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The Financial Situation.

The United States Treasury the present week successfully placed another \$100,000,000 (or, to be exact, \$104,600,000) of 90-day Treasury bills on a discount basis. The announcement came on Monday, May 12, on which day Secretary Mellon gave notice that tenders for \$100,000,000, "or thereabouts," of these bills would be received at the Federal Reserve Banks up to 2 o'clock p. m., Eastern Standard time, on Thursday, May 15. The announcement seemed to have caused some surprise, though there was no reason why it should, except perhaps that previous offerings of these bills, of which the present offering constitutes the fourth of the series, came at intervals of two months, and the last previous sale—the third in order—came in April, or only a month ago.

Newspaper comment has intimated that the needs of the Federal Farm Loan Board, growing out of its multifarious operations in the agricultural field, must be held responsible for the appearance of this new offering of bills for so large a sum at the present time. It may well be that the Farm Board is making unusual drafts upon the Treasury, or rather, drafts

larger than had been counted upon, and yet it must be remembered that these Treasury bills run for short periods—none so far have had a maturity date longer than 90 days—and that being the case, it necessarily follows that some of the original issues (the first issue was dated Dec. 17) have already matured and been paid off or are about to mature. As a matter of fact, the December issue, put out on Dec. 17 for \$100,000,000, fell due on Mar. 17, and had to be provided for on that day. This was the first of the series. The second issue, which was for \$50,000,000, "or thereabouts," and tenders for which to an aggregate of \$56,108,000 were accepted, was dated Feb. 18, and will become due the coming Monday, May 19. It is this \$56,108,000 of maturing bills that will have to be provided for in the first instance, and furnish the main reason for the present new issue of Treasury bills.

With call loans on the Stock Exchange down to 3% per annum, and with 90-day bankers' acceptances quoted at 2½% bid and 2½% asked, there was, of course, never the least doubt of the entire success of the new offering, even though bankers and other purchasers of short-term securities find it hard to get accustomed to this form of Treasury obligation, and the time was plainly opportune for the Treasury to supply itself with such funds as it may require at the present time. The tenders, it was found on the closing of the bids on Thursday, aggregated altogether \$275,674,000. The amount accepted was \$104,600,000. The average price realized on the bids accepted was 99.356, the average annual rate on a bank discount basis thus being about 2.54%. The highest bid received was 99.400, equivalent to an interest rate of about 2⅜% on an annual basis. The lowest bid accepted was 99.331, equivalent to an interest rate of about 2⅝%.

The cost of this form of borrowing to the Government has substantially diminished since the first offering of bills was made in December last, indicating that the Government is getting the benefit of the growing ease in the money market, as a result of which all prime short-dated bills are marketable at very low rates. In addition, the aggregate amount of the tenders is growing in magnitude, notwithstanding that this form of obligations, so familiar on the other side of the Atlantic, has not yet attained a high degree of popular favor. A goodly amount of these Treasury bills always finds its way into the Federal Reserve Banks, though it is not possible to ascertain just how much from the published statements, these bills being linked with Treasury certificates of indebtedness in the weekly returns of the Federal Reserve Banks under the blanket designation of "Certificates and Bills."

Perhaps next week's return of the Federal Reserve Banks will throw some light on the extent of

the Treasury absorptions, since no new issue of certificates of indebtedness is being made at this time; accordingly, if the total of the holdings of certificates and bills should show any very large increase, it would have to be ascribed to absorption of a large block of the new Treasury bills, though even then the extent of the holdings of such bills would remain in doubt, inasmuch as the purchases of new bills may go merely to replace the bills now held and which will mature on Monday of next week, May 19. And it is significant that payment for the new issue of Treasury bills will have to be made on the same day, Monday, May 19.

Bearing that in mind, it is quite possible that Treasury policy in making the new issue may have been dictated by a desire to assist the Federal Reserve Banks in maintaining their present level of investments and with it the volume of Federal Reserve credit outstanding. It would be embarrassing to the Federal Reserve Banks to have their holdings of "certificates and bills" heavily reduced at this time, as a result of the paying off of the Treasury bills which mature on Monday next, without a corresponding amount of new Treasury bills to take their place. We say this because their holdings of acceptances have been so heavily reduced in recent weeks, a further reduction in these acceptance holdings from \$175,203,000 to \$171,035,000 having occurred the present week, notwithstanding the buying rate for acceptances of the Reserve Banks was last week cut to the abnormally low figure of $2\frac{1}{2}\%$, and this total of \$171,035,000 for May 14 comparing with \$302,414,000 on April 16, showing a reduction in the course of the last four weeks of no less than \$131,379,000.

We have stated above that borrowing on Treasury bills had been at a decreasing cost to the Government nearly ever since the inception of the new method of borrowing in December last. The figures bearing out this statement are interesting. The first offering was, as already stated, of \$100,000,000, and consisted of bills dated Dec. 17 1929, and maturing Mar. 17 1930. The tenders then aggregated \$223,901,000, of which \$100,000,000 was accepted, and the average price realized was 99.181, or an interest basis of $3\frac{1}{4}\%$. The second offering was announced Feb. 11, and consisted of bills dated Feb. 18 1930, and maturing May 19 1930. Tenders were invited for \$50,000,000, "or thereabouts"; the bids aggregated \$186,183,000, the allotments totaled \$56,108,000, and the average price realized was 99.174, or an interest basis of 3.30%, which, it will be observed, was not quite as good as the price realized at the December sale. The third offering was announced on April 7, and consisted of bills dated April 15 1930, and maturing July 14 1930; bids for an aggregate of \$50,000,000, "or thereabouts," were invited, and though the tenders on this occasion totaled only \$132,377,000, of which \$51,316,000 were accepted, the average price realized was 99.267, or an interest rate on a bank discount basis of 2.93%. On the occasion of the present sale of \$100,000,000, the tenders aggregated, as already stated, \$275,674,000, of which \$104,600,000 were accepted, and the average price realized was 99.356, or an interest basis of only 2.54%—much the best result for any of the sales.

It is to be regretted that, except in the case of copper, trade developments the present week have

not been favorable or assuring. In the matter of copper the successive reductions in the price of the metal had the effect of stimulating a large export demand and likewise an active domestic demand for the metal, and to that extent the move attained its object. At the annual meeting the present week of the Cerro de Pasco Corp., President Edward H. Clark said, in answer to a question, that while sales of copper had been very small for several months during the time when the price was held at 18c. a pound, sales since the price had been lowered to $12\frac{1}{2}c.$ had been tremendous, and now that the price was back to 13c. the various companies were refusing to sell all that they might sell at that figure. He remarked that since the cut to $12\frac{1}{2}c.$, 100,000,000 pounds of copper had been sold for export, and it was estimated that 200,000,000 pounds had been sold for domestic shipment during the same period. As confirming this statement, "Metal and Mineral Markets" reports that all records for sales of copper, whether for domestic or foreign consumption, were exceeded in the week ended Wednesday, with tremendous bookings aggregating 196,000 tons, or 392,000,000 pounds. This, it is pointed out, more than offsets the big increase in copper stocks during the month of April, which, according to the American Bureau of Metal Statistics, raised the total of the stocks of refined copper in the hands of North and South American producers and refiners from 256,020 tons on April 1 to 301,338 tons on May 1, at which figure comparison is with no more than 57,494 tons on May 1 last year.

Aside from copper, however, trade developments, as already stated, have contained virtually no encouraging features. The accounts regarding the iron and steel trade have been especially unsatisfactory. The monthly statement of the United States Steel Corp. made the total of unfilled orders on the books of the subsidiary companies as of April 30 only 4,354,120 tons, as against 4,570,653 tons on Mar. 31. But this falling off would be of little consequence were it not for the fact that steel prices, as the result of attempts to get business, are being cut all around. The "Iron Trade Review" of Cleveland, in giving illustrations of this strong drift to lower prices, points out that "Steel plates and shapes have been reduced to 1.70c., base, Pittsburgh, and steel bars to 1.75c., the second cut of \$1 per ton within a month," and remarks that "plates and shapes, now the lowest since 1915, have declined \$4 a ton this year and bars \$3." The "Review" adds that "bolt and nut prices are off 10%, and rivets \$4 per ton. Beehive furnace, unchanged since December, is down 10c. a ton. More shading is reported in pig iron and sheets, especially in the West. Further unsteadiness has developed in scrap. Concrete bars are softer, and warehouse quotations may soon reflect the new mill levels. Semi-finished prices are not strong."

This is certainly not a bright picture. But from many other trades the story is the same. All speak of a greatly diminished production, as compared with a year ago, and yet with the state of trade showing little improvement as a result of such curtailment. The United States Census has the present week made public the statistics of cotton consumption for the month of April, and these show that only 532,382 bales of lint cotton and 66,951 bales of linters were consumed in April 1930 as against 631,802 bales of lint and 79,543 bales of linters in April last year.

In the rubber trade the statistics published this week show that tire manufacturers produced 5,187,970 pneumatic casings in March the present year against 7,519,234 in March 1929, and that shipments of pneumatic casings in March the present year totaled 5,031,820 against 6,708,134 in March last year. The inventory, however, of pneumatic casings in the hands of manufacturers at the end of March was less than at the end of March last year, standing at 13,468,970 units against 16,351,750 units on Mar. 31 1929. Grain prices, it is pleasing to note, have moved somewhat higher the present week, and the price of raw cotton has been well maintained. Furthermore, the American Woolen Co. in its fall opening announced an advance of 2 to 10c. a yard in the case of men's fall suitings and overcoatings, and of 5 to 7c. a yard for women's wear, being the first increase, it is stated, in the price of woolen cloth in about a year. The advance follows mainly as the result of higher prices for raw wool, but is also said to reflect an improvement in the wool textile trade.

On the other hand, Cuban raw sugar has the present week taken a still lower dip, dropping to 1.30c. a pound on Wednesday, thereby establishing a new low record in all time, though there was a recovery to 1.40c. yesterday. Furthermore, Sears, Roebuck & Co. and Montgomery Ward & Co., in their new summer catalogues, show price reductions all around. The average price reduction in the Sears, Roebuck & Co. catalogue is said to exceed 10%. The company states that prices in the catalogue are based on the lowest commodity price levels of 1930. The reductions extend to practically all kinds of merchandise.

What ought to be helpful, sooner or later, in stimulating the country's foreign trade is the scale on which foreign borrowing in this country is being carried on at the present time. During the month of April the foreign government loans placed in this country aggregated no less than \$121,675,000, and during the current month of May thus far the placing of foreign loans in this country has been on an even larger scale. Thus the present week the Imperial Japanese Government has floated an external loan for \$50,000,000, besides offering \$21,000,000 more in exchange for Japanese bonds due Jan. 1 1931. Furthermore, last week the Republic of Uruguay obtained a loan of \$17,581,000 from an American syndicate, while the present week there was a public offering of certificates of participation in a \$6,000,000 Province of Cordova, Argentine Republic six months external gold note.

These foreign borrowings here ought to improve the buying capacity of the countries floating the issues. The purchasing power of so many outside countries has become greatly impaired, owing to the fact that they were unable to obtain loans in this market for the last two years on account of the absorption of such enormous amounts of banking credit and bank funds in the unbridled Stock Exchange speculation which culminated in the autumn of last year.

How far this borrowing on foreign account will be offset as an influence favoring foreign trade by the higher tariff duties contained in the tariff bill now pending in Congress it is difficult to say. Certainly protests against these higher duties are coming from all parts of the world, and it must be

admitted that with trade depression world-wide, foreign countries find themselves in such a weakened condition that higher duties against their goods and commodities must serve as a great handicap to the carrying on of trade with the United States. That is assuredly most unfortunate, for the foreign trade of the United States is as much in need of being resuscitated as is the domestic trade. Strong evidence to that effect is furnished in the report, just issued, on the country's foreign trade for the month of April. As in the months preceding, a heavy reduction is shown in both the value of the merchandise exports and the merchandise imports. We review the figures at length further along in this article, and will pause here merely long enough to note that the exports for April 1930 are given as only \$334,000,000, as against \$425,872,000 in April 1929, and the imports at only \$308,000,000, against \$410,677,000. For the four months since Jan. 1 the exports show a falling off of \$382,247,000, and the imports of \$331,675,000, making a combined loss for these four months in the country's foreign trade of \$713,922,000.

The uncertainties growing out of the pending tariff legislation could hardly have played much part in restricting importations, since the tariff is being revised upward, not downward, and therefore the desire of the importers would be to anticipate future needs by importing the goods affected before the higher rates go into effect. The shrinkage in the exports is attributed to world-wide depression acting to impair the purchasing power of the outside world, though no doubt to some extent also it may be due to our holding our prices too high, as was certainly true in the case of copper.

The Federal Reserve statement this week may be said to be colorless. Brokers' loans in the case of the reporting member banks in New York City show a further reduction of \$67,000,000, in addition to the reduction of \$200,000,000 recorded last week, the liquidation on the Stock Exchange having evidently not been reflected in full in last week's return. The further reduction the present week makes a total contraction of \$267,000,000 for the two weeks combined, which, however, comes after \$785,000,000 expansion in the nine weeks preceding. In face of this week's further contraction, the loans made by the reporting member banks in New York for their own account show an increase during the week from \$1,611,000,000 to \$1,618,000,000. The shrinkage occurred in the loans made for account of out-of-town banks, which have fallen from \$1,123,000,000 May 7 to \$1,069,000,000 May 14, and in the loans "for account of others," which have declined from \$1,341,000,000 to \$1,320,000,000.

In the returns of the Federal Reserve Banks themselves, a noteworthy feature is a further decrease in the holdings of bankers' acceptances, the reduction last week to 2½% in the buying rate of the Federal Reserve Banks for bills having evidently failed to secure any large amount of acceptances from dealers. Borrowing by member banks also further diminished during the week, and, accordingly, the discount holdings of the 12 Federal Reserve institutions this week are down to \$210,486,000 from \$237,448,000 last week. In the holdings of United States Government securities no change of consequence appears, as far as concerns the aggregate holdings of such securities.

The final result is that total bill and security holdings, which reflect the amount of Reserve credit outstanding, has still further diminished and for May 14 stands at \$920,023,000 as against \$951,095,000 May 7. Federal Reserve note circulation decreased during the week from \$1,492,994,000 to \$1,464,897,000, while gold reserves have increased from \$3,068,169,000 to 3,074,082,000.

As already indicated further above, the foreign trade of the United States in April made quite as poor a showing as in the earlier months of the year. Merchandise exports for the month just closed were valued at \$334,000,000, the lowest of any month in practically five years, or since June 1925, while imports were \$308,000,000, an amount considerably under that of the corresponding period in all years back to 1922. Merchandise exports in March this year were \$369,624,000, and in April of last year \$425,872,000, the decrease last month from the movement a year ago being \$91,872,000. Imports for the month just closed were slightly above the \$300,464,000 reported for March, but show a decline of \$102,677,000 from the \$410,677,000 of imports in April 1929.

A heavy loss has appeared in both exports and imports in each month this year. For the four months of 1930 merchandise exports have amounted to only \$1,463,313,000 against \$1,845,560,000 for the corresponding period a year ago, and imports to \$1,201,144,000, compared with \$1,532,819,000 for last year. The loss in exports this year to date is \$382,247,000, or 20.7%, and in imports \$331,675,000, a decline of 21.6%.

Not since 1924 has the value of merchandise exports from the United States been at so low a figure for the period covering the first four months of the year as in this year, and it is necessary to go back to 1922 to find a smaller total as to imports. The excess value of exports last month was only \$26,000,000. For the four months of this year to date exports have exceeded imports by \$262,169,000. In the corresponding period of 1929 the excess of exports over imports was \$312,741,000.

Exports of cotton continue very much reduced, and a large part of the decline in the value of all exports is attributable to the reduced cotton movement. Shipments of cotton to foreign ports last month were about 350,000 bales, and compared with 472,300 bales a year ago. For the four months of this year the value of cotton exports was approximately \$185,325,000, and shows a reduction of \$70,950,000 from the preceding year, a loss of 27.7%.

For the third consecutive month gold imports in April were of large amount, the total being \$65,539,000, while gold exports were only \$107,000. For the four months this year gold imports have been \$194,413,000 against \$9,552,000 for exports, the excess of imports for the year to date being \$184,861,000. In the corresponding period of 1929 gold imports amounted to \$126,647,000, while gold exports were \$6,033,000, there being for that time \$120,614,000 balance on the gold import side. Imports of gold have now been quite heavy for the past year and a half, and for the greater part of the time have exceeded exports. There were two months at the end of last year, however, when this movement was reversed, and exports showed quite a gain, and were in excess of imports. The foreign movement of silver was again light in April, exports being \$4,

557,000 and imports \$3,469,000. These were the smallest amounts for many months.

The stock market this week has been decidedly unsettled and price movements have been confused. The recovery noted last week extended into the early part of the present week, and for a time the tone was good and the market had a strong appearance. During this period substantial advances, in addition to those of last week, occurred all through the list. There was evidently considerable covering of outstanding short contracts. Buying of railroad stocks was also a feature. And the copper shares developed a rising tendency, owing to the active demand for the metal on both domestic and foreign account, induced by the drastic cut in the price of the metal. The volume of trading, however, was never large, and as the week progressed unfavorable accounts regarding the steel trade with the shading of prices for nearly all classes of steel products served to depress the steel stocks and the depression in these in turn affected adversely the general list of stocks.

Other unfavorable developments, coming in quick succession, likewise had a dampening effect, such for instance as the issuing of new catalogues by Montgomery Ward & Co., and Sears, Roebuck & Co., showing general price reductions through the whole range of merchandise articles and commodities. The appearance of some new quarterly statements of income, making unfavorable comparisons with the previous year, also served to turn the course of prices downward. As one instance, Auburn Automobile earned only 55c. a share in the quarter ending February, as against \$3.04 in the corresponding quarter of 1929. In the general decline the latter part of the week the recoveries of the early part of the week in some instances were lost, though it was not until Thursday that the course of prices turned strongly downward. On Friday the tone was again good. The call loan rate on the Stock Exchange remained unaltered throughout the entire week at 3%.

Trading, as already stated, was on a greatly reduced scale. At the half-day session last Saturday the dealings on the New York Stock Exchange were 1,880,450 shares; on Monday the sales were 3,026,890 shares; on Tuesday, 2,697,290 shares; on Wednesday, 3,179,950 shares; on Thursday, 2,675,470 shares, and on Friday, 2,086,800 shares. On the New York Curb Exchange the sales last Saturday were 506,700 shares; on Monday, 811,500 shares; on Tuesday, 675,200 shares; on Wednesday, 803,700 shares; on Thursday, 865,600 shares, and on Friday, 819,900 shares.

