro-electric power purposes.

DORVAL, Que.—BOND SALE.—The \$31,000 5% improvement bonds offered on April 30—V. 130, p. 3233—were awarded to the Credit Anglo-Francais, Ltd., of Montreal, at 97.47, a basis of about 5.26%. The bonds mature annually on Nov. 1 from 1930 to 1958, incl. and are payable at Lachine.

GRANBY, Que.—BOND SALE.—The \$65,000 5% school bonds offered on April 28—V. 130, p. 3042—were awarded to L. G. Beaubien & Co., of Montreal, at 97.69, a basis of about 5.21%. The bonds are dated May 1 1930 and mature serially in from 1 to 30 years. Payable at Montreal, Granby and Quebec. Bids for the issue were as follows:

Bidder—	Rate Bid.
*L. G. Beaubien & Co.	97.69
Credit Anglo Français	97.35
A. E. Ames & Co.	97.07
Banque Canadienne Nationale, Rene T. LeClerc & Co.	96.28
Dominion Securities Corp.	96.15
Mead & Co.	95.02
Hanson Bros.	94.80
C. H. Burgess & Co.	94.80
* Purchasers.	

MONCTON, N. B.—BOND SALE.—S. B. Anderson, City Treasurer, on April 28 awarded an issue of \$286,000 5% local improvement bonds to the Central Trust Co., of Moncton, at 98.40, a basis of about 5.13%. The bonds are dated May 1 1930 and are due in 20 years. Payable at Moncton. The following is a list of the bids reported to have been submitted for the issue:

Bidder—	Rate Bid.
*Central Trust Co.	98.40
McLeod, Young, Weir & Co. J. M. Bell & Co.	98.28
Gairdner & Co. Royal Bank	98.172
C. H. Burgess & Co.	97.07
Wood, Gundy & Co., Bell, Gouinlock & Co. Eastern Securities	97.05
J. M. Robinson & Sons	97.05
* Successful bidder	

MONTRÉAL (CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMISSION OF), Que.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,500,000 5% school bonds offered on May 6—V. 130, p. 3233—were awarded to a syndicate composed of Wood, Gundy & Co., Royal Bank of Canada, and Greenshields & Co., all of Toronto, at 99.437, a basis of about 5.03%. The bonds are dated May 1 1930 and mature on May 1 1970.

The following is an official tabulation of the bids submitted for the issue:

Bidders—	Price Offered.	Int Cost to Board.
The Bank of Nova Scotia, R. A. Daly & Co., Ltd., Mat-thews & Co., Ltd., and Gairdner & Co., Ltd.	98.838	5.0587%
A. E. Ames & Co., Ltd., Dominion Securities Corp., Ltd., Hanson Bros., Inc., & Banque Canadienne Nationale	99.027	5.0491%
*Wood, Gundy & Co., Ltd., Royal Bank of Canada, Greenshields & Co., & Société de Placements du Can.	99.437	5.0283%
Fry Mills Spence & Co., Bell, Gouinlock & Co., Ltd.	99.42	5.0291%
Hannafor Birks & Co., Ltd.	99.38	5.0311%
Bank of Montreal, McLeod Young Weir & Co., Ltd., & L. G. Beaubien & Co., Ltd.	99.357	5.0323%
* Successful syndicate.		

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, Province of (P. O. Charlottetown).—BOND SALE.—W. M. Lea, Provincial Secretary-Treasurer on April 30 awarded an issue of \$48,000 5% improvement bonds to R. A. Daly & Co., of Toronto, at 100.81, a cost basis to the Province of approximately 4.93%. The bonds are dated May 1 1930 and mature in 20 years. Bids for the issue were as follows:

Bidder—	Rate Bid.
*R. A. Daly & Co.	100.81
Dominion Securities Corp.	99.68
Gairdner & Co.	99.532
C. H. Burgess & Co.	99.52
Wood, Gundy & Co. and Royal Bank	99.00
Bell, Gouinlock & Co.	99.28
* Purchaser.	