As compared with Friday of last week, price changes are irregular, though generally showing gains. Fox Film A closed yesterday at 52 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 51 $\frac{7}{8}$ on Friday of last week; Warner Bros. Pictures closed at 65 against 66 $\frac{3}{4}$; General Electric at 83 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 78 $\frac{3}{4}$; Electric Power & Light at 89 against 84 $\frac{1}{2}$; United Corp. at 46 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 45 $\frac{1}{4}$; Brooklyn Union Gas at 158 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 150; North American at 119 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 117 $\frac{1}{8}$; American Water Works at 111 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 110 $\frac{7}{8}$; Pacific Gas & Elec. at 69 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 66 $\frac{5}{8}$; Standard Gas & Elec. at 117 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 115 $\frac{1}{2}$; Consolidated Gas of N. Y. at 130 against 126 $\frac{1}{2}$; Columbia Gas & Elec. at 86 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 74; International Harvester at 107 against 105; Sears, Roebuck & Co. at 85 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 81 $\frac{1}{4}$; Montgomery Ward & Co. at 44 against 41 $\frac{5}{8}$; Woolworth at 62 $\frac{5}{8}$

against 63½; Safeway Stores at 95⅜ against 90⅜; Western Union Telegraph at 180½ bid against 180⅜; American Tel. & Tel. at 247 against 246; Int. Tel. & Tel. at 64⅜ against 63; American Can at 145 against 137½; United States Industrial Alcohol at 92½ against 88¾; Commercial Solvents at 31⅝ against 32⅞; Corn Products at 105 against 104⅜; Shattuck & Co. at 46⅞ against 44¾, and Columbia Graphophone at 28¼ against 27⅞.

Allied Chemical & Dye closed yesterday at 310½ against 307 on Friday of last week; Davison Chemical at 36⅞ against 35½; E. I. du Pont de Nemours at 129 against 126; National Cash Register at 55⅝ against 57¾; International Combustion Engineering at 10⅞ against 10¼; International Nickel at 33½ against 33½; A. M. Byers at 94¼ against 85½; Simmons & Co. at 42¼ against 38½; Timken Roller Bearing at 75 against 75; Mack Trucks at 67¾ against 67⅞; Yellow Truck & Coach at 27⅝ against 27; Johns-Manville at 111 against 108; Gillette Safety Razor at 87⅞ against 84⅜; National Dairy Products at 58¾ against 56⅜; National Bellas Hess at 15⅞ against 15½; Associated Dry Goods at 45¾ against 41½; Lambert Co. at 101 against 100; Texas Gulf Sulphur at 60⅞ against 59¾, and Kolster Radio at 5⅜ against 5⅜.

The steel shares, after early strength, developed weakness owing to the downward tendency of steel prices. United States Steel closed yesterday, however, at 173⅜ against 169¾ on Friday of last week; Bethlehem Steel at 96¼ against 95, and Republic Iron & Steel at 54 against 53¾. The motor stocks are generally higher, notwithstanding that in Auburn Auto a bad break occurred on the poor income statement for the February quarter. General Motors closed yesterday at 48⅜ against 47¼ on Friday of last week; Nash Motors at 43 against 42⅞; Chrysler at 34⅜ against 32; Auburn Auto ranged between 195 on May 10 and 158 on May 15, closing Friday at 165½ against 187¾ the previous week; Packard Motors at 17½ against 18; Hudson Motor Car at 41⅞ against 43¾, and Hupp Motors at 19 against 19½. The rubber stocks also showed an improving tendency in a few instances. Goodyear Rubber & Tire closed yesterday at 83⅞ against 80¼ on Friday of last week; B. F. Goodrich at 40½ against 42; United States Rubber at 28⅞ against 28⅞, and the preferred at 50⅝ against 51½.

The railroad list was in strong demand at times. Pennsylvania RR. closed yesterday at 78¾ against 78 on Friday of last week; New York Central at 176⅞ against 174½; Erie RR. at 49 against 48; Del. & Hudson at 175 against 171¼; Baltimore & Ohio at 115¼ against 115¾; New Haven at 116⅞ against 113¼; Union Pacific at 226 against 225; Southern Pacific at 121¼ against 122; Missouri-Kansas-Texas at 57⅞ against 53¼; Missouri Pacific at 81 bid against 79¼; Southern Railway at 115 against 115; St. Louis-San Francisco at 116 against 114½; Rock Island at 113⅞ against 111 bid; Great Northern at 92 against 93, and Northern Pacific at 82⅞ against 83.

The oil shares have been the strongest feature of the market. Standard Oil of N. J. closed yesterday at 79⅞ ex-div. against 75⅞ on Friday of last week; Simms Petroleum at 29⅝ against 27; Skelly Oil at 35⅞ against 35; Atlantic Refining at 42⅝ against 42½; Texas Corp. at 57½ against 57½; Pan American B at 65¾ against 59¼; Phillips Petroleum at

39¾ against 41⅞; Richfield Oil at 23½ against 23⅞; Standard Oil of N. Y. at 36¾ against 36⅞, and Pure Oil at 24 against 23⅞.

The copper stocks have shown an improving tendency under more favorable accounts regarding the copper trade. Anaconda Copper closed yesterday at 60⅞ against 59 on Friday of last week; Kennecott Copper at 46½ against 46¼; Calumet & Hecla at 20¼ against 19; Andes Copper at 26 bid against 28⅞; Inspiration Copper at 19¼ against 19⅞; Calumet & Arizona at 63 against 63; Granby Consolidated Copper at 33½ against 32½; American Smelting & Refining at 69½ against 70½, and U. S. Smelting & Refining at 28¾ against 28½. In the following we furnish a list of the stocks which the present week touched new low figures for the year, and also those which touched new high points:

NEW HIGHS.

<i>Railroads—</i>	<i>Industrial & Misc. (Concl.)—</i>
St. Louis Southwestern	Loew's Inc.
<i>Industrial and Miscellaneous—</i>	Michigan Steel
American Tobacco	National Dairy Products
Borden Company	North German Lloyd
Equitable Office Building	Nunnally Co.
Fairbanks Morse	Pan-Amer. Petroleum & Transp.
International Salt	Panhandle Producing & Refining
Kinney Co.	Superior Oil
Kraft Cheese	Warren Foundry & Pipe

NEW LOWS.

<i>Railroads—</i>	<i>Indus. & Miscell. (Concl.)</i>
Havana Electric Ry.	Electric Storage Battery
Minn. St. Paul & S. S. Marie	Endicott-Johnson
<i>Industrial & Miscellaneous—</i>	Glidden Co.
American Brake Shoe & Foundry	Great Western Sugar
American Encaustic Tiling	International Shoe
American Locomotive	Manati Sugar
American Seating	Mohawk Carpet Mills
Artloom Corp.	National Enameling & Stamping
Auburn Automobile	National Supply
Butte Copper & Zinc	South Porto Rico Sugar
Certain-Teed Products	Truscon Steel
Cubar-American Sugar	U. S. Distributing
Eitingon-Schild	Yale & Towne

Although price movements remain irregular on all the important European stock markets, some improvement in sentiment occurred this week as a result of exceptionally easy mid-month settlements. The markets were depressed when trading began Monday, in continuance of the general downward movement of the preceding week. Improvement followed, however, as it appeared that ample credit would be available for all requirements at the current low rates. Some concern was expressed in London over the heavy outflow of gold to the Continent, and particularly to Paris, but this movement was not considered immediately alarming as it was being offset by considerable gold arrivals from Australia. Developments in India also were accepted by the financial markets with relative equanimity. There was much discussion, on the other hand, of the unfavorable trade situation and the instability of commodity prices. The tendency is now to look for recovery in the autumn, as the expected spring revival failed of realization. Depression remains acute in England, inquiries in the House of Commons this week bringing out the fact that the number of unemployed has now mounted to 1,700,000. Trade stagnation is reported from Germany, and France also is feeling the effects of the world-wide business decline.

An easy tone prevailed on the London Stock Exchange in the opening session of the week, and prices declined in most sections of the market. Gilt-edged securities showed only minor changes, but British industrials dropped as a whole. International stocks showed moderate improvement, owing to more favorable week-end reports from New York. A

downward tendency again prevailed at London Tuesday, and on this occasion Anglo-American issues also dropped as a result of the easier tone in New York. Gilt-edged issues sagged slightly, with business in this and in all other departments at low levels. A more cheerful tone developed Wednesday, as a few bright spots appeared in the market. Artificial silk issues improved under the leadership of Courtaulds, and some rubber stocks also gained. British funds remained idle, however, and the general list also showed few changes. The improvement attained more general proportions, Thursday, gilt-edged issues joining British industrials and the international stocks in a moderate advance. Oil shares were especially sought, these issues showing substantial gains. The advance in oil stocks was continued yesterday, while the gilt-edged and other sections held steady.

Conditions on the Paris Bourse were considered favorable in the initial session of the week, as the prolonged decline of the previous week was halted. Prices made no great recovery, but the tendency was distinctly better and buying gained ground. Tuesday's session at Paris was dull and uninteresting, prices dropping slightly. Copper issues furnished the only exception to this trend, these stocks advancing on the rise in the price of the metal. Overnight reports of improvement in New York were reflected in much better conditions on the Bourse Wednesday. Buying orders increased and the list progressed in most departments. The improvement gained momentum as the session continued, and at the close virtually all issues were higher. The firmer trend was maintained Thursday and prices registered substantial gains. Very cheap money for the fortnightly settlements exerted a strengthening influence. Prices were somewhat softer yesterday, while trading again dropped to low levels.

Buying orders were plentiful on the Berlin Boerse at the opening Monday, and the market improved all along the line. The volume of trading was larger than in several previous days, part of the enlarged turnover being attributed to foreign orders. After a further firm opening Tuesday, the Boerse turned irregular and finally weak at the close. Copper shares resisted the general trend, improvement being registered in most of these issues. Trading dropped to small proportions as the prices sagged. Irregular movements prevailed Wednesday, with declines and advances equally moderate. Shipping stocks were stimulated by revival of the rumors regarding early release at Washington of sequestered property. There were also some gains among artificial silk issues, but most shares declined. Thursday's session at Berlin was inactive, and the tone was soft. Differences of opinion among bankers regarding the forthcoming annuities loan produced some uncertainty, but this was dissipated in the course of the day and the market finally strengthened. The close was confident and a number of issues showed small gains. An irregular tone prevailed at Berlin yesterday.

Parliamentary consideration of the naval armaments treaty signed at London April 22 was begun this week in Washington and in London. Early ratification of the new instrument is considered assured in both capitals, and Japan also is expected to act favorably in the near future. As a preliminary to the general debate in the United States Senate,

hearings were started Monday by the Foreign Relations Committee of that body and Wednesday by the Senate Naval Committee. Secretary of State Stimson, who headed the American delegation to the London conference, made a statement to the Foreign Relations Committee explaining the provisions of the pact, and he was thereafter subjected to protracted questioning. Little that was new to close followers of the London negotiations was brought out at these proceedings. Mr. Stimson disclosed authoritatively for the first time under the questioning, however, that he proposed the building of a new capital ship at one stage of the London negotiations. This suggestion was nothing more than a "trading point," he added. No minutes of the discussions were kept with the exception of the plenary sessions, Mr. Stimson said, and the attitudes of the individual members of the American delegation also went unrecorded "because there was no division of opinion among the delegates." Secretary of the Navy Adams, Admiral William V. Pratt, and other delegates and advisers to the delegation were examined at length both by the Foreign Relations and the Navy Committees of the Senate. Under British parliamentary procedure, endorsement of the naval treaty or of other international undertakings of the London Government is not a prerequisite of ratification. The Government acting through the Foreign Office, has the full power to sign treaties. Discussion of important matters is nevertheless forced in the House of Commons as a rule on one pretext or another. The naval treaty was brought under debate at London Thursday.

Several noteworthy developments relating to the fuller participation of France and Italy in the treaty were recorded in Europe in the last few days. Foreign Minister Dino Grandi appeared before the Chamber of Deputies in Rome, late last week, to report on the London negotiations. After stating that the Italian delegation went to London not merely for limitation, but for definite reduction of naval strength, Signor Grandi added that Italy is ready to enter forthwith into final negotiations with France and Great Britain. He made no mention, however, of the extensive naval construction program recently announced by the Rome Government. Even more significant was an announcement at Geneva, Monday, by Arthur Henderson, Foreign Secretary of Britain, that France and Italy will utilize the opportunity offered by the League Council session then about to start, to compose the differences on naval and other questions outstanding between them. Mr. Henderson revealed that he had offered his services to Aristide Briand, Foreign Minister of France, and Signor Grandi of Italy, and that a favorable reaction had been given in both instances. Private meetings between the two Foreign Ministers were arranged, and in League circles it was believed that settlement of the Mediterranean impasse might in the end be accomplished. At a luncheon Tuesday attended by Foreign Secretary Henderson as well as Foreign Ministers Briand and Grandi, it was decided to carry on fairly continuously throughout the summer discussions not only on naval differences but also on other questions between Italy and France. The aim will be, dispatches indicate, to place the Ministers in a better position to reach conclusions when they meet for the September session of the League Assembly.

Active discussions on the plan for a federation of European States were resumed by Foreign Minister Briand of France this week, in preparation for vigorous steps in support of the ambitious scheme. The brilliant and versatile French statesman was the first to broach this project officially, although the movement in its present form owes its inception largely to Count Coudenhove-Kalergi. M. Briand inaugurated the diplomatic negotiations relating to this proposal at a private luncheon arranged in connection with the last League of Nations Assembly session at Geneva. Representatives of all the European nations attended the gathering and heard M. Briand expound his views and make his suggestions. As a direct result of this movement, steps were taken at Geneva recently by the economic committee of the League of Nations for a conference on a two-year tariff truce in Europe. A short truce on further tariff increases was actually arranged, subject to the parliamentary approval of the respective governments. The understanding was that this agreement would come into force for six months beginning next November, provided no denunciations were received at the League Secretariat before that time, and if not denounced at the expiration of the first six months would be renewed for a like period. Important defections have already been indicated, however, and the first halting step toward a European federation thus promises to be abortive. In the guarded discussions on the project last September it was made clear that M. Briand was well aware of the extraordinary difficulties of the suggestion. His official sponsorship of the movement has therefore caused much interest in Europe and a good deal in this country as well.

An indication that conversations on this project would be revived was given at Paris late last week, when Foreign Secretary Arthur Henderson of Britain passed through the French capital on his way to Geneva for the customary League Council session. M. Briand took up with Mr. Henderson the steps that he had in mind, a dispatch to the New York "Times" said. Particular attention was paid to a questionnaire which the French Minister proposed to send other European governments. Mr. Henderson gave his complete approval to M. Briand's suggestion, it was said, although admitting that English opinion was somewhat cold to the scheme. A further report to the New York "Times" indicated that the French suggestions were being drawn up in the form of a memorandum which would place the matter squarely before the European governments and invite their reactions and criticisms. "Aside from an expose of the federation itself," the dispatch said, "the memorandum suggests that high officials of the 26 States meet at Geneva next September simultaneously with the Assembly of the League to lay the ground work for the scheme." M. Briand, the report stated very definitely, intends to organize the European federation so that it would not be used as a medium of opposition to American policies. This question of a European federation was discussed privately at Geneva this week by the Foreign Ministers who assembled for the League Council session. German support was particularly sought by M. Briand, and Geneva dispatches indicated that Dr. Curtius promised the cooperation of the Berlin Government. M. Briand's statement and questionnaire was accordingly sent to all French representa-

tives in European capitals Wednesday, with instructions for delivering the document to the various chancelleries today. Publication is to follow immediately, it is understood. Communications on the subject have also been sent to Washington, Tokio and other capitals. Not only economic aspects, but also certain political problems are treated in the French document, dispatches state. Occasion was taken in almost every newspaper report to emphasize the point that the proposed federation would be in no sense aimed against the United States of America.

Directors of the Bank for International Settlements held their first official meeting at Basle Monday, in order to consider the steps to be taken in practical application of the Young plan of German reparations payments. The new plan was declared formally effective last week when the necessary ratifications of the Young plan protocol were deposited in Paris by the representatives of Germany, France, Britain, Belgium and Italy. At the first board meeting of the bank all decisions made at previous meetings regarding election of officers and other questions were declared official. A communication was issued to the press stating that the board agreed the bank should become the trustee for the Dawes Loan of 1924. Contingent on necessary preliminary action by the Reparations Commission in Paris and the Kriegslasten Commission in Berlin, it was announced that the capital shares of the bank would be sold in ten countries on May 20. Both these commissions will be taken over by the Bank for International Settlements, which was organized to handle the reparations payments. The bank communication concluded with the statement that announcements will not be made hereafter at the close of every board meeting. A further meeting of bankers and Treasury agents was held in Basle Thursday, for the purpose of considering details of the first annuities loan of \$300,000,000 on the international markets. No information regarding this meeting has been made available, but it is known that differences persist as to the amounts of the first flotation to be offered in the several markets. The terms and conditions of the loan also remain to be settled. Germany is expected to deposit at Basle today the certificate of indebtedness and the railway covering certificate as guarantees for reparations payments. With the new scheme now effective, discussions were held at Geneva this week between Foreign Minister Briand of France and Foreign Minister Curtius of Germany regarding the details of the Rhineland evacuation, which follows automatically. It is understood French troops will be withdrawn at the end of June, and that withdrawal from the Saar area will be effected at the same time.

The fifty-ninth regular meeting of the League of Nations Council took place in Geneva from Monday to Thursday, inclusive, giving the Foreign Ministers of the important European nations a welcome opportunity for private incidental talks on some of the international questions now under consideration. The actual Council sessions were largely routine, although some fairly weighty matters were on the agenda. One of the first and most satisfying steps taken was to strike from the agenda the Hungarian optants question, which had plagued each successive Council session for years until it was finally settled

by a Paris subcommittee of The Hague conference of governments on the Young plan. A jurists' report recommending amendments to the League Covenant to bring it into harmony with the Kellogg pact was passed on to the September Assembly meeting for discussion. Similar routine consideration was given the report of the conference on a tariff truce and concerted economic action among European States, this document being adopted almost without discussion. A mild stir was caused Tuesday, when Arthur Henderson, Foreign Secretary of Britain, rebuked the League's child welfare committee for its discussions of "social questions which concern adults even more than children." Mr. Henderson spoke in general terms, but it was believed that he was referring indirectly to a recent report of the committee describing in woebegone terms the moral and physical conditions and the depths of misery encountered in New York. Questions in relation to opium smuggling, traffic in women and other humanitarian aims were also considered briefly in the course of the meeting. In its final session Thursday, the Council approved the personnel of a special commission which will study the historic problem of the wailing wall in Jerusalem, where Jews and Arabs have often differed.

Far overshadowing these matters on the regular agenda of the Council session were the private conversations carried on extraneously by Foreign Ministers Henderson of Britain, Briand of France, Curtius of Germany, and Grandi of Italy. Particular interest was occasioned by the renewal of discussions on naval armaments between the French and Italian Ministers. That such discussions were in progress was revealed by Mr. Henderson, who offered his services to both representatives. M. Briand and Dr. Curtius conferred Tuesday, German representatives revealing thereafter that a decision had been reached to hasten negotiations for return of the Saar Basin to Germany. French troops are to be withdrawn from the Saar area at the end of June, it was said, this movement coinciding with the general withdrawal from the third Rhineland zone. As a result of this conversation, dispatches said, M. Briand dropped a demand which the French previously made, that a plebiscite be held in the Sarre in any event before French withdrawal. Although such a plebiscite is provided for in the Versailles treaty, it has been universally conceded that it would favor return to Germany. A further matter of great importance that came up for discussion at Geneva is M. Briand's proposal for a European economic federation. This scheme for a modified "United States of Europe" was taken up by M. Briand with all the other Ministers at Geneva. Such matters, of course, proved far more interesting than the regular agenda of the Council meeting and correspondingly closer attention was given them by the several Foreign Ministers.

International repercussions of the drastic upward revision of American tariff rates proposed in the Hawley-Smoot bill now under consideration at Washington have been indicated recently in a number of different directions. The prohibitive duties proposed in this legislation were made the subject of numerous private protests on the part of foreign interests last year, such protests being filed with the State Department by the accredited representatives of the respective governments. Recently, how-

ever, more pointed indications have been given of the retaliatory measures likely to be adopted in various quarters. The incident in France several weeks ago, when a hasty upward revision of the duties on American motor cars was attempted as an offset to increased duties here on French laces, was a straw in the wind. The increased duties that were finally enacted by the French Chamber of Deputies were kept within reasonable bounds only by great efforts. Higher duties on American motor cars have also been enacted by the Australian Government. The Argentine Government has had under preparation for several months a general upward revision of duties which will doubtless be placed in effect immediately the Hawley-Smoot bill is passed and signed.

Developments of the past week give equally clear indications of the unfortunate results on international trade of the sharp upward revision contemplated at Washington. An analysis of the new Canadian tariff law promulgated by the Ottawa Government last week was issued by the Department of Commerce in Washington last Sunday. United States exports to Canada, now aggregating about \$800,000,000 annually, will be adversely affected to the extent of \$175,000,000 to \$225,000,000, the analysis discloses, while under the additions to the British preferential tariff, a correspondingly favorable effect will be exercised on British Empire trade. The new rates were placed in effect provisionally May 2, subject to final adoption by the Canadian Parliament. In a Washington dispatch to the New York "Times" the comment was made that the increases in duties "follow Canada's threat to retaliate against the United States because of the many adverse rates that appear against Canada in the tariff bill pending here."

A Brussels dispatch of May 9 to the New York "Herald Tribune" states that an increase in the Belgian customs duties on American motor cars is contemplated by the Belgian Government in view of the numerous protests against the new American tariff rates made to the Minister of Industry by the same date to the New York "Times" indicates that European business opinion is concerning itself more and more with the effect of the proposed American duties, and the means which the Continent should take to "defend itself" against the menace of American protectionism. There is open discussion, the dispatch states, of the probability of a bitter tariff war between the Old World and the New. In Berlin, Minister of Economy Dietrich has announced that Germany will abandon her present system of most-favored-nation commercial treaties and tariff policy after 1935, when the existing trade agreement with the United States expires. In German opinion, the dispatch adds significantly, other powers also will abandon the most-favored-nation principle, as "no longer meeting the requirements of modern reciprocal trade relations between exporting nations."

Hostility to the British Government in India shows few signs of abatement, notwithstanding the successive imprisonment of the various leaders of the civil disobedience campaign inaugurated by Mahatma Gandhi early last month. The arrest of Mr. Gandhi on May 5 was accepted by the country more quietly than was generally expected, but unfortunate developments such as the incident at Shola-

pur were not lacking. The rioting at Sholapur resulted in more than 50 deaths, while about 400 persons were wounded, dispatches indicate. Although a semblance of order was restored in the city by the end of last week, much difficulty was experienced by the authorities in preventing further violence. The entire city was reported in the hands of rioters Monday, and on the urgent appeal of the district magistrate, a battalion of British troops was dispatched to the center from Poona. Military law was declared Tuesday and 1,800 British soldiers began patrolling the streets, effectually curbing the Nationalist demonstrations. Satisfaction was expressed by the authorities over the lack of any widespread disorders last Saturday, which was the anniversary of the great mutiny of 1857. Revolutionary demonstrations were feared, but they developed on a minor scale only and were easily controlled. Disclosures have been made this week, on the other hand, of some very troublesome developments on the Northwest frontier, where restive border tribesmen threatened the key city of Peshawur. A bombing raid in which 40 airplanes took part was considered advisable to curb the activities of the malcontents. Announcement of the raid was made in the House of Commons in London by Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for India.

Although the arrest of Mr. Gandhi produced little actual disorder, it has not, on the other hand, placed much of a damper on the non-co-operation movement. The Mahatma's place as leader of the civil disobedience campaign was quickly taken by Abbas Tyabji, a retired high court judge of the native State of Baroda. Announcement was made by the new leader that he would march with his followers on Monday morning from Karadi Matvad to Dharasana, for the purpose of raiding the salt deposits managed by the Government. This step was planned by Mr. Gandhi before his arrest as a national symbol of civil disobedience to British rule. Extension of the movement to other forms of taxation was actively fostered in the meanwhile, and numerous villages in the Broach district have swung into line by refusing to pay the land revenue. The march to the salt works was stopped by the police before it started and Abbas Tyabji was arrested in turn. He was succeeded as leader of the movement by Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, a poetess, who was educated in England. Estimates of the number of Indians arrested ranged from 200 to 500, many of them already convicted and imprisoned. Mrs. Naidu attempted to lead volunteers in a raid on the Dharasana salt depot Thursday, but this movement was successfully countered by the authorities. The police formed a cordon around the group and adopted passive resistance in turn, thus merely preventing the volunteers from moving on the salt depot.

Notwithstanding the current disturbances in India, announcement was made by Viceroy Lord Irwin at the summer capital of Simla, Monday, that the Government would proceed with its aim of eventually providing "dominion status" for India. As a step in this direction, the long-discussed round-table conference on Indian affairs is to be held in London "on or about Oct. 20." In London announcement was made at the same time that the first part of the report on India prepared a year ago by the Simon Commission would be published simultaneously in England and India on June 10, while the second part will be published shortly thereafter. The first

part will be largely historical, it is thought, reviewing the development of the whole situation in India to the present time. The second part will contain the recommendations of the Commission. Correspondence between Prime Minister MacDonald and Viceroy Lord Irwin relating to these matters was made public by the India Office in London Tuesday. It disclosed that the October conference is being summoned by the British Government on the strength of Sir John Simon's suggestions. "A fair inference," a London report to the New York "Times" states, "is that Sir John would not risk the bad effect on India at the present time of a futile conference in which there would be no chance of that country receiving a materially increased measure of constitutional freedom." A detailed report on conditions in India was read in the House of Commons Monday by Mr. Benn. The situation is improving and is now well in hand, this report indicated. Violation of the salt laws is diminishing, the report adds, but it was admitted that a general spirit of defiance had been aroused against the Government.

Sharp clashes of large military units in China have signaled the resumption of the protracted struggle between the central government at Nanking and the various Tuchuns, or Provincial Governors, for control of the country. The customary "major battles" along an immense front were proclaimed in press reports from Shanghai late last week, but the seriousness of the encounters remains questionable. Chiang Kai-shek, President of China and leader of the Nanking Nationalist forces, is reported at Suchow, personally directing the fighting. He is opposed actively, it is understood, by the combined forces of Feng Yu-hsiang and Yen Hsi-shan, who are both War Lords of northern provinces. The allegiance of Manchuria remains uncertain in this struggle, although nominally the Three Eastern Provinces are flying the Nationalist flag. Contact between the opposing forces was made last Saturday along the Lunghai Railway, the only East-West line in China, about half way between Nanking and Peiping, the former capital. Extravagant claims have been made on both sides, but such claims never have any relation to facts in Chinese warfare. Since Chinese armies are loosely organized and relatively immobile, it will probably take some time before really large-scale operations can take place. In the meantime, banditry is increasing, recent reports from China indicating that this omnipresent menace is becoming little short of alarming. The "bandits" as a rule are merely the soldiery, who receive little if any pay and live by their depredations. Moreover, famine is abroad in huge portions of the interior, where drought has prevailed for several years. Terrible conditions have resulted, according to the reliable reports of European and American observers, several millions of Chinese having starved to death already, while other millions are certain to follow before the next harvest can be garnered.

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; 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 2 1/16% against 2½% on

Friday of last week, and for long bills 2 1/8% against 2 3/16% the previous Friday. Money on call in London, after having been at 2% early in the week, was 1 5/8% yesterday. At Paris and at Switzerland the open market rate continues at 2 1/2%.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended May 14 shows a decrease in gold holdings (the first since Jan. 29 1930) of £1,154,517. As this was attended by a contraction of £2,036,000 in circulation, however, reserves increased £881,000. The Bank's gold holdings now aggregate £163,347,877, as compared with £161,860,918 a year ago. Public deposits increased £8,337,000 while other deposits decreased £9,800,840. The latter consists of bankers' accounts, which fell off £10,223,748, and other accounts, which rose £422,908. The reserve ratio stands at 56.05%, compared with 54.64% last week and 55.47% last year. In loans on Government securities a decrease was shown of £3,570,000, and in those on other securities an increase of £1,228,991 appeared. Other securities consist of "discounts and advances" and "securities." The former fell off £151,344, while the latter increased £1,380,335. The Bank rate remains 3%. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items for five years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1930. May 14.	1929. May 15.	1928. May 16.	1927. May 18.	1926. May 19.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	356,454,000	362,810,000	134,834,000	136,169,645	140,985,585
Public deposits.....	24,548,000	9,290,000	19,164,000	12,757,974	18,852,321
Other deposits.....	94,767,978	97,148,000	95,376,000	102,094,453	104,335,977
Bankers accounts	58,310,637	61,070,000	-----	-----	-----
Other accounts	36,457,341	36,078,000	-----	-----	-----
Government securities	52,792,909	37,816,000	29,577,000	46,824,229	44,210,328
Other securities.....	17,392,938	27,331,000	55,846,000	47,220,123	69,064,510
Disct. & advances	6,403,528	9,586,000	-----	-----	-----
Securities.....	10,989,410	17,746,000	-----	-----	-----
Reserve notes & coin	66,892,000	159,050,000	46,862,000	37,539,033	27,669,602
Coin and bullion.....	163,347,877	61,860,918	161,946,830	153,958,678	148,905,187
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	56.05%	55.47%	40.91%	32.68%	22.46%
Bank rate.....	3%	5 1/2%	4 1/2%	4 1/2%	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 French Bank statement for the week ended May 10 shows an increase in gold holdings of 600,-415,951 francs. The item now aggregates 42,950,-438,399 francs, which compares with 36,525,431,314 francs the same week last year. Credit balances abroad reveal a gain of 3,000,000 francs, while bills bought abroad decreased 23,000,000 francs. Notes in circulation fell off 760,000,000 francs, reducing the total of the item to 71,613,213,140 francs, as compared with 63,419,739,910 francs the corresponding week a year ago. A large increase appears in creditor current accounts, namely 1,476,000,000 francs. A gain is also shown in French commercial bills discounted of 162,000,000 francs, whereas the item of advances against securities dropped 97,000,-000 francs. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items with last week as well as with the corresponding week last year:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Changes for Week.	Status as of			
	May 10 1930.	May 3 1930.	May 11 1929.	
Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	
Gold holdings.....Inc.	600,415,951	42,950,438,399	42,350,022,448	36,525,431,314
Credit bals. abr'd.....Inc.	3,000,000	6,888,832,800	6,888,832,800	7,987,715,407
French commercial bills discounted.....Inc.	162,000,000	5,104,909,467	4,942,909,467	5,838,635,656
Bills bought abr'd.....Dec.	23,000,000	18,890,784,132	18,713,784,132	18,330,852,994
Adv. agst. secur's.....Dec.	97,000,000	2,652,847,446	2,749,847,446	2,415,419,213
Note circulation.....Dec.	760,000,000	71,613,213,140	72,373,213,140	63,419,739,910
Cred. curr. acct's.....Inc.	1,476,000,000	13,844,980,679	12,368,980,679	18,343,436,630

Quiet but steady conditions prevailed in the New York money market this week. Funds were available in abundance at all times, notwithstanding a fairly heavy turnover in connection with mid-month

payments. Such demands were accommodated without even the semblance of stringency. Call loans on the Stock Exchange ruled at 3% in all sessions, both for renewals and new loans, while in the unofficial outside market offerings were noted every day at 2 1/2%, or 1/2% under the official level. Curb Exchange transactions in call money were arranged at the undeviating figure of 3 1/2%, thus maintaining the customary 1/2% differential above the Stock Exchange figure. No withdrawals by the banks were noted. Time loans were steady at unchanged rates, with funds available in abundance here also, but few borrowers. Brokers' loans against stock and bond collateral declined \$67,000,000 in the report for the week ended Wednesday night, issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Gold movements reported for the same period consisted of imports of \$86,000, with no exports and no changes in the amount of gold held ear-marked for foreign account. The daily statement for Thursday showed a decrease of \$2,000,000 in ear-marked stocks.

Dealing in detail with the call loan rates on the Stock Exchange from day to day, it is only necessary to repeat what has been said above, namely, that the rate remained unaltered throughout the whole week, on each and every day, at 3%, this including renewals. Time money has been dull and without noteworthy feature, and quotations were unchanged at 3@3 1/4% for 30 days, 3 1/4@3 1/2% for 60 days, 3 1/2@3 3/4% for three and four months, and 3 3/4@4% for five and six months, until Thursday, when both 30- and 60-day loans were quoted at 3@3 1/4%, and both 90-day and four months loans were quoted at 3 1/4@3 1/2%, the rate for five and six months remaining unchanged at 3 3/4@4%. Prime commercial paper continued active during the early part of the week, but the demand gradually simmered down, and little activity was apparent on Friday. Rates are unchanged at 3 3/4% for names of choice quality, maturing in four to six months, while names less well known and shorter choice names are quoted at 4%.

Prime bank acceptances were in sharp demand during the early part of the week, with a large part of the inquiry for foreign account. Toward the end of the week the market quieted down. Rates have remained unaltered. The Reserve Banks further reduced their holdings of acceptances during the week from \$175,203,000 to 171,035,000. Their holdings of acceptances for their foreign correspondents were further increased from \$468,574,000 to \$471,648,000. The posted rates of the American Acceptance Council remain at 2 5/8% bid and 2 1/2% asked for bills running 30 days, and also for 60 and 90 days, and likewise for 120 days, and 2 3/4% bid and 2 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 also remain unchanged, as follows:

SPOT DELIVERY.

	180 Days		150 Days		120 Days	
	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....	2 1/2%	2 3/4%	2 3/4%	2 3/4%	2 3/4%	2 3/4%

	90 Days		60 Days		30 Days	
	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....	2 1/2%	2 3/4%	2 3/4%	2 3/4%	2 3/4%	2 3/4%

FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.

Eligible member banks.....	2 3/4% bid
Eligible non-member banks.....	2 3/4% bid

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

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

Federal Reserve Bank.	Rate in Effect on May 16.	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Boston.....	3½	May 8 1930	4
New York.....	3	May 2 1930	3½
Philadelphia.....	4	Mar. 20 1930	4½
Cleveland.....	4	Mar. 15 1930	4½
Richmond.....	4	Apr. 11 1930	4½
Atlanta.....	4	Apr. 12 1930	4½
Chicago.....	4	Feb. 8 1930	4½
St. Louis.....	4	Apr. 12 1930	4½
Minneapolis.....	4	Apr. 15 1930	4½
Kansas City.....	4	Feb. 15 1930	4½
Dallas.....	4	Apr. 8 1930	4½
San Francisco.....	4	Mar. 21 1930	4½

Sterling exchange has been irregular, but increasingly in demand as the week advanced. The range this week has been from 4.859-16 to 4.857/8 for bankers' sight bills, compared with 4.8517-32 to 4.86 last week. The range for cable transfers has been from 4.8513-16 to 4.861-16, compared with 4.853/4 to 4.861/8 a week ago. Despite the greater activity in sterling which has been manifest in the past few weeks, as seasonal influences favor the London rate, quotations are ruling low largely because francs, marks, guilders, and a few of the other European currencies are relatively firmer with respect to London. This threatens the gold position of the London Bank, as during the past few weeks there has been a heavy gold flow from London to Paris, and it would seem that a movement might easily develop from London to Berlin, Amsterdam, and Zurich. There have been withdrawals of funds during the week from London by French, German, and Dutch bankers which also militated against the rate. In London financial circles much dissatisfaction is expressed over the heavy outflow of gold to France, although it is reiterated in French quarters that the Bank of France is opposed to further gold imports from London.

The French bankers point out that the recent Parliamentary debates have proved that both the Government and the Bank of France are hostile to renewed gold importations, believing that they bring about increase in the bank's note circulation which might influence commodity prices. It would seem that the gold has been taken from London by French private banks simply because profit could be made on such transactions. The French point out that the withdrawals of French capital from London are happening at a time when seasonal factors, such as the arrival of foreign tourists in France, are already tending to strengthen franc exchange, causing sterling to fall below the gold import point. It appears that since May 5 France has taken approximately £9,299,141 gold from London, of which the Bank of England has supplied about £5,681,725. For the first week since Jan. 30 the Bank of England has failed to report a net gain in bullion. This week the Bank shows a decrease in gold holdings of £1,154,517, the total standing at £163,347,877. This compares with gold holdings as of May 16 1929, of £161,860,918 and with the ideal minimum recommended by the Cunfiffe committee of £150,000,000. Allowing for the loss reported this week, the Bank shows an increase of £17,232,131 since Jan. 1. On Saturday the Bank of England sold £274,248 in gold bars, (believed to have gone to France). On Monday the Bank sold £524,416 in gold bars and received from

abroad £500,000 in sovereigns. On Tuesday the Bank bought £2,985 in foreign gold coin and sold £3,760 in gold bars. Of a total of £430,000 South African gold available in the open market about £60,000 was absorbed by the trade and India and the remainder was taken for shipment to Germany at the price of 84s. 113/8d. On Wednesday the Bank sold £479,530 in gold bars and received from abroad £1,000,000 in sovereigns, and bought £364 in gold bars. London bullion brokers reported that the bar gold sold by the Bank was taken for shipment to France. On Thursday the Bank sold £412,973 in gold bars and exported £5,000 in sovereigns, and set aside £20,823 in sovereigns. The gold sold was taken for France. On Friday the Bank bought £443 gold bars and sold \$1,787,781 in gold bars.