QUEBEC, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—The Superintendent of Banque Canadienne Nationale of Quebec City, is receiving sealed bids on behalf of the city until 4 p.m., daylight saving time (to be opened at 4.15 p.m.) on May 13, for the purchase of \$3,333,000 5% improvement bonds. Dated May 1 1930. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Due on May 1 1960. Bids will be received based on either of the following propositions: For principal and semi-ann. int. payable at the option of the holders at the main office of the Banque Canadienne Nationale, Quebec or Montreal, or at the main office of the Bank of Montreal in Toronto, or at the Chase National Bank, N. Y. City; or for principal and semi-ann. int. payable at the option of the holders at the main offices of the Banque Canadienne Nationale, Quebec or Montreal, or at the main office of the Bank of Montreal in Toronto. Bids may be submitted for bonds payable in either Canada or New York, or for

both, but the city will accept only one bid, if any. A certified check for 1% of the total amount bid for, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

QUEBEC (Reverend Sisters of Charity of), Que.—BOND SALE.—Wood, Gundy & Co., of Toronto, are reported to have recently purchased an issue of \$550,000 5% bonds of the Reverend Sisters of Charity of Quebec at a price of 98.30, a basis of about 5.16%. The bonds mature on Feb. 1 1955 and are stated to be guaranteed by the Province of Quebec. Public offering is being made at 99.50. The Banque Canadienne Nationale, of Montreal, is said to have bid 97.92 for the issue.

REGINA, Sask.—PRICE PAID.—In connection with the report of the award on May 1 of various issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$614,970 to Gairdner & Co., and C. H. Burgess & Co., both of Toronto, jointly—V. 130, p. 3233—the price given as paid for the bonds should have been 97.323 instead of 97.532 as inadvertently reported. Interest cost basis to the city of about 5.22%. An official list of the bids submitted for the bonds follows:

Bidder—	Payable in Canada Only.	Payable in Canada & N. Y.
	Rates Bid	
Nay & James A. E. Ames & Co., and Royal Bank of Canada	-----	97.21
McLeod, Young, Weir & Co., and Bell, Gouinlock & Co.	-----	96.80
Wood, Gundy & Co., Ltd.	97.28	97.53
Bank of Montreal, and Fry, Mills, Spence & Co.	-----	97.158
Houston, Willoughby & Co. Dominion Securities Corp., and Bank of Nova Scotia	-----	96.657
Gairdner & Co., Ltd., and C. H. Burgess & Co., Ltd.	*97.323	97.532
* Accepted bid.		

SHAWINIGAN FALLS, Que.—REOFFER \$275,000 5% BONDS.—The \$275,000 5% local improvement bonds awarded on April 28 at 97.31, a basis of about 5.27%, to the Banque Canadienne Nationale, of Montreal—V. 130, p. 3233—are being reoffered by the successful bidders for public investment as follows: the 1931 to 1940 maturities are priced at 100 the 1941 to 1950 maturities at 99.50, and the 1951 to 1959 maturities are being offered at 99.

TORONTO, Ont.—BOND OFFERING.—The Commissioner of Finance will receive sealed bids addressed to Bert S. Wemp, Mayor and Chairman of the Board of Control, until 12 m. (daylight saving time) on May 14 for the purchase of the following issues of 5% bonds, aggregating \$13,396,000: \$8,229,000 local improvement North Toronto sewerage system bonds.

Due as follows: \$331,000, 1931; \$400,000, 1932; \$420,000, 1933; \$441,000, 1934; \$464,000, 1935; \$487,000, 1936; \$511,000, 1937; \$537,000, 1938; \$564,000, 1939; \$592,000, 1940; \$621,000, 1941; \$652,000, 1942; \$685,000, 1943; \$719,000, 1944; \$755,000, 1945.