At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week May 8-May 14 inclusive, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of \$86,000, chiefly from Latin America. There were no gold exports and no change in gold earmarked for foreign account. On Thursday the Federal Reserve Bank of New York reported a decrease of \$2,000,000 in earmarked gold. In tabular form the gold movement at the Port of New York for the week ended May 14, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was as follows:

GOLD MOVEMENT AT NEW YORK, MAY 8-MAY 14, INCLUSIVE.

Imports.	Exports.
\$86,000 from Latin America	None.
Net Change in Gold Earmarked for Foreign Account.	
None.	

An aggregate of \$3,925,000 gold has been received at San Francisco since Friday of last week, of which \$3,825,000 came from Japan and \$100,000 from China.

Canadian exchange is showing improvement as the season advances. Montreal funds were weak on Saturday last at 7-32 of 1% discount, but improvement followed. On Monday, Montreal funds were at 13-64, on Tuesday at 5-32, on Wednesday at 3-32, on Thursday at 3-32, and on Friday at 1/8 of 1% discount.

Referring to day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday last was steady. Bankers' sight was 4.859-16@4.8511-16; cable transfers, 4.8513-16@4.857/8. On Monday sterling was steady. The range was 4.855/8@4.853/4 for bankers' sight and 4.8527-32@4.8529-32 for cable transfers. On Tuesday the market continued firm. Bankers' sight was 4.8521-32@4.8513-16; cable transfers, 4.8527-32@4.8515-16. On Wednesday sterling was in demand. The range was 4.8511-16@4.8513-16 for bankers' sight and 4.8515-16@4.86 for cable transfers. On Thursday sterling continued in demand. The range was 4.853/4@4.857/8 for bankers' sight and 4.86@4.861-16 for cable transfers. On Friday sterling was fractionally easier; the range was 4.853/4@4.857/8 for bankers' sight and 4.853-32@4.861-32 for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were 4.8513-16 for demand and 4.86 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4.8511-16, sixty-day bills at 4.835/8, ninety-day bills at 4.823/4, documents for payment (60 days) at 4.835/8, and seven-day grain bills at 4.851-16. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4.8511-16.

Exchange on the Continental countries, while relatively dull, is in greater demand than for several weeks. French francs have been steady. As noted

above, French bankers attribute the improvement in the franc at this time to seasonal influences, of which tourist purchases are the outstanding contributing factor. As already noted, France continues to take large quantities of gold from London, amounting to approximately £9,299,141 since May 5. These imports are due to the exceptionally strong position of the franc with respect to the pound. This week the Bank of France shows an increase in gold holdings of 600,415,000 francs, the total standing at 42,950,438,000 francs, which compares with 36,525,000,000 francs a year ago. The Bank's ratio is exceptionally high, standing at 50.26, compared with 49.98 on May 2, with 44.67 a year ago, and with the legal requirement of 35%.

German marks are steady, and while slightly off on balance from a week ago, are nevertheless firm and in somewhat better demand than in several weeks. The mark is especially firm with respect to sterling. This week the bulk of the London open market gold was taken for German account. The Berlin money market continues to develop exceptional ease, with large quantities of foreign credits on offer. As a symptom of the internationally cheap money, sterling three-months credits were on offer in Berlin at $3\frac{3}{4}\%$. Despite the plentiful supply of money and the lower rates the Reichsbank has taken no action to reduce its rate of rediscount from the present 5%. A lower rate is confidently expected, however. According to Berlin dispatches, President Luther of the Reichsbank is agreed in principle that the rate should be lowered, but desires first to see the effect of other central bank reductions, particularly their influence on the gold movement. The Reichsbank seems also to be influenced at the moment by considerations of the market for securities. When the Bank reduced its rediscount rate to 5% early in 1927, the result was an abnormal discrepancy between the short-term and long-term interest rates. This led to difficulty with the newly issued Federal loan, which sank so low on the Bourse that the Government had to raise the interest rate from 5% to 6%. Furthermore, the Reichsbank seems to feel doubt about lowering its rate because of the comparative stability of sterling and dollar exchange. These rates, although both still below parity with the mark, showed no fresh weakness after the latest Bank rate reduction at London and New York. Some bankers now believe that the Reichsbank will not reduce its rate unless there are considerably larger importations of gold. However, it is thought that political considerations centering around the reparations loans are also influencing the Reichsbank authorities to hold off for the present. Recent dispatches state that the German Government has decided to abolish the 10% "capital yield tax." This is an income tax deducted at the source from interest on loans payable to foreigners. As the matter worked out, foreign lenders insisted on borrowing free of taxation, so that the German borrowers always had to obligate themselves to pay the tax. The Government therefore holds that the tax has merely the effect of making foreign credit dearer. Its abolition will cheapen foreign loans to German borrowers and will therefore operate as an impetus to borrowing. The credit committee of the German municipal congress predicts that after the emission of the mobilization reparations loan Germany will be able to obtain foreign loans much more easily.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 123.84 on Friday of this week, against 123.86 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French center finished at $3.92\frac{1}{4}$, against 3.92 3-16 on Friday of last week; cable transfers at $3.92\frac{3}{8}$, against 3.92 5-16; and commercial sight bills at $3.91\frac{7}{8}$, against $3.91\frac{7}{8}$. Antwerp belgas finished at $13.94\frac{3}{4}$ for checks and at $13.95\frac{3}{4}$ for cable transfers, against $13.94\frac{3}{4}$ and $13.95\frac{3}{4}$. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 23.85 for checks and 23.86 for cable transfers, in comparison with 23.86 and 23.87 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 5.24 3-16 and $5.24\frac{3}{8}$ 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 $2.96\frac{1}{4}$; on Bucharest at 0.60, against 0.60; on Poland at 11.25, against 11.25; and on Finland at 2.52, against 2.52. Greek exchange closed at 1.30 for bankers' sight 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 dull and inclined to ease, fluctuating almost strictly with the course of sterling. Holland guilders have been exceptionally easy, although the most active of the neutrals. Guilders sold on Wednesday as low as 40.20, which is the lowest since April 17. This compares with the low for the year of $40.07\frac{1}{4}$ and with the high of $40.34\frac{1}{2}$ and with dollar parity of 40.20. It is believed in some quarters that the weakness in guilders must be attributed largely to the transfer of Dutch funds to other markets, particularly to Germany and to the New York security markets. Holland's foreign trade is running well above last year, although the import surplus shows an increase for the first quarter as compared with a similar period a year ago. In the first three months of the current year Dutch imports amounted to 648,291,000 guilders and exports to 452,357,000 guilders, leaving an import surplus of 195,934,000 guilders. This compares with the first quarter a year ago as follows: Imports, 626,915,000; exports, 450,898,000; and import surplus, 176,017,000 guilders. Import balance therefore is 19,917,000 guilders, larger so far this year than last.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 40.20, against $40.22\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at $40.21\frac{1}{2}$, against 40.24; and commercial sight bills at 40.16, against 40.20. Swiss francs closed at $19.32\frac{3}{4}$ for bankers' sight bills and at $19.33\frac{3}{4}$ for cable transfers, in comparison with $19.35\frac{1}{4}$ and $19.36\frac{1}{4}$. Copenhagen checks finished at $26.74\frac{1}{2}$ and cable transfers at 26.76, against $26.73\frac{1}{2}$ and 26.75. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.81 and cable transfers at $26.82\frac{1}{2}$, against 26.82 and $26.83\frac{1}{2}$; while checks on Norway finished at 26.75 and cable transfers at $26.76\frac{1}{2}$, against 26.74 and $26.75\frac{1}{2}$. Spanish pesetas closed at 12.23 for bankers' sight bills and at 12.24 for cable transfers, which compares with 12.16 and 12.17 a week earlier.

Exchange on the South American countries has been firmer and more in demand than in recent weeks. Argentine paper pesos, however, are an exception. Conflicting reports are still being received from Buenos Aires concerning a possible loan, generally stated to be about \$100,000,000. Latest **advice** are to the effect that no such loan is likely in the near future, although the market will probably

*Reactions from the London Conference—
Franco-Italian Rivalry and the Mediter-
ranean Question.*

While the Senate committees have been questioning Secretary of State Stimson and other members of the American delegation to the late London Conference in an effort to find out what the naval treaty really means, the French Foreign Minister, M. Briand, has been exerting himself at Geneva to bring France and Italy to some common ground regarding naval parity and other matters at issue between the two countries. In this undertaking he has had the help of Mr. Henderson, British Foreign Secretary, who is also reported to have expressed general approval of the elaborate questionnaire about the United States of Europe which M. Briand has completed and dispatched to the various European governments. The concrete results of the breakfasts, luncheon, teas and dinners in which Mr. Briand, Mr. Henderson and Signor Grandi, the Italian Foreign Minister, have participated have been, apparently, nil, but the discussions have served to call attention to a situation which may well give the statesmen of Europe some anxious hours, and which bears closely upon the relations between Europe and the United States.

There is no question that France is a good deal concerned over the demand of Italy for naval parity, and the elaborate program of naval building which Italy has just inaugurated. According to the usually well informed Paris correspondent of the New York "Herald Tribune," the upwards of 42,000 tons of naval craft which are to be built means work for 37 Italian shipyards—not an unimportant matter in a world which faces widespread unemployment. Italy now has 59 submarines against 96 for France; when the present program has been completed Italy will have 81 submarines, while France, by that time, will have 104. If France builds all the tonnage which it is allowed to build under the Washington Treaty (it has not yet availed itself of all the tonnage accorded to it under that treaty) it will have, by 1936, 279,000 tons of additional vessels; Italy at the same time is expected to have 270,000 tons. Parity, in other words, is not mere theoretical talk as far as Italy is concerned; it is in the way of becoming in a few years a practical reality.

Not too much importance, perhaps, is to be attached to the patriotic account of the London Conference which Signor Grandi gave in the Italian Chamber of Deputies on May 9, with Premier Mussolini as an attentive listener throughout the two hours' discourse, nor to the flamboyant speech of Mussolini himself at Leghorn on May 11, with its declarations that "if any one deceives himself so far as to think he can halt our onward march he will find the whole Italian people in front of him," and that "there is something inescapable, inevitable in this march toward destiny of Fascist Italy, and nobody can halt it." Such deliverances are to be classed with the political generalities of an inspirational kind which many statesmen feel obliged to give out from time to time, and in which Mussolini has long been an adept. What disturbs M. Briand is that he has thus far been unable to take any real steps toward solving the parity problem. When he left London, at the close of the naval conference, it was with the understanding that he would at once take up the question with Italy in the hope of finding some common ground of settlement. When Mr.

Henderson stopped over at Paris the other day, on his way to the meeting of the Council of the League at Geneva, M. Briand was obliged to admit that he had not been able even to initiate a discussion of the question. It was in the hope of finding some way to begin that the informal meetings at luncheons and dinners have been going on at Geneva.

The reasons for the difficulty in approaching the question reach to the foundations of the political situation in southern, central and southeastern Europe, and affect profoundly Great Britain and Germany. Italy objects to the position of inferiority to which the French denial of parity relegates it. It objects to the French political alliances or understandings with Czechoslovakia, Poland, Rumania and Yugoslavia. It objects to a colonial situation in North Africa in which Italy, with a redundant population, has a very much smaller area for colonization than has France, whose stationery population debars it from colonizing with its own people at all. It objects to French refusal to recognize Italian hegemony in the Adriatic, and, in general, a superiority of interest in the eastern Mediterranean. It is restive under a situation in which it can get access to the Atlantic only through an outlet controlled primarily by Great Britain, but secondarily by France and Spain. It has very slight regard for the League of Nations, and has persistently resisted the efforts of France to make the League an effective instrument for preventing war. It inclines, in short, to support whatever in political Europe is opposed to the predominance of France.

Italy, in other words, is not disposed to accept the status quo in Europe as either satisfactory or permanent. It has never joined in the fervid praises of internationalism which have been sung at Paris and London and Geneva, and while it has been willing to discuss disarmament, it has given no indication that it expected disarmament actually to go very far. At this latter point, indeed, if at no other, its position is perhaps not so greatly different from that of France. There is some reason for thinking that France, while obviously concerned over the Italian insistence upon naval parity, is at heart not altogether reluctant to see Italy go ahead with its naval program, if it does not go too far, since Italian building will permit France also to build in order to maintain its superiority in tonnage, Great Britain will almost certainly follow suit, and the London treaty will become practically a dead letter. Meantime M. Briand, who has nothing to offer to Italy in the way of concession except, possibly, some territorial adjustment in Africa, searches anxiously for some means of holding Italy in check and preventing its ambitions from disturbing still further a European situation which at the moment is far from clear.

How close to the surface lie international suspicions and apprehensions is evident also from the difficulties which have attended the inauguration of the Bank for International Settlements. The Board of Directors of the Bank held their first regular meeting at Basle on Monday, but aside from taking over the trusteeship of the Dawes loan of 1924, and voting to offer the capital shares of the Bank in ten European countries and the United States on May 20, no progress was made because the necessary preliminary settlements had not been reached. According to dispatches from Basle and Paris to the New York "Times," British interest in the Bank has

perceptibly cooled, partly because the Bank was not located at London, partly because of fear of financial competition through the enlargement of the Bank's operations, and partly because of the grave complications of Great Britain in India and Egypt and the rather dubious outcome of the London conference. Belgium also is cool because the Bank was not located at Brussels, "Germany has been assured by Dr. Schacht that it has been imposed upon," and France hints at delaying the evacuation of the Rhineland which is scheduled to be completed by June 30. In all the participating countries the mounting resentment at the Smoot-Hawley tariff appears to have intensified opposition to the large part which Americans are to take in the management of the Bank. The allocation of the reparation bonds, accordingly, has been delayed, and the issue price and rate of interest remain to be determined. All these details, no doubt, will presently be adjusted, but the delay is significant as showing how easily the best laid plan can be held up by national pulling and hauling.

There is little to be hoped for at the moment from M. Briand's plan of a United States of Europe, for the proposal, even if it were accepted in principle by a great majority of the European States, would require many months for the working out of details and the establishment of the necessary machinery for its operation. The protestations of M. Briand and others that the plan is economic more than political, and that in any case it is not levied at the United States, need to be taken with much allowance. There is no doubt whatever that the main incentive to a European economic union at the present time is hostility to the American tariff, and that the hostility will continue to grow unless American policy is changed. A Mediterranean Locarno, as a device for keeping the peace in the Mediterranean area and reconciling the divergent interests of Italy and France, is still among the possibilities, and M. Briand may be counted upon to further such an arrangement if it appears to hold any likelihood of success. It is significant, however, of French anxiety that M. Briand is reported to have reached an agreement with Dr. Curtius, German Foreign Minister, for the relinquishment of the Saar Basin at the same time that the Rhineland is evacuated, and without waiting for a plebiscite to decide the future of the region. The real danger is that the Franco-Italian controversy will be left without settlement, that naval building by the two Powers will in fact soon become competitive, and that Great Britain will feel itself driven by the competition to avail itself of the safeguarding provision of the London Treaty and call a halt to the reduction of its fleet. As the United States seems to be in for an expenditure of many millions to bring its fleet up to the point where "limitation" begins, its own plans would not, perhaps, be much affected, but the London Treaty would shrink to the dimensions of a memory and a name.

Forest Fires.

A half-burned cigarette, tossed to the roadside from a speeding automobile, may initiate a conflagration. An abandoned camp-fire, seemingly a bed of ashes, may conceal a live ember which the wind may toss into the brush and set a forest fire. But of what avail to state the fact? There is little chance to prove the charge, or to fasten responsi-

bility for the carelessness. Millions of dollars of value are destroyed, homes are burned, lives are lost, because of a trifling act by a thoughtless person. Notwithstanding the gravity of the situation, we may be assured that thousands of travelers are careful to the extreme. Fire, they know, is ruthless and ravaging. Men work in a frenzy of toil and excitement to stop the flames. Backfires are started, every device known to the fire-fighters is employed, and the spirit of protection is ardent and almost indomitable. Yet millions of property vanish in a few hours. The thoughtless act, a trifle in itself, becomes a terrible thing, for fire is an element that is no respecter of person or possession. It feeds rapidly on all available material until it burns itself out. While we have forest watchers, there are no engines in the woods.

Some hope is given us that the airplane can be called into quick service to drop extinguishing gas bombs on the burning area. So far little avail has been reaped from this source. It may come, indeed, ought to come. We have cut down innumerable forests for timber, we have begun to agitate for the planting of trees in replacement; we should conserve what we have left in every possible way. But we shall continue to have damaging forest fires while the passer-by and the camper are careless. Something may be done in the way of isolating tracts of timbered land, perhaps not much. Winds we cannot control. They come and go, sometimes turning fires back upon themselves, sometimes shifting the direction of the burning, saving towns and cities on the brink of ruin; sometimes in their momentum leaping rivers and setting new terrors free. Earth, air, fire, water, our original elements, are not conquered entirely even by a materialistic civilization. Our insurance companies may pay our city losses, but we know of no company insuring standing forest trees against destruction by fire.

We might preach a homily on man's duty to his fellows. But who that needs it would the sermon reach. What good would it do? A growing forest swept by fire is a great loss. We can rebuild our houses in a few months—it takes years to grow a tree. It does seem that our forest preserves should receive more attention from the collectivism of the State than they do. But we can suggest no feasible plan for preventing this destruction other than that already in vogue. In the great forest reaches of the West there is organized patrol. But this comes into action after the fact. It lessens the loss, does not prevent it. Fire, for all its blessing to mankind, is a terrible foe. Our cities have, in notable instances, been ravaged by flames that could not be controlled. The power of heat to consume and crumble steel and stone has been sadly demonstrated. We can construct "fireproof" buildings, but in a conflagration nothing seems to withstand the power of fire. Man, for all his remedies, often stands helpless.

Much of this land, subject to these random fires, is practically waste, covered with stunted pines and scrub-oaks, thick with underbrush, and of a sandy soil, in our Eastern States. It is this underbrush that causes many of the big fires, dry and easily ignited by the chance spark. Impracticable as it may be if some plan for eradicating this underbrush could be devised we would have fewer of these devastating fires. Our orchards do not burn. We remove all undergrowth—though sometimes sowing

grasses and even crops between the rows of trees. These lands, covered with small and unimportant tree growths, are often owned by non-residents. They pay little tax. Yet they menace the countryside. If the brush was removed along the roads it would add to the safety of the farms, towns and villages that are constantly drawing near to this possible danger. These are matters for thought—we know not how important.

Prairie fires, the burning of the tall grasses, miles in extent, sweeping with startling rapidity, and consuming everything in their paths, are no longer the dire alarm they once were. Cultivation has made them less possible. And if we could consider the United States as a vast garden close, we can see the possibilities of cultivation as a foe to these forest fires. But how and where would the State begin its preventive measures? Possible calamities seem destined to follow us as long as we build States and form societies. None the less are these forest and prairie fires (the latter in but small degree, since where there are no trees a sufficient strip of surrounding plowed land will save the homestead), the cause of terror and suffering we should eradicate if possible. The very soil in cultivation demands it.

New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Maryland, and other States have lately witnessed many of these

distressing forest fires. The areas burned over may not be so valuable as the lands in cultivation, but the removal of adjoining wooded growth (as in the case of cutover lands) some of the territory being mountainous, affects the rainfall and adds to the erosion of surface soils that is the bane of the farmer everywhere. We consider in our politics all forms of conservation. And we might well give more thought to forest fires. As population thickens, especially in the East, citizens are moving to the country, building private homes and assembled villages, near to these combustible brush patches and small timber. Life is thus actually hazarded for a "breath of fresh air" and a garden spot.

These reflections we may dismiss by a sympathetic appeal to our conservation forces to set in motion more active means of prevention, if there be any. The sight of five hundred or a thousand volunteers fighting these fires inspires our respect and demands our appreciation. There is no class or distinction here. Men rush to "lend a hand" where help is needed. It is a tragic circumstance, a heroic endeavor. Though it receive little space in the headlines, filled with the spectacular attempts to "break a record," poor man and rich man alike are the beneficiaries of a toil that is noble and a sacrifice that is not without its danger.

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

As in the case of the months immediately preceding, only a little more so, our exhibit of the earnings of United States railroads for the month of March is an unfavorable one, with heavy losses in gross and net alike. Gross operating revenues fell \$64,595,796 below those for the corresponding month of the previous year, which is a reduction of 12.51%, and as this was accompanied by a curtailment of operating expenses (exclusive of taxes) in amount of only \$26,333,732, or not quite 7%, the net revenues from operations (before the deduction of the taxes) show a shrinkage in amount of \$38,262,064, or 27.46%.

The falling off in railroad earnings has been at a progressive rate ever since the downward movement began in October last year with the crash in the stock market. In October, the first month of the series, the contraction was relatively light, there being a decrease of only \$9,890,014 in gross and of \$12,183,372 in net, the latter 5.63%. This was followed in November by \$32,806,074 decrease in gross and \$30,028,982 decrease in net, this last a decline of 19.11%. In December the falling off was \$27,767,999 in gross and \$32,186,071 in net, the ratio of decline in net being 23.12%. In January we had a falling off of \$36,102,247 in gross and of \$23,005,176 in net, or 19.55%, and in February the loss reached \$48,034,122 in gross and \$28,128,967 in net, or 22.40%. The losses for March at \$64,595,796 in gross, or 12.51%, and of \$38,262,064, or 27.46% in net, are in excess, it will be seen, of those of any of the preceding months, both in ratio and in absolute amount. The comparative totals for March this year and last are shown in the following summary:

Month of March—	1930.	1929.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (—).	%
Miles of road (171 roads)-----	242,325	241,964	-361	
Gross earnings-----	\$452,024,463	\$516,620,359	-\$64,595,796	-12.51%
Operating expenses-----	350,530,436	376,864,268	-26,333,732	-6.99%
Ratio of expenses to earnings--	77.54%	72.93%	+4.61%	
Net earnings-----	\$101,494,027	\$139,756,091	-\$38,262,064	-27.46%

What emphasizes the unfavorable character of the results is that comparison is with poor or indifferent results in March of the three years preceding. In March 1929 our compilations showed, it is true, \$10,884,477 increase, or 2.15% in gross, and \$7,516,400, or 5.68% in net. But this was simply a recovery (and only a partial recovery at that) of the loss sustained in the previous year, at least as far as the gross is concerned, our tabulations for March 1928 having shown a contraction of \$26,410,659 in gross and of \$4,034,267 in net. In the year preceding (1927) the changes were relatively slight, consisting merely of \$432,616 increase in gross and of \$1,627,358 increase in net. In other words, it is necessary to go back all the way to 1926 to get March revenue results which could fairly be regarded as having been flush. As a matter of fact, gross operating revenues for March 1930 are smaller than in any previous March back to 1920, and the net earnings are the smallest of any March since March 1921.

Such a conspicuously adverse showing follows directly as a result of the extremely unfavorable conditions which prevailed during the month the present year. First and foremost, of course, was the setback to trade. This cut down virtually all classes of tonnage and was nation-wide in its operation. The automobile industry felt its depressing influence perhaps more than any other. The number of motor vehicles produced in the United States in March 1930 was only 401,378 as against 585,455 in March 1929, when, of course, the output was unusually large, though even in March 1928 the number of machines produced was 413,314. For the first three months of 1930 the number of automobiles turned out aggregated only 998,566, as against 1,452,910 in the first three months of 1929 and 968,838 in the first three-quarters of 1928. An

idea of the conditions that the building trades have had to face is furnished by the statistics of the F. W. Dodge Corp., showing that March contracts for building and engineering projects were closed in the 37 States east of the Rocky Mountains, calling for an aggregate outlay of \$459,119,000, against \$484,847,500 in March 1929 and \$592,567,000 in March 1928.

The statistics regarding steel and iron production tell the same story of declining trade. According to the records of the "Iron Age," the make of iron in the United States in March 1930 was only 3,246,171 tons, as against 3,714,473 tons in March 1929. The American Iron & Steel Institute calculates the production of steel ingots in the United States as having been only 4,288,985 tons in March 1930, against 5,058,258 tons in March 1929.

Coal production is perhaps a better index even than steel production of the course of trade and business, and here the statistics tell an eloquent story of the extent to which the volume of trade and traffic has been reduced. In March 1930 the quantity of soft coal mined in the United States was only 35,773,000 tons, against 39,870,000 tons in March 1929. And the contraction here derives additional significance from the fact that the total for March last year was itself small, even in face of the very active trade at that time, mild winter weather having served to reduce the demand for coal just as it did the present year—this being apart from the influence of business depression in its effects upon output. In March 1928 the production of bituminous coal aggregated 44,668,000 tons, and in comparison with this total the 35,773,000 tons mined in March the present year shows a decline of almost 9,000,000 tons. If we should go back to March 1927, we should find that the quantity of soft coal mined then was not less than 59,911,000 tons. This last, however, is hardly a fair comparison, as the total then was of phenomenal size, due to the fact that coal mining at that time was being prosecuted with feverish energy in preparation for the great strike at the Union controlled mines throughout the country scheduled for April 1 1927. Anthracite production, likewise, the present year was much smaller than in the corresponding month of previous years, it having been only 4,551,000 tons in March 1930, against 5,044,000 tons in March 1929, 5,398,000 tons in March 1928, and 6,056,000 tons in March 1927.

Nor was there any offsetting advantage in the shape of a larger grain movement in the West or a larger cotton movement in the South. On the contrary, both were smaller the present year than last year. The absence of any export demand of consequence for grain, as also the low market prices prevailing for wheat and other grains, served to diminish shipments to market the same as was the case in March of last year when similar conditions prevailed and when as a consequence the receipts at the Western primary markets were heavily reduced. We discuss the Western grain movement at length further along in this article, and will only say here that for the four weeks ending Mar. 28 the receipts of wheat, corn, oats, barley and rye aggregated only 44,979,000 bushels the present year, against 56,752,000 bushels in the corresponding four weeks of 1929 and 82,983,000 bushels in the same four weeks of 1928. As furnishing a composite picture of the freight traffic as a whole over the railroads, it might be added that for the five weeks ending

Mar. 29, the loading of revenue freight on the railroads of the United States comprised only 4,414,625 cars, as against 4,815,937 cars in the same five weeks of 1929 and 4,752,559 in the five weeks of 1928.

With all these various elements and influences working to reduce traffic and revenues, it naturally follows that in the case of the separate roads and systems the returns are almost uniformly unfavorable, with the losses large in gross and net alike and with few exceptions to the rule. All classes of roads and all sections of the country suffered in the general falling off. While the big East and West trunk lines, by reason of the magnitude of their traffic and the fact that they serve the great manufacturing and mining regions of the Middle and Middle Western States, naturally show the heaviest losses, the leading systems in other parts of the country have sustained reductions in earnings, gross and net, hardly less in extent. In some instances this year's losses come after gains in 1929, which, however, represented quite generally merely a recovery of the losses of the previous year, while in other instances the 1930 losses come on top of losses in 1929 and in some cases also on top of losses in 1928. The Pennsylvania RR. this year shows a reduction of \$6,770,214 in gross and of \$3,978,400 in net; this follows \$3,041,753 gain in gross and \$1,901,391 gain in net in March 1929, but \$6,447,684 loss in gross and \$1,802,239 loss in net in March 1928. The New York Central and merged lines reports \$8,322,013 falling off in gross and \$4,022,275 in net. On the same basis in March 1929, this system showed \$1,412,927 increase in gross and \$273,418 increase in net, but after \$2,581,911 decrease in gross and \$865,053 decrease in net in March 1928. The Baltimore & Ohio this time falls behind \$2,447,918 in gross and \$1,450,369 in net, as against \$1,402,040 gain in gross and \$1,341,772 gain in net in March 1929, but \$2,685,015 loss in gross and \$1,586,176 loss in net in March 1928.

In the Southwest, many of the comparisons are equally poor, as appears from the fact that the Atchison reports \$2,621,689 shrinkage in gross and \$3,539,225 shrinkage in net, the falling off in the net having been accentuated owing to the circumstance that maintenance outlays were exceptionally heavy the present year, President Storey having stated that the company's maintenance of way program had been carried out at above the usual rate the present year to date—that, in fact, "more than 50% of our steel for the year has already been laid, which is much ahead of our progress in this respect a year ago." In March last year the Atchison showed \$1,342,723 gain in gross and \$1,470,558 gain in net, which, however, came after \$2,241,604 decrease in gross and \$1,679,802 decrease in net in March 1928. The Southern Pacific has suffered a decrease of \$3,425,930 in gross and of \$2,227,543 in net, after having added \$1,587,989 to gross and \$1,003,274 to net in May 1929. The Union Pacific falls behind \$2,427,864 in gross and \$1,108,814 in net, following \$323,151 addition to gross, but \$96,370 decrease in net in May 1929. The Burlington & Quincy reports a decrease of \$1,613,636 in gross and of \$1,133,684 in net, after 911,189 decrease in gross and \$66,885 decrease in net in May last year. The Rock Island this time reports \$1,305,673 decrease in gross and \$59,843 decrease in net, following \$305,611 gain in gross, but \$347,469 loss in net in March 1929. Up in the Northwest, the Milwaukee &

north of a line from St. Louis to Kansas City and thence to El Paso and by the Mexican boundary to the Pacific.

Southeastern Region.—This region comprises the section lying between the Mississippi River south of St. Louis and a line from St. Louis to Kansas City and thence to El Paso and by the Rio Grande to the Gulf of Mexico

As already pointed out, the Western grain traffic in March the present year was on a greatly diminished scale as compared with March 1929. This was particularly true in the case of wheat, although all the different cereals, with the exception of oats, the movement of which ran somewhat heavier than a year ago, contributed to the shortage. The receipts of wheat at the Western primary markets for the four weeks ending Mar. 28 1930 were 15,070,000 bushels, as against 24,419,000 bushels; of corn, 18,643,000 bushels, against 20,125,000 bushels; of oats, 8,062,000 bushels, against 7,815,000 bushels; of barley, 2,665,000 bushels, against 3,401,000, and of rye, 539,000, against 992,000 bushels. Altogether the receipts of the five cereals—wheat, corn, oats, barley, and rye—combined, for the four weeks of the present year, reached only 44,979,000 bushels, as against 56,752,000 bushels in the corresponding period of 1929. The details of the Western grain movement in our usual form are set out in the table we now introduce:

WESTERN FLOUR AND GRAIN RECEIPTS. Table with columns for 4 Wks. End. Mar. 28, Flour (bbls.), Wheat (bush.), Corn (bush.), Oats (bush.), Barley (bush.), Rye (bush.) and rows for various cities including Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Toledo, Detroit, Peoria, Duluth, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Omaha & Indianapols, Stouz City, St. Joseph, Wichita, and Total All.

WESTERN FLOUR AND GRAIN RECEIPTS. Table with columns for 3 Mos. End. Mar. 28, Flour (bbls.), Wheat (bush.), Corn (bush.), Oats (bush.), Barley (bush.), Rye (bush.) and rows for various cities including Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Toledo, Detroit, Peoria, Duluth, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Omaha & Indianapols, Stouz City, St. Joseph, Wichita, and Total All.

On the other hand, the Western livestock movement appears to have been larger than a year ago. While at Chicago there was a slight falling off, the arrivals having comprised 16,230 carloads, against 16,762 carloads; at Kansas City the receipts were 7,498 carloads, against 7,116 carloads, and at Omaha 7,548 carloads, against 6,298 cars.

As to the Southern cotton movement, this was on a greatly reduced scale, both in the case of the shipments overland and the receipts at the Southern outports. Gross shipments overland reached only 58,147 bales, as against 80,093 bales in March 1929; 80,532 bales in 1928; 122,323 bales in 1927; 77,256 bales in 1926, and 143,979 bales in 1925. At the Southern outports receipts of the staple in March the present year comprised only 204,092 bales, as compared with 375,133 bales in March 1929; 333,456 bales in March 1928, and no less than 893,604 bales in March 1927, as will be seen by the subjoined table:

RECEIPTS OF COTTON AT SOUTHERN PORTS IN MARCH AND SINCE JAN. 1 TO MARCH 31 1930, 1929 AND 1928.

Table showing Receipts of Cotton at Southern Ports in March and since Jan. 1 to March 31 1930, 1929 and 1928. Columns include Ports, March (1930, 1929, 1928), and Since Jan. 1 (1930, 1929, 1928). Rows include Galveston, Texas City, New Orleans, Mobile, Pensacola, Savannah, Charleston, Wilmington, Norfolk, Corpus Christi, Lake Charles, and Beaumont.

RESULTS FOR EARLIER YEARS.

As already indicated, what gives additional emphasis to this year's heavy falling off in earnings—\$64,595,796 in gross, or 12.51%, and \$38,262,064 in net, or 27.46%—is the fact that this poor showing follows unfavorable or indifferent comparisons in March of all the preceding years back to 1926. In March 1929 our comparisons showed relatively light gains, namely, \$10,884,477 in gross and \$7,516,400 in net, following losses in gross and net alike in March 1928, though the improvement would doubtless have been somewhat greater except for the fact that the month contained one less working day than in the previous year, due to their having been five Sundays in the month, whereas March 1928 had contained only four Sundays, and the same remark applies again the present year, March 1930 having likewise contained five Sundays. For March 1928 our tables registered no less than \$26,410,659 decrease in gross and \$4,034,267 decrease in net. Nor was the showing for March 1927 anything to boast of, the comparisons then having revealed relatively trifling increases—\$432,616 in gross and \$1,627,348 in net. It is not until we get back to 1926 that we strike periods of marked improvement in results. In March 1926 the showing was strikingly good, with noteworthy improvements in gross and net alike. Our compilations for March 1926 recorded \$43,668,624 gain in gross, or 8.99%, and \$24,561,652 gain in net, or 22 1/2%. The fact is to be borne in mind, however, that these gains in March 1926 followed losses in both the years immediately preceding. Thus for March 1925 our statement registered \$18,864,833 decrease in gross and \$5,447,665 decrease in net, while for March 1924 the loss in the gross reached no less than \$30,628,340, though the loss in the net was no more than \$2,514,076, owing to the reductions in expenses, reflecting growing efficiency of operations. This growing efficiency in operation has continued ever since. And the further back we go the more striking the record becomes in that respect—barring 1923, when weather conditions were extremely unfavorable and a gain of \$59,806,190 in gross brought with it an addition of only \$3,419,324 to net earnings—which last, however, was the reverse of what happened in 1922, when a gain of \$16,059,426 in gross was attended by a reduction of \$38,577,773 in expenses, yielding \$54,637,199 gain in net, and the reverse also of what happened in 1921, when though the gross revenues showed a decrease of \$1,483,390, the net recorded an improvement of \$18,656,316. All this merely indicates that as the country got further and further away from the period of Govern-

ment control of the railroads, with its lavish and extravagant administration, railroad managers once more succeeded in obtaining control over the expenditures of the roads and were able to effect important economies and savings.

Weather conditions are not, as a rule, a great drawback to railroad operations in March (January and February being the bad winter months), and in 1930 there were few complaints on that score. In 1929 the drawbacks were only such as followed as the result of the severe cold and heavy falls of snow experienced in some of the far Western roads in January and February. At different times during March of that year there came reports of snow slides at widely separated points in the section of the country referred to—from Colorado, from Dakota, from Montana, from the State of Washington, &c. In 1928 the weather was not an adverse influence anywhere. In 1927, likewise, the weather did not exert any serious adverse influence except in several of the Rocky Mountain States, more particularly in Colorado and Wyoming, where repeated snowstorms occurred all through the winter months of 1927, making railroad operations difficult, and where even towards the middle of April an unusually severe spring blizzard was encountered, seriously interrupting traffic. The latter extended also into South Dakota and into Western and Northwestern Nebraska. In 1926, too, the winter for the country as a whole did not interfere with railroad operations to any great extent, though temperatures then were low and the season far in advance of the ordinary. In 1924 the weather was also mild and the roads suffered no setback on that account. Back in 1923, on the other hand, weather conditions in March were extremely unfavorable. Moreover, in 1923 the winter was very severe, also in January and February, with heavy snows, making the adverse effects cumulative and entailing outlays of great magnitude on that account. In discussing the severity of the winter weather in our review of March 1923 we pointed out that in nearly the whole of the northern half of the country quite unusual weather conditions had prevailed. Here in the East in the last week of the month the Weather Bureau in this city on several days reported the lowest March temperature records during its existence. And the cold persisted right up to the close of the month. On the night of March 31-April 1, the latter being Easter, the official thermometer registered a temperature of as low as 12 degrees above zero. Previously the temperature in this city on Mar. 31 had never been below 25. Furthermore, dispatches from Washington, D. C., in that year reported the coldest 1st of April ever experienced at many points east of the Mississippi River, with the mercury in Washington down to 15 degrees, seven degrees under the record set April 19 1875, and lower than ever registered after Mar. 21 in any year since the establishment of the Washington Weather Bureau in 1870. But the cold in 1923 was not so much of a drawback as the snowfalls and the snow blockades. Added to the

numerous snowstorms in February, which had then so seriously increased operating costs, more particularly in New England and northern New York, there were, in 1923, other snowstorms during March, some of these in the West attaining the dimensions of blizzards. The result was that virtually everywhere outside of the South operating costs were heavily augmented. It was because of this that out of \$59,806,190 increase in gross earnings in March 1923, \$56,386,866, as already stated, was eaten up by augmented expenses, leaving only \$3,419,324 increase in the net.