3,261,000 local improvement consolidation bonds. Due as follows: \$259,000, 1931; \$272,000, 1932; \$286,000, 1933; \$300,000, 1934; \$315,000, 1935; \$331,000, 1936; \$348,000, 1937; \$365,000, 1938; \$383,000, 1939, and \$402,000 in 1940.

1,906,000 hydro-electric system bonds. Due as follows: \$58,000, 1931; \$61,000, 1932; \$64,000, 1933; \$67,000, 1934; \$70,000, 1935; \$74,000, 1936; \$77,000, 1937; \$81,000, 1938; \$85,000, 1939; \$89,000, 1940; \$94,000, 1941; \$98,000, 1942; \$103,000, 1943; \$109,000, 1944; \$114,000, 1945; \$120,000, 1946; \$126,000, 1947; \$132,000, 1948; \$139,000, 1949, and \$145,000 in 1950.

The entire offering of \$13,396,000 bonds matures annually as follows: \$698,000, 1931; \$733,000, 1932; \$770,000, 1933; \$808,000, 1934; \$849,000, 1935; \$892,000, 1936; \$936,000, 1937; \$983,000, 1938; \$1,032,000, 1939; \$1,083,000, 1940; \$1,139,000, 1941; \$1,197,000, 1942; \$1,258,000, 1943; \$1,325,000, 1944; \$1,399,000, 1945; \$1,480,000, 1946; \$1,568,000, 1947; \$1,664,000, 1948; \$1,769,000, 1949, and \$1,885,000 in 1950. Bonds and interest are payable at the option of the holder in Toronto, New York, and London, England. Bids must be for the total amount of bonds offered, which are dated April 1 1930. The bonds are said to be an obligation of the City at large, and have been approved as to legality by Clarke, Swabey & McLean of Toronto. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for must accompany each proposal.

NEW LOANS

NOTICE OF WATER BOND ISSUE AND SALE BY THE Town of Mountainair TORRANCE COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Town of Mountainair, in the County of Torrance and State of New Mexico, intends to issue, negotiate and sell the negotiable coupon water bonds of said town in the amount of \$38,000.00, for the purpose of securing funds for the construction of a system for supplying water for the said Town of Mountainair, and for necessary appurtenances in connection therewith, said bonds to bear date June 1 1930.

Said bonds will be payable serially, \$2,000.00 on June 1st in the years 1932 to 1950, inclusive. Said bonds will bear interest at a rate not exceeding six per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, on the first days of December and June in each year, and consist of thirty-eight bonds in the denomination of \$1,000.00 each, numbered consecutively from 1 to 38, inclusive; said bonds, principal and interest, being payable at the banking house of Kountze Brothers, in the City of New York, U. S. A.

Sealed bids shall be sent to the Clerk of the said town, at Mountainair, New Mexico, on or before the 2nd day of June, A. D. 1930, at the hour of 8:00 o'clock P.M., at which time any bids for said bonds will be publicly opened. Bidders are requested to submit bids specifying (a) the lowest rate of interest and premium, if any, above par, at which such bidder will purchase said bonds; or (b) the lowest rate of interest at which the bidder will purchase said bonds at par.

Each bid is to be accompanied by an unconditional certified check for five per cent. of the amount bid for said bond issue, the amount thereof to be retained by the town as liquidated damages in case the successful bidder shall fail or neglect to complete the purchase of said bonds within thirty days following the acceptance of his bid.

The bonds will be sold for cash to the highest and best bidder, in no case for less than par and accrued interest to date of delivery. The said board reserves the right to reject any and all bids offered.

The approving opinion of Pershing, Nye, Tallmadge & Bosworth, attorneys of Denver, Colorado, will be furnished with the bonds.

THE TOWN OF MOUNTAINAIR, NEW MEXICO.

Attest: By P. E. LAWSON, Mayor.
ELMER E. SHAW, Town Clerk.

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