It has already been noted that the loss in the net in 1925 and 1924 came after four successive years of increase. On the other hand, prior to 1920, March net had been steadily dwindling for a long period past, until the amount had got down to very small proportions. For instance, in March 1919 there was a loss in net of no less than \$52,414,969 in face of an increase of \$10,676,415 in the gross earnings, and furthermore, March 1919 was the third successive year in which the March expenses had risen to such an extent as to wipe out the gains in gross receipts—hence producing a cumulative loss in net. In the following we give the March totals back to 1906. For 1911, 1910, and 1909 we use the Inter-State Commerce figures, which then were slightly more comprehensive than our own (though they are so no longer), but for preceding years, before the Commerce Commission had any comparative totals of its own, we give the results just as registered by our own tables each year—a portion of the railroad mileage of the country being always unrepresented in the totals in these earlier years, owing to the refusal of some of the roads then to give out monthly figures for publication:

Year.	Gross Earnings.			Net Earnings.		
	Year Given.	Year Preceding.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).	Year Given.	Year Preceding.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).
Mar	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1906	129,838,708	116,861,229	+12,977,479	40,349,748	35,312,906	+5,036,842
1907	141,502,502	128,600,109	+12,902,393	40,967,927	40,904,113	+63,814
1908	141,193,819	162,725,500	-21,531,681	39,328,528	45,872,154	-6,543,631
1909	205,700,013	183,509,935	+22,190,078	69,613,713	55,309,871	+14,303,842
1910	238,725,772	205,838,832	+32,887,440	78,322,811	69,658,705	+8,664,106
1911	227,564,915	238,829,705	-11,264,790	69,209,357	78,357,486	-9,148,129
1912	237,564,332	224,608,654	+12,955,678	69,038,987	68,190,493	+848,494
1913	249,230,551	238,634,712	+10,595,839	64,993,146	67,983,146	-2,975,145
1914	250,174,257	249,514,091	+660,166	67,893,951	64,889,423	+3,104,528
1915	298,157,881	253,352,099	+44,805,782	68,452,432	67,452,082	+1,000,350
1916	296,830,406	238,098,843	+58,731,563	97,771,590	68,392,963	+29,378,627
1917	321,317,560	294,068,345	+27,249,215	88,807,466	96,718,706	-7,911,240
1918	362,731,238	312,276,881	+50,454,357	82,561,336	87,309,806	-4,748,470
1919	375,772,750	365,006,335	+10,766,415	29,596,482	82,011,451	-52,414,969
1920	408,582,467	347,090,277	+61,492,190	40,872,775	27,202,867	+13,669,908
1921	456,978,940	458,462,330	-1,483,390	58,538,958	39,882,602	+18,656,316
1922	473,433,886	457,374,460	+16,059,426	113,468,843	58,831,644	+54,637,199
1923	533,553,199	473,747,009	+59,806,190	117,117,122	113,697,798	+3,419,324
1924	504,016,114	534,644,454	-30,618,340	114,754,514	117,668,590	-2,914,076
1925	485,498,143	504,362,976	-18,864,833	109,230,086	114,677,751	-5,447,665
1926	528,905,183	485,236,559	+43,668,624	133,642,754	109,081,102	+24,561,652
1927	529,899,898	529,467,282	+432,616	135,691,649	134,064,291	+1,627,358
1928	504,233,009	530,643,758	-26,410,749	131,840,275	135,874,542	-4,034,267
1929	516,134,027	505,249,550	+10,884,477	139,639,086	132,122,686	+7,516,400
1930	452,024,463	516,620,259	-64,595,796	101,494,027	139,756,091	-38,262,064

Note.—Includes for March 96 roads in 1906; 94 in 1907; in 1908 the returns were based on 152,058 miles of road; in 1909, 233,702; in 1910, 239,691; in 1911, 244,081; in 1912, 238,218; in 1913, 240,510; in 1914, 245,200; in 1915, 246,848; in 1916, 247,363; in 1917, 248,185; in 1918, 230,336; in 1919, 226,076; in 1920, 206,319; in 1921, 234,832; in 1922, 234,886; in 1923, 235,424; in 1924, 235,715; in 1925, 236,559; in 1926, 236,774; in 1927, 237,804; in 1928, 239,649; in 1929, 241,185; in 1930, 242,325.

The New Capital Flotations During the Month of April and for the Four Months Since the First of January

The most conspicuous feature disclosed by our tabulations of new financing for the month of April is that the totals are now running very large again, indicating that in that respect at least traces of the ill effects occasioned by the stock market collapse of last autumn are disappearing. It is equally true, however, that the character of the financing has changed in some essential particulars, the chief of the changes being, as indicated in our analyses of the new capital flotations for previous months, that stock issues are being largely displaced by bond issues as a means for raising new capital. Another change is in the diminishing contribution to the general totals made by investment trusts and trading corporations with which the markets were so overwhelmingly flooded in the first seven or eight months of 1929, though it must be admitted that in more recent weeks there have been manifestations of reviving activity on the part of these trusts which, if continued, means increased contributions again from that source in the early future.

A third and equally important development in these new capital issues is that with money rates low and a superabundance of loanable funds, both for short-term and long-term investment, very considerable amounts of new foreign loans, corporate and Government, are now being floated in the United States, whereas a year ago, with money rates high and virtually all loanable funds tied up in the stock market, the field for foreign offerings was necessarily narrow and restricted. As illustrating the importance of this latter feature, we may note, at the very outset, that during April an aggregate of \$121,675,000 of foreign government loans was floated in this country, while in April last year, at the time of the great tension in the money market, no foreign loans whatever were placed in this market.

The easing of money conditions is also proving a great advantage to States and municipalities in enabling them to arrange their needs for new funds. Not only is it possible for municipalities to borrow on greatly reduced terms, but a ready market exists for large amounts of new municipal

issues, even at the greatly reduced yield which is now to be obtained from this class of obligations. During the month of April the present year the aggregate of the municipal awards reached no less than \$150,210,631, as against only \$91,935,818 in April 1929. Among the large issues placed during the month in 1930 were \$31,550,000 New York State 4s, on an interest cost basis to the State of about 3.79%; \$10,000,000 Missouri 4½s on a basis of about 4.18%; \$4,500,000 West Virginia 4s and 4½s, on a basis of about 4.24%; \$4,152,000 Erie County, N. Y., 4s, on a basis of about 3.99%; \$3,884,000 Philadelphia, Pa., 4s, on a basis of about 3.94%, and \$3,500,000 Harris County, Texas, 5s and 4¾s—the \$2,000,000 5s selling on a basis of 4.81% and the \$1,500,000 4¾s on a basis of about 4.63%.

The grand total of all new issues brought out during April, it will appear as we proceed, did not run far short of \$1,000,000,000, which is certainly no diminutive figure, being at the rate of \$12,000,000,000 a year. Our tabulations, as always, include the stock, bond and note issues by corporations, by holding, investment, and trading companies of one kind or another, and by States and municipalities, foreign and domestic, and also farm loan emissions. The grand total of the offerings of securities under these various heads during April aggregated \$957,838,752. This compares with \$821,142,580 in March; with \$621,374,402 in February, which was a short month; with \$824,183,488 in January; with \$658,012,982 in December, and with only \$298,029,283 in November, which latter was the month of the termination of the stock market crash, showing that the April financing the present year was the heaviest since the panic. In October, when the total had already begun to dwindle, because of Stock Exchange conditions, the new offerings footed up \$878,901,935, while in September, when all records of monthly totals for new capital issues were broken, the new flotations amounted to \$1,616,464,867.

At \$957,838,752, the total of the new capital flotations for April 1930 actually runs considerably in excess of that for April last year, when the aggregate of the new issues brought out under the different heads amounted to \$816,764,760, which comparison, however, is apt to prove misleading unless it is borne in mind that the high money rates prevailing a year ago, and from which no relief was experienced in April of that year, exercised a great retarding influence upon new financing at that time, which was reflected in a considerable diminution in the total of the new offerings. This retarding influence, however, proved entirely temporary, and the very next month the total again reached huge proportions, notwithstanding dear money persisted, the new financing for May 1929 actually exceeding \$1,500,000,000, being an amount that up to that time had never previously been even closely approached. In April 1929, however, the stringency in the money market did put a halt upon new financing, and as a consequence the total of the new issues coming upon the market in that month fell to \$816,764,760, compared with which the total now for April 1930 shows an increase of over \$141,000,000.

This increase over last year is more than accounted for under the two main heads already mentioned, namely, foreign government financing and municipal awards. As stated above, the foreign government issues placed in the United States aggregated \$121,675,000 in April 1930, against none so placed in April 1929, and the municipal awards reached \$150,210,631 in 1930, against only \$91,935,818 in 1929. The corporate issues were actually somewhat smaller than a year ago, when, as already explained, they had been reduced by the tightness of the money market. Including \$13,588,000 of Canadian corporate offerings, and \$37,000,000 of other corporate offerings, the total of the corporate issues the present year is \$679,703,121, as against \$720,828,942 in April 1929, this latter having included only \$15,558,900 of foreign issues. The domestic corporate issues

aggregate \$629,115,121 as against \$705,270,042 in April last year.

As to the replacing of stock issues by bond issues, that was a feature in April the same as in preceding months, though it must be admitted not in quite so striking a degree as in the earlier months of the year, and the reason for that is that financing by the investment trusts is again coming in evidence, even if as yet on a comparatively moderate scale. In March the appeals on behalf of investment trusts and trading and holding corporations aggregated only \$1,595,000, as against \$179,998,588 in March 1929. In April the contribution by the investment trusts and trading and holding corporations reached \$61,752,344 (of which \$15,000,000 was raised through the medium of a bond issue) which compares with \$82,058,000 in April 1929. Nevertheless, even after the inclusion of the contributions from that source, the common stock issues in April 1930 were responsible for only \$161,226,561 out of the \$629,115,121 of domestic corporate financing, the proportion being only a little over 25%, while in April 1929 the common stock issues comprised \$320,730,241 out of a total of \$705,270,042 of domestic corporate financing, or over 45%. Bond and note issues accounted for \$367,735,000 of the corporate issues in 1930 against \$287,522,300 in April last year, and the preferred stock issues were responsible for \$100,153,560 in the month in 1930 against \$97,017,501 in 1929.

In one particular the characteristics of the financing in 1929 are still being maintained. We allude to the tendency to make bond issues and preferred stock offerings more attractive by according to the purchaser rights to acquire common stock. In the following we bring together the more conspicuous issues floated during April of the present year containing convertible features of one kind or another, or carrying subscription rights or warrants to subscribe for or acquire new stock. In the detailed enumeration of all the issues which were brought out during the month of April, given at the end of this article, we have put in italics the part relating to the right of conversion or subscription in all cases where such rights exist, italic type being used to designate the fact so that it may be readily detected by the eye:

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

- \$60,000,000 **Republic Steel Corp.** 6% cum. conv. pref. stock, convertible into common stock on basis ranging from 1 share to 1¾ shares of preferred stock for 1 share of common stock.
- 30,000,000 **General Theatres Equipment, Inc.**, conv. deb. 6s 1940, convertible at any time after Jan. 1 1931 and prior to maturity into common stock on basis of 21 shares of stock for each \$1,000 of debentures.
- 30,000,000 **Van Sweringen Corp.** 5-yr. 6% notes, May 1 1935 with warrants (detachable on or after May 1 1932, but not prior thereto except when exercised or in event of redemption) entitling holders to purchase 20 shares of common stock, for each \$1,000 of notes, at \$25 per share.
- 22,000,000 **McKesson & Robbins, Inc.** conv. deb. 5½s 1950, convertible into common stock on and after July 1 1930 and prior to maturity or earlier redemption at following rates: on or after July 1 1930 and on or before April 30 1932 at rate of 1 share for each \$40 principal amount of bonds, the conversion price increasing \$2.50 per share on and including May 1 1935 and on May 1 in each succeeding year up to and including May 1 1936 and on May 1 1936 and on May 1 in each succeeding year thereafter to and including May 1 1949 increasing \$5 per share.
- 15,000,000 **Niagara Share Corp. of Md.** conv. deb. 5½s 1950, convertible at any time on or before May 1 1932 into 44 shares of common stock and at any time thereafter on or before May 1 1936 into 40 shares per \$1,000 debenture.
- 250,000 shs. **Midland United Co.** conv. pref. stock series A, convertible to June 30 1933 on bases ranging from one and four-tenths shares to one share of common stock for each share of preferred. Each certificate for convertible preferred stock series A accompanied by a warrant to purchase an equal number of shares of common stock up to and including Dec. 31 1930 at \$28½ per share.
- \$12,000,000 **South American Railways Co.** conv. 6s April 15 1933 convertible into common stock, with warrants attached, of the Public Utility Holding Corp. of America on basis ranging from 35 shares to 25 shares for each \$1,000 of notes.
- 12,000,000 **Skelly Oil Co.** 6% cum. pref. stock, each certificate bearing a non-detachable warrant to purchase 2 shares of common stock for each share of preferred up to May 1 1933 at prices ranging from \$42½ to \$50 per share.

An analysis of the corporate flotations during April shows that industrial and miscellaneous corporations accounted for \$370,264,281, or nearly 55% of the corporate total. This aggregate was nearly double the \$194,830,911 reported for industrial and miscellaneous issues in March. Railroad issues, while less than in March, were, nevertheless, of impressive proportions, aggregating \$178,662,000 in April

as against \$223,013,000 in March. Public utility offerings were off sharply in volume, showing only \$130,776,840 for April as compared with \$228,481,452 for March.

Total corporate offerings, foreign and domestic, during April were, as already stated, \$679,703,121, and of this amount long-term bonds and notes, including \$13,588,000 Canadian and \$25,000,000 other foreign, accounted for no less than \$335,697,000, or not quite 50% of the total. Stock issues, all domestic, aggregated \$261,380,121, while short-term bonds and notes, including \$12,000,000 other foreign, aggregated \$82,626,000. The portion of the month's total raised for refunding was \$51,258,750, or less than 8%. In March the refunding portion was even less, being only \$15,436,500, or not quite 3% of the total; in February the portion for refunding was also small, showing only \$27,635,500, or less than 6% of the total. In January the amount for refunding was \$73,096,000, or slightly over 10% of that month's total. In April of last year the amount for refunding was no less than \$134,171,779, or over 18% of the total. There was one large refunding issue in April of this year, namely, \$50,000,000 Erie RR. ref. & imp. mtge. 5s 1975, of which \$25,928,750 was for refunding purposes.

The total of \$51,258,750 raised for refunding in April (1930) comprised \$46,448,750 new long-term to refund existing long-term; \$4,000,000 new long-term to refund existing short-term; \$310,000 new short-term to refund existing long-term, and \$500,000 new short-term to refund existing short-term.

Canadian and other foreign corporate issues sold in this country during April comprised six separate offerings for an aggregate of \$50,588,000, as against \$115,000,000 in March. The offerings during April were as follows: Canadian—\$8,000,000 Calgary Pr. Co., Ltd., 1st mtge. 5s 1960, priced at 94, to yield 5.40%; \$4,238,000 Grand Trunk Western RR. Co. equip. trust 5s 1930-44, offered to yield 4.00% to 5.00%, and \$1,000,000 West Canadian Hydro-Electric Corp., Ltd., 1st mtge. 6s A 1950, offered at 99½, to yield over 6%, and \$350,000 convertible debenture 6½s 1945, of the same company, issued at par. Other foreign issues were: \$15,000,000 Berlin City Electric Co., Inc. (Germany) debenture 6s 1955, offered at 90½, to yield 6.80%; \$10,000,000 Piedmont Hydro-Electric Co. (Italy) 1st mtge. & ref. 6½s A 1960, floated at 91½, to yield about 7.20%, and \$12,000,000 South American Railways Co. convertible 6% notes, April 15 1933, offered at par.

No less than six separate foreign government offerings were made in this market during April, for an aggregate of \$121,675,000, which is the largest monthly total reported since April 1927, when \$121,686,000, or almost identically the same total, was shown. The offerings during April (1930) were: \$50,000,000 Government of the Argentine Nation 6 months treasury 5s Oct 1 1930, issued at par; \$500,000 City of Barranquilla (Rep. of Colombia) ext. secured 8s E 1949, priced at 99, to yield over 8.10%; \$3,675,000 Province of Buenos Aires (Argentina) ext. 6½s 1961, offered at 95½, to yield 6.85%; \$25,000,000 Republic of Chile ext. 6s 1963, priced at 91½, to yield 6.63%; \$35,000,000 State of San Paulo (Brazil) 7% secured coffee realization loan 1940, priced at 96, to yield 7.56%, and \$7,500,000 Metropolitan Water, Sewerage and Drainage Board (Sydney, New South Wales) 20-yr. 5½s 1950, offered at 92½, to yield 6.15%. No farm loan securities were offered during April.

Among the domestic offerings during April the largest was \$60,000,000 Republic Steel Corp. 6% cum. conv. pref. stock, offered at \$95 per share, to yield over 6.30%. Other large industrial and miscellaneous issues were: 1,250,000 shares Corporation Securities Co. of Chicago common stock, priced at \$27½ per share, involving \$34,375,000; 1,938,155 shares Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Co. class A stock, offered at \$17 per share, involving \$32,948,635; \$30,000,000 General Theatres Equipment, Inc., conv. deb. 6s 1940, offered at 99½, yielding over 6%; \$30,000,000 Van Sweringen Corp. 6% notes, May 1 1935, priced at par; \$22,000,000 McKesson & Robbins, Inc., conv. deb. 5½s 1950, offered at 96, to yield 5.85%; \$20,000,000 The American Metal Co., Ltd., 4-yr. 5½%

notes, April 1 1934, priced at 99½, to yield 5.64%; \$15,000,000 Niagara Share Corp. of Md. conv. deb. 5½s 1950, offered at 99, to yield 5.55%, and 390,952 shares Radio-Keith-Orpheum Corp. class A stock, offered at \$35 per share, involving \$13,683,320.

Railroad issues of prominence during April included the following: \$50,000,000 Erie RR. Co. ref. & imp. 5s 1975, offered at 95½, to yield 5.25%; \$41,294,000 Southern Pacific Co.-Oregon Lines 1st mtge. 4s A 1977, offered at 97½, to yield 4.63%; \$18,000,000 Pennsylvania RR. Co. capital stock, offered to the road's employees at par (\$50); \$13,000,000 Louisiana & Arkansas Ry. Co. 1st mtge. 5s A 1969, priced at 92, to yield 5.50%, and \$10,000,000 The Delaware & Hudson Co. 1st & ref. mtge. 4s 1943, offered at 93, to yield 4.73%.

Public utility financing was featured by the following: 1,149,914 shares Philadelphia Electric Co. common stock, offered at \$20 per share, involving \$22,998,280; \$20,000,000 Consumer Pr. Co. 1st lien & unif. mtge. 4½s 1958, offered at 97, to yield 4.70%; 250,000 shares Midland United Co. conv. pref. stock series A, priced at \$48½ per share, involving \$12,125,000, and \$5,000,000 Cincinnati Street Ry. Co. 1st mtge. 6s B 1955, offered at 99½, to yield over 6%.

There were two offerings of securities during April which did not represent new financing by the companies whose securities were offered. These issues aggregated \$3,674,500, and, as pointed out by us in previous months, are not included in our totals of new financing. The issues are shown, however, in tabular form following the details of actual new capital flotations during the month. See page 3439.

The following is a complete summary of the new financing—corporate, State and city, foreign government, as well as farm loan issues—for the month of April and since the first of January. It should be noted that in the case of the corporate offerings we subdivide the figures so as to show the long-term and the short-term issues separately, and we also separate common stock from preferred stock, and likewise show by themselves the Canadian corporate issues, as well as the other foreign corporate flotations.

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

MONTH OF APRIL.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$
Corporate—			
Domestic—			
Long term bonds and notes.....	250,660,250	46,448,750	297,109,000
Short term.....	69,816,000	810,000	70,626,000
Preferred stocks.....	100,153,560	-----	100,153,560
Common stocks.....	161,226,561	-----	161,226,561
Canadian—			
Long-term bonds and notes.....	13,588,000	-----	13,588,000
Short term.....	-----	-----	-----
Preferred stocks.....	-----	-----	-----
Common stocks.....	-----	-----	-----
Other foreign—			
Long-term bonds and notes.....	21,000,000	4,000,000	25,000,000
Short term.....	12,000,000	-----	12,000,000
Preferred stocks.....	-----	-----	-----
Common stocks.....	-----	-----	-----
Total corporate.....	628,444,371	51,258,750	679,703,121
Foreign Government.....	121,675,000	-----	121,675,000
Farm Loan Issues.....	-----	-----	-----
Municipal, States, cities, &c.....	146,766,782	3,443,849	150,210,631
Canadian.....	5,000,000	-----	5,000,000
U. S. Possessions.....	1,250,000	-----	1,250,000
Grand total.....	903,136,153	54,702,599	957,838,752
FOUR MONTHS ENDED APR. 30.			
Corporate—			
Domestic—			
Long-term bonds and notes.....	1,278,753,160	122,360,250	1,401,113,410
Short term.....	157,223,000	21,813,000	179,036,000
Preferred stocks.....	181,283,046	-----	181,283,046
Common stocks.....	479,027,184	1,253,500	480,280,684
Canadian—			
Long term bonds and notes.....	73,888,000	18,000,000	91,888,000
Short term.....	-----	-----	-----
Preferred stocks.....	-----	-----	-----
Common stocks.....	-----	-----	-----
Other foreign—			
Long-term bonds and notes.....	163,655,000	4,000,000	167,655,000
Short term.....	17,000,000	-----	17,000,000
Preferred stocks.....	-----	-----	-----
Common stocks.....	6,160,000	-----	6,160,000
Total corporate.....	2,356,990,290	167,426,750	2,524,417,040
Foreign Government.....	187,675,000	4,000,000	191,675,000
Farm Loan Issues.....	22,000,000	-----	22,000,000
Municipal, States, cities, &c.....	458,158,262	9,349,912	467,508,174
Canadian.....	21,142,000	3,168,000	24,300,000
U. S. Possessions.....	2,750,000	-----	2,750,000
Grand total.....	3,048,715,552	183,934,662	3,232,650,214

In the elaborate and comprehensive tables on the succeeding pages we compare the foregoing figures for 1930 with the corresponding figures for the four years preceding, thus affording a five-year comparison. We also furnish a detailed analysis for the five years of the corporate offerings showing separately the amounts for all the different classes of corporations.

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

DETAILS OF NEW CAPITAL FLOTATIONS DURING APRIL 1930.

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

Amount.	Purpose of Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$ 1,500,000	Railroads— Refunding	99 3/4	5.50	Akron Canton & Youngstown Ry. Co. Gen. & Ref. M. 5 1/2s B, 1945. Offered by Otis & Co., Guardian Trust Co., Cleveland, and Coffin & Burr, Inc.
1,849,000	New equipment	103	4.5	Central Vermont Ry., Inc., Equip. Tr. 5s, 1930-44. Offered by Edward Lower Stokes & Co.
5,031,000	Refunding, add'ns & betterments	103	4.60	Chicago & North Western Ry. Co. Gen. M. 4 1/2s, 1937. Offered by Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and National City Co.
10,000,000	Refunding	93	4.73	Delaware & Hudson Co. 1st & Ref. M. 4s, 1943. Offered by Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and First National Bank, New York.
50,000,000	Refunding, add'ns, betterm'ts, &c.	95 1/2	5.25	Erie RR. Co. Ref. & Imp. M. 5s, 1975. Offered by J. P. Morgan & Co., First National Bank, New York, and National City Co.
4,238,000	New equipment	---	4.5	Grand Trunk Western RR. Co. Equip. Tr. 5s, 1930-44. Offered by Chase Securities Corp., Equitable Corp. of N. Y., Bancamerica-Blair Corp., First National Old Colony Corp. and Freeman & Co.
13,000,000	Acq. cap. stk. of Louisiana Ry. & Nav. Co.; retire current debt	92	5.50	Louisiana & Arkansas Ry. Co. 1st M. 5s, A, 1969. Offered by Dillon, Read & Co., Chase Securities Corp., E. H. Rollins & Sons, A. Iselin & Co., Rogers, Caldwell & Co., Inc., Central Illinois Co., Inc., Foreman-State Corp., A. G. Becker & Co., Canal Bk. & Tr. Co. and John Nickerson & Co., Inc.
6,000,000	New construction	94 1/2	4.85	Pittsburgh & West Virginia Ry. Co. 1st M. 4 1/2s C, 1960. Brown Bros. & Co., Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc., and Chase Securities Corp.
41,294,000	Acquisitions, add'ns, betterm., &c.	97 1/2	4.63	Southern Pacific Co.-Oregon Lines 1st M. 4 1/2s A, 1977. Offered by Kuhn, Loeb & Co.
6,000,000	New equipment	---	4.25-4.50	Southern Pacific Co. Equip. Tr. 4 1/2s, 1931-45. Offered by Chase Securities Corp. and Freeman & Co.
138,912,000	Public Utilities—			
2,000,000	Acq., add'ns, constr., &c.	94 1/2	6.45	American Electric Power Corp. Conv. Deb. 6s A, 1957. (Convertible upon at least 20 days' prior notice on any interest date up to and incl. March 15 1938 into \$7 pref. stock of the corporation at rate of 10 shares for each \$1,000 of Debts.) Offered by Bonbright & Co., Inc., and A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc.
700,000	Compleat. of system, wkg. cap., &c.	100	7.00	Arkansas Western Gas Co. 1st (C) M. 7s, 1939. (Each \$1,000 and \$500 bond accompanied by a detached warrant to purchase 10 shares and 5 shares, respectively, of common stock at \$12 1/4 per share up to and incl. Jan. 2 1933 and at \$15 1/2 per share thereafter to and incl. Jan. 2 1935.) Offered by A. M. Lampert & Co., Inc., and Paul & Co., Inc.
15,000,000	Reduce curr. debt for ext. & bett., &c.	90 1/2	6.80	Berlin City Electric Co., Inc. (Germany), Deb. 6s, 1955. Offered by Dillon, Read & Co., Hallgarten & Co., Bankers Co. of New York, Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Lehman Brothers, International Manhattan Co., Inc., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Blyth & Co., Inc., Mendelsohn & Co. of Amsterdam.
8,000,000	Capital expend's, retire debt	94	5.40	Calgary Power Co., Ltd. (Canada), 1st M. 5s, 1960. Offered by Royal Securities Corp.
1,000,000	Additions, betterments, &c.	98	5.14	California Water Service Co. 1st M. 5s A, 1958. Offered by G. L. Ohrstrom & Co., Inc.
5,000,000	Capital expenditures	99 1/2	6.00	Cincinnati Street Ry. Co. 1st M. 6s B, 1955. Offered by Guaranty Co. of N. Y. and W. E. Hut-ton & Co.
20,000,000	Additions and improvements	97	4.70	Consumers Power Co. 1st Lien & Unif. M. 4 1/2s, 1958. Offered by Bonbright & Co., Inc., National City Co. and Bankers Co. of New York.
4,000,000	Acquisitions, additions, &c.	99	5.10	Jersey Central Power & Light Co. 1st M. & Ref. 5s B, 1947. Offered by E. H. Rollins & Sons, Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Hill, Joiner & Co., Inc., Blyth & Co., Inc., Eastman, Dillon & Co., Central-Illinois Co., Inc., H. M. Bylesby & Co., Inc.
1,000,000	Acquisitions, other corp. purposes	96	5.85	Maryland Light & Power Co. 1st M. 5 1/2s A, 1950. Offered by H. C. Yeager & Co., Inc., Hale, Waters & Co., Coffin & Burr, Inc., and Robert Garrett & Sons.
4,000,000	Additions, other corp. purposes	93 1/2	4.85	Minnesota Power & Light Co. 1st & Ref. M. 4 1/2s, 1978. Offered by Harris, Forbes & Co., Tucker, Anthony & Co., Bonbright & Co., Inc., and Coffin & Burr, Inc.
1,000,000	Additions, improvements, &c.	93 1/2	4.85	Penn Central Light & Power Co. 1st M. 4 1/2s, 1977. Offered by A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc., First National Old Colony Corp., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Hill, Joiner & Co., Inc., and A. B. Leach & Co., Inc.
10,000,000	Refunding, impts., exts., &c.	91 1/2	7.20	Piedmont Hydro-Electric Co. (Italy) 1st M. & Ref. 6 1/2s A, 1960. Offered by Bancamerica-Blair Corp., Chase Securities Corp., Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc., International Manhattan Co., Inc., and Banca Commerciale Italiana Trust Co.
250,000	General corporate purposes	Price on applicat'n	6.20	Portland Gas Light Co. 1st Ref. M. 5s A, 1950. Offered by Palne, Webber & Co.
3,000,000	Completion of pipe line system	98	6.20	Texas Gas Utilities Co. 1st M. 6s, 1945. (For each \$1,000 bond which may after Jan. 1 1931 be presented for exchange Appalachian Gas Corp. will issue 80 shares of its common stock if such exchange is effected on or prior to Jan. 1 1935 or earlier redemption and 70 shares if thereafter and prior to maturity or earlier redemption.) Offered by P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc., Hale, Waters & Co. and Rolly, Broek & Co.
4,000,000	Capital expenditures	98 1/2	5.10	Texas Power & Light Co. 1st & Ref. M. 5s, 1956. Offered by Harris, Forbes & Co., Coffin & Burr Inc., Bonbright & Co., Inc., and Lee, Higginson & Co.
1,000,000	Acquisitions	90 1/2	6.05	West Canadian Hydro-Electric Corp., Ltd., 1st M. 6s A, 1950. (Each \$1,000 bond carries a non-detachable warrant to purchase on or prior to Jan. 1 1938 or up to and incl. 15 days prior to any redemption date if called for redemption, 5 class A common shares at \$15 per share up to Jan. 1 1933; at \$17 1/2 per share thereafter up to July 1 1935 and at \$20 per share thereafter to Jan. 1 1938.) Offered by R. E. Wilsey & Co., Inc., of California, Mysell, Moller & Co., Inc., and Pemberton & Son, Vancouver, Ltd.
350,000	Acquisitions	100	7.50	West Canadian Hydro-Electric Corp., Ltd., Conv. Deb. 6 1/2s, 1945. (Each \$1,000 debenture carries a non-detachable warrant to purchase on or prior to Jan. 1 1938, or up to and incl. 15 days prior to any redemption date if called for redemption 10 class A common shares at \$15 per share up to Jan. 1 1933; at \$17 1/2 per share thereafter up to July 1 1935, and at \$20 per share thereafter to Jan. 1 1938. In addition each \$1,000 debenture may be converted up to maturity, or if called for redemption, up to and incl. 15 days prior to date of redemption into class A common shares at prices ranging from \$15 to \$20 per share.) Offered by R. E. Wilsey & Co., Inc., of California, Mysell, Moller & Co., Inc., and Pemberton & Son, Vancouver, Ltd.
200,000	Additions and betterments	Price on applicat'n	---	West Coast Telephone Co. 1st & Ref. M. 5s B, 1955. Offered by Peirce, Fair & Co., American Securities Co., Blyth & Co., Inc., and Tucker, Hunter, Dulin & Co.
80,500,000	Other Industrial & Mfg.—			
200,000	Expansion of activities	99 1/2	6.57	Flexlume Corp. Conv. Deb. 6 1/2s, A, 1940. (Each \$1,000 debenture convertible up to maturity, or prior redemption, into 40 shares of common stock.) Offered by Glenny, Monro & Moll, Buffalo.
30,000,000	Acq. cl. A & cl. B stock of Fox Film Corp. and cl. B stock of Fox Theatres Corp.	99 1/2	6.07	General Theatres Equipment, Inc., Conv. Deb. 6s 1940. (Convertible at any time after Jan. 1 1931 and prior to maturity, into common stock on basis of 21 shares for each \$1,000 of debentures.) Offered by Chase Securities Corp.; Pynchon & Co.; Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.; West & Co.; W. S. Hammons & Co.
22,000,000	Acquis. of prop.; gen. corp. purp.	96	5.85	McKesson & Robbins, Inc., Conv. Deb. 5 1/2s, 1950. (Each \$1,000 debenture convertible into common stock on and after July 1 1930 and prior to maturity, or earlier redemption, at following rates: On or after July 1 1930 and on or before April 30 1932 at rate of 1 share for each \$40 of principal amount, the conversion price increasing \$2.50 per share on May 1 1932 and on May 1 in each succeeding year up to and incl. May 1 1935, and on May 1 1935 and on May 1 in each succeeding year thereafter to and incl. May 1 1949 increasing \$5 per share.) Offered by Chatham Phenix Corp.; Edw. B. Smith & Co.; Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.; Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc., and Chase Securities Corp.
600,000	Pay off bank loans	99 1/2	6.12	Square D Co. Deb. 6s, B, 1937. Offered by First Detroit Co. and Guardian Detroit Co.
1,250,000	Acquisitions	99 1/2	6.53	Woodlawn Farm Dairy Co. 1st M. 6 1/2s, 1944. (Each bond carries a warrant to purchase Class B common stock of the United States Dairy Products Corp. in the ratio of 5 shares of stock for each \$1,000 of bonds at \$20 per share until Dec. 31 1930; at \$22 1/2 per share until Dec. 31 1931, and at \$25 per share until Dec. 31 1932.) Offered by Singer, Deane & Scribner, Inc., and Glover, MacGregor & Cunningham, Inc.
54,050,000	Oil—			
12,000,000	Refdg.; extens., development, &c.	97	5.90	Houston Oil Co. of Texas Secured 5 1/2s, A, 1940. Offered by Mackubin, Goodrich & Co.; Whitaker & Co.; the Baltimore Co., and West & Co.
	Land, Buildings, &c.—			
300,000	Finance construction of building	100	6.00	(The) Austin Finance Co. 1st M. 6s, 1938. Offered by First Detroit Co., Inc.
800,000	Finance construction of building	100	6.50	Bank of Hollywood Bldg. (Los Angeles) 1st M. 6 1/2s, 1946. Offered by S. W. Straus & Co., Inc.
250,000	Finance constr. of chapter houses	Price on application	---	(The) Berry McAlester Corp. (Columbia, Mo.) 1st M. Coll. Tr. 6s, C, 1930-40. Offered by Mercantile-Commerce Co., St. Louis.
55,000	Real estate mortgage	100	5.05	Bishop of Chicago (Protestant Episcopal Church) 1st M. 5 1/2s, 1931-40. Offered by Franklin American Co., St. Louis.
1,000,000	Finance constr. of building, &c.	99 1/2	6.10-6.05	Broadway & Twentieth Street Properties, Inc. (Oakland, Calif.) 1st M. 6s, 1933-50. Offered by Anglo-London Paris Co.; S. W. Straus & Co., and Security First National Co., San Fran.
5,000,000	Acquisitions; other corp. purposes	100	7.00	Chanin Realty Corp. Gen. M. 7s, 1940. Offered by S. W. Straus & Co., Inc.
70,000	Refunding	100	5.50	Congregation of St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church (Lafayette, La.) 1st M. 5 1/2s, 1931-40. Offered by Moore, Hyams & Co., Inc.
400,000	General corporate purposes	100	6.00	Fairmount Cemetery Association 1st M. 6s, 1944. Offered by Boettcher-Newton & Co., Denver.
235,000	Finance construction of building	100	6.50	First Realty Corp. and First Realty Hotel Corp. 1st Leasehold 6 1/2s, 1932-40. Offered by Seattle Trust Co.
125,000	Real estate mortgage	100	6.50	Fuji Trading Co. 1st Real Estate 6 1/2% bonds. Offered by Wollenberger & Co., Chicago.
250,000	Construct & equip new temple	100	6.00	Hebrew Benevolent Congregation (Atlanta, Ga.) 1st Lien & Coll. Tr. 6s, 1932-42. Offered by Hibernia Securities Co., Inc., and Canal Bank & Trust Co.
100,000	Provide funds for loan purposes	---	5.75	Hibernia Mortgage Co., Inc. 1st M. Coll. Tr. 6s, D, 1930, due 1933-36. Offered by Hibernia Securities Co., Inc., New Orleans.
110,000	Finance construction of building	100	6.50	Hotel Roberts (Pratt, Kan.) 1st M. 6 1/2s, 1931-40. Offered by Title Guarantee & Trust Co., Wichita, Kan.
5,000,000	Finance construction of buildings	110 b	---	London Terrace Apts. (23-24 Corp.) (a New York corporation) conv. 6% notes, 1940. (Notes are subject to conversion into 6% cum. pref. stock of 23-24 Corp. as follows: (a) At option of holder within one year after certificates of occupancy have been issued for all buildings; or (b) at the option of the issuing corporation within two years thereafter.) Offered by Henry Mandel Development Corp., N. Y.
3,000,000	Provide funds for loan purposes	100	6.00	Potomac Mortgage Co. 1st M. Coll. Tr. 6s, 1935-40. Offered by the Baltimore Co.
390,000	Finance lease of property	100	6.00	Springfield Chain Store Terminals 1st M. Coll. Tr. 6s, 1939. (Each \$1,000 bond carries a non-detachable warrant to receive upon presentation to the trustee at any time on or after Oct. 1 1930 without cost, 10 shares of stock of R. D. Brown Properties, Inc.) Offered by Robert Garrett & Sons, Balt.

Amount.	Purpose of Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$	Land, Buildings, &c.—(Concl.)		%	
10,000,000	Provide for additional investments.	92	5.67	Starrett Investing Corp. Secured 5s, 1950. (Holder of each \$1,000 of bonds will be entitled, subsequent to Nov. 1 1930 and up to Jan. 1 1936, to purchase 15 shares of common stock of the Starrett Corp. at prices ranging from \$34 to \$59 per share.) Offered by G. L. Ohmstrom & Co., Inc.; Brown Bros. & Co.; International Manhattan Co., Inc.; Edw. B. Smith & Co.; Janney & Co.; Graham, Parsons & Co.; and Hornblower & Weeks.
350,000	Finance construction of building.	100	6.50	Woolford Realty Co. 1st M. Leasehold 6½s, 1940. Offered by Stern Bros. & Co., Kansas City, Mo
27,435,000	Investment Trusts, Trading and Holding Cos. (Nor primarily controlling)			
15,000,000	Provide for additional investments	99	5.55	Niagara Share Corp. of Md. Conv. Deb. 5½s, 1950. (Convertible at any time on or before May 1 1932 into 44 shares of common stock and at any time thereafter on or before May 1 1935 into 40 shares per \$1,000 debenture.) Offered by Lee, Higginson & Co.; Guaranty Co. of N. Y.; Schoellkopf, Hutton & Pomeroy, Inc., and the Marine Trust Co. of Buffalo.
225,000	Miscellaneous—Retire floating debt; working cap.	98	6.20	Asheville Citizen, Inc. 1st (closed) M. 6s, 1945. Citizens & Southern Co., Savannah, Ga.
2,000,000	Acquisitions.	100	6.00	Lane Bryant, Inc. Deb. 6s, 1940. (Each debenture carries a detached Second Series Warrant to purchase on or before May 1 1935 at \$40 per share, 10 shares of common stock in the case of \$1,000 debentures and 5 shares in the case of \$500 debentures.) Offered by Merrill, Lynch & Co., Kelley, Converse & Co., Inc., and E. A. Pierce & Co.
375,000	Finance construction of bridge.	101	6.40	Margate-Northfield Highway Bridge Co. 1st Mtge. Conv. 6½s, 1945. (Each \$1,000 bond convertible at any time prior to maturity or earlier redemption into 40 shares of common stock. Each \$500 bond is similarly convertible into 20 shares of common stock.) Offered by Alfred M. Samper, N. Y. City, & Co., First National Old Colony Corp., Central-Illinois Co., Inc., and Albert E. Peirce & Co., Inc.
5,000,000	Expansion; working capital.	99	5.62	J. J. Newberry Co. Conv. 5½s, 1940. (Each \$1,000 note convertible at any time on or before maturity, or earlier redemption date, into common stock at prices ranging from \$50 to \$90 per share.) Offered by Guaranty Co. of New York.
200,000	Finance construction of bridge.	100	6.50	Point Marion Bridge Co. (The Albert Gallatin Memorial Bridge) 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1944. Offered by John E. Mahon & Co., Pittsburgh.
7,800,000				

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

Amount.	Purpose of Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$	Railroads—		%	
12,000,000	Acquisitions.	100	6.00	South American Railways Co. Conv. 6s, April 15 1933. (Convertible into common stock, with warrants attached, of the Public Utility Holding Corp. of America at rate of 35 shares for each \$1,000 principal amount of notes prior to April 15 1931; into 30 shares on or after April 15 1931 and prior to April 15 1932; and into 25 shares on or after April 15 1932 and prior to maturity.) Offered by Harris, Forbes & Co., First National Old Colony Corp., Central-Illinois Co., Inc., and Albert E. Peirce & Co., Inc.
1,000,000	Public Utilities— Acquisitions, extensions, &c.	98	7.00	Duquesne Gas Corp. Secured Conv. 6½s, March 15 1935. (Each \$1,000 note is convertible on or after Nov. 15 1930 and prior to maturity into 80 shares of common stock. Each \$500 note is similarly convertible into 40 shares of common stock.) Offered by Furland & Co., Inc., and Cullen & Drew.
500,000	Capital expenditures.	98	7.00	The Gas Co. of New Mexico 1st (closed) Mtge. Conv. 6½s, March 15 1935. (Each \$1,000 bond (\$500 and \$100 in proportion) is convertible into common stock of the Southern Union Gas Co. up to maturity on basis ranging from 40 shares to 20 shares for each \$1,000 bond.) Offered by Peabody & Co.
4,500,000	Refunding; retire curr. debt, &c.	99½	6.13	Minnesota Northern Power Co.-Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.-Gas Development Co. Joint 6s, April 1 1934. (With warrants entitling holder thereof to purchase shares of common stock of Minnesota Northern Power Co. on basis of 5 shares for each \$1,000 bond to and including April 1 1931 at \$25 per share and thereafter to and including April 1 1932 at \$30 per share. Bonds of \$500 denomination carry proportionate privilege.) Offered by BaneNorthwest Co., Foreman-State Corp., First Wisconsin Co. and First Securities Corp.
6,000,000				
20,000,000	Iron, Steel, Coal, Copper, &c. Retire bank debt; wkg. cap., &c.	99½	5.64	The American Metal Co., Ltd. 4-year 5½s, April 1 1934. Offered by Chas. D. Barney & Co., Lehman Bros., Goldman, Sachs & Co., and Hallgarten & Co.
1,100,000	Other Industrial & Mfg.— Retire short term notes; &c.	100-98.33	6.50-6.90	Baxter Laundries, Inc. Conv. 6½s, April 1 1931-35. (Each \$1,000 note convertible into 7% cum. preferred stock on basis ranging from 11 to 10 shares of stock for each \$1,000 note.) Offered by E. H. Rollins & Sons and A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc.
10,000,000	Retire bank debt, other corp. purp.	98½	5.35	Caterpillar Tractor Co. 5-year Conv. 6s, April 1 1935. (Convertible into common stock up to maturity, or if called for redemption up to 10 days prior to redemption date on basis of par for the notes and \$85 to \$115 per share for the stock.) Offered by Peirce, Fair & Co., Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc., Harris, Forbes & Co., Chase Securities Corp. and Bankers Co. of New York.
11,100,000	Oil—			
1,250,000	New equipment.		5-5.40	Phillips Petroleum Co. Equip. Tr. 5s, April 1 1931-35. Offered by Chatham Phenix Corp.
1,000,000	Land, Buildings, &c.— Provide funds for loan purposes.	100	6.00	The Colonial Mortgage Investment Co. (Balt.) Coll. Tr. 6s, "D" April 1 1931. Offered by John P. P. Baer & Co.; W. W. Lanahan & Co.; Colonial Bond & Share Corp.; Strother, Brogden & Co.; Gillet & Co., and C. T. Williams & Co.
100,000	Provide funds for loan purposes.	100	6.00	Federal Corp. 1st Real Est. Coll. Tr. 6s "OOD" April 1 1931-35. Offered by Union Bank & Federal Trust Co., Richmond, Va.
50,000	Provide funds for loan purposes.	100	6.00	Investors Mortgage Corp. (Richmond, Va.) Coll. Tr. 6s "O" April 1 1933. Offered by Richmond Trust Co., Richmond, Va.
566,000	Real estate mortgage.	100	5.50	Lawyers Mortgage Co. N. Y. Guaranteed 5½% Mtge. Cfs. 1933-35. Offered by company.
250,000	Improvements to property.	Price on applc.		Progressive Buildings Co. 1st M. & Coll. Tr. 6½s, March 1 1935. Offered by Wheeler, Kelly Hagny Trust Co., Wichita, Kans.
310,000	Refunding.	99	7.05	1055 Lawrence Avenue (Chicago) 1st M. Lshld. 6½s March 1 1932. Offered by Huszagh, Musson & Co., Chicago.
30,000,000	Acquisition of assets.	100	6.00	Van Sweringen Corp. 5-Yr. 6% Notes, May 1 1935. (Notes carry warrants, detachable on or after May 1 1932, but not prior thereto, except when exercised in or event of redemption, entitling holders to purchase 20 shares of com. stock in respect of each \$1,000 note at \$25 per share.) Offered by Guaranty Co. of New York; Lee, Higginson & Co.; Union Cleveland Corp.; Hayden, Miller & Co., and Midland Corp., Cleveland.
32,276,000				

STOCKS.

Par or No. of Shares.	Purpose of Issue.	(a) Amount Involved.	Price per Share.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$	Railroads—	\$		%	
7,500,000	General corporate purposes	9,750,000	130		New York Central RR. Capital Stock. Offered by company to employees.
18,000,000	General corporate purposes	18,000,000	50 (par)		Pennsylvania RR. Capital Stock. Offered by company to employees.
		27,750,000			
250,000shs	Public Utilities— Sub. constr.; acquisitions, &c.	12,125,000	48½		Midland United Co. Conv. Pref. Stock Series "A." (Convertible to June 30 1933 into com. stock on basis ranging from one and four-tenths shares of com. stock to one share of com. stock for each share of pref. stock. Each certificate for conv. pref. stock, series "A" will also be accompanied by a warrant to purchase an equal number of shares of com. stock at any time up to and including Dec. 31 1930 at \$28½ per share.) Offered by Utility Securities Corp.; E. H. Rollins & Sons; Central-Illinois Co.; A. B. Leach & Co., Inc.; A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc.; Hill, Joiner & Co.; Insull, Son & Co., Inc.; Emery, Peck & Rockwood Co.; Tucker, Anthony & Co. and Russell Brewster & Co. Mississippi Pr. & Lt. Co. \$6 Cum. Pref. Stock. Offered by W. C. Langley & Co., and First National Old Colony Corp.
40,000shs	Additions, acquisitions, &c.	4,000,000	100	6.00	Mississippi Pr. & Lt. Co. \$2.50 Cum. Pref. Stock. Offered by company to stockholders.
*19,860shs	General improvements, &c.	913,560	46		Penn Central Lt. & Pr. Co. \$2.50 Cum. Pref. Stock. Offered by company to stockholders.
*114,914	General corporate purposes	22,998,280	20		Philadelphia Electric Co. Com. Offered by company to stockholders.
*112,000shs	Acquisitions; other corp. purposes.	2,240,000	Mkt. (20)		United American Utilities, Inc. Class "A" Stock. (Each share carries a warrant to purchase ½ share of com. stock at \$40 per share up to and including March 1 1935). Offered by A. E. Pitkin & Co., Ltd.
2,000,000	Construction; other corp. purposes	2,000,000	100	6.00	Virginia Electric & Pr. Co. 6% Cum. Pref. Stock. Offered by company.
		44,276,840			
*5,000shs	Iron, Steel, Coal, Copper, &c. General corporate purposes	490,000	98	6.63	Ludlum Steel Co. \$8½ Cum. Pref. Stock. Offered by company to stockholders. Underwritten by Edward B. Smith & Co., and Gurnett & Co.
*34,000shs	General corporate purposes	1,122,000	33		Ludlum Steel Co. Common Stock. Offered by company to stockholders. Underwritten by Edward B. Smith & Co., and Gurnett & Co.
*30,000,000	Acquisition of properties.	60,000,000	95	6.30	Republic Steel Corp. 6% Cum. Conv. Pref. Stock. (Convertible into common stock at any time on basis ranging from 1 share of pref. stock for 1 share of com. stock to 1¼ shares of pref. stock for 1 share of com. stock.) Offered by Otis & Co.; Guaranty Co. of New York; Harris, Forbes & Co.; Field Glore & Co.; The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh; Brown Brothers & Co.; The Equitable Corp. of New York; The C. T. Securities Co.; Union Cleveland Corp.; The Guardian Trust Co.; Central United Co.; J. G. White & Co., Inc.; First Detroit Co., Inc.; The First National Old Colony Corp.; Chemical National Co., Inc.; Chatham Phenix Corp.; Mitchell, Herrick & Co.; Wick & Co.; Schoellkopf, Hutton & Pomeroy, Inc.
		61,612,000			
90	Motors & Accessories— Working capital.	2,068,712	8		Peerless Motor Car Corp. Capital Stock. Offered by company to stockholders.

Par or No. of Shares.	Purpose of Issue.	(a) Amount Involved.	Price per Share.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$	Other Industrial & Mfg.—				
*105,000shs	New equip.; other corp. purposes	1,312,500	12 1/2	%	E. C. Beetem & Son Corp. Class A Common stock. Offered by W. Allen Johnson & Co., Inc.
*50,000 shs	Liquidate bk. loans; other corp. purp.	2,125,000	42 1/2		Columbia Pictures Corp. Common stock. Offered by Goddard & Co., Inc.
*25,000 shs	Acquisitions	562,500	1 share class A and 1 share class B for \$22 1/2		Commercial Instrument Corp. (Del.) Class A stock. (With warrant to purchase class B stock). Offered by W. S. Aagaard & Co., and Cass, Howard & Co.
*25,000 shs	Acquisitions				Commercial Instrument Corp. (Del.) Class B stock. Offered by W. S. Aagaard & Co. and Cass, Howard & Co.
*25,000 shs	Expansion of business	625,000	25		Fineart Foods, Inc. Common. Offered by Stephen M. Foster & Co., Inc.
*50,000 shs	Working capital; other corp. purp.	400,000	8		General Motive Control, Inc. Capital stock. Offered by L. A. Baker & Co., Inc., N. Y.
*30,000 shs	Additional equip.; working capital	195,000	6 1/2		Pennsylvania Illuminating Corp. Partic. Class A stock. Offered by William R. Jones, Inc., New York.
*15,000 shs	Development of property	495,000	33		Philadelphia Record Co. Common. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten.
*390,952shs	Development of activities, &c.	13,683,320	35		Radio-Keith-Orpheum Corp. Class A stock. Offered by company to stockholders underwritten by Lehman Bros. and Bancamerica-Blair Corp.
*100,000shs	Working capital	1,000,000	10		Zenith Radio Corp. Common stock. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten.
	Oil—	20,398,320			
90,000 shs	Development and Improvements	90,000	10 (par)		Bolsa Chica Oil Corp. Class A Common stock. Offered by company to stockholders.
149,825 shs	General corporate purposes	299,650	2		Cypress Petroleum Co. Class B stock. Offered by company to stockholders.
1938,155shs	Acquisitions & development	32,948,635	17		Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Co. Class A stock. Offered by company to stockholders
2,500,000 shs	Working capital	2,500,000	25 (par)—1 sh. preferred and 1 sh. common for \$15		Richfield Oil Co. of Calif. (Del.) Common. Placed privately with bankers.
*25,000 shs	Acquisitions	375,000			Searight Royalty Participations, Inc. Partic. Pref. stock. Offered by Searight & Co., Inc., New York
*25,000 shs	Acquisitions				Searight Royalty Participations, Inc. Common stock. Offered by Searight & Co., Inc., New York.
12,000,000	Additions, developments, &c.	12,000,000	99 1/2	6.03	Skelly Oil Co. 6% Cum. Pref. stock. (Each share carries warrant to purchase 2 shares of Common stock up to May 1, 1933 at prices ranging from \$42 1/2 to \$50 per share. Offered by Continental Illinois Co., National City Co., Brown Bros. & Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., First National Old Colony Corp., Lawrence Stern & Co., and First Detroit Co., Inc.
*126,590shs	Improvements, working cap., &c.	2,278,620	18		Warner-Quinlan Co. Common. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten by Hayden, Stone & Co.
	Land, Buildings, &c.—	50,491,905			
30,000 cts.	Finance lease of property	2,955,000	98 1/2		The Hotel Gibson Co. (Cincinnati) Land Trust Cts. Offered by the First Investment & Securities Corp., the Well, Roth & Irving Co., Central Trust Co., Seasongood & Mayer, Brighton Bank & Trust Co. and Western Bank & Trust Co., all of Cincinnati.
*50,000 shs	Acquisitions; working capital	1,875,000	37 1/2		Main Bus Terminal Corp. (Del.) \$1.75 Cum. Pref. stock. Offered by W. Allen Johnson & Co., Inc., New York.
	Investment Trusts, Trading and Holding Cos. (Not primarily controlling.)—	4,830,000			
*100,000shs	Provide for additional investments	4,500,000	1 share pref. and 1/2 share class B for \$45		American Utilities & General Corp. \$3 Cum. Pref. stock. Offered by G. E. Barrett & Co., Inc.
*50,000 shs	Provide for additional investments				American Utilities & General Corp. Class B stock. Offered by G. E. Barrett & Co., Inc.
*125,000shs	Retire curr. debt incurred in acquiring additional investments, &c.	34,375,000	27 1/2		Corporation Securities Co. of Chicago Common stock. Offered by Utility Securities Corp., E. H. Rollins & Sons, A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc., Hill, Joiner & Co., Inc., Insull Son & Co., Inc., Emery Peck & Rockwood Co., and Russell Brewster & Co.
100,000 shs	Expand investment portfolio	1,650,000	16 1/2		International Bankstocks Corp. (Md.) Class A Pref. & Partic. stock. Offered by Rackliff & Co., Inc., New York.
20,000 shs	Acquisitions and development	200,000	10		Orange Land Trust Number One Beneficial Interest shares. Offered by Alvin B. Giles, Los Angeles.
450,000 shs	Acquisition of securities	4,500,000	10		Rossia International Corp. Capital stock. Offered to stockholders of Rossia Insurance Co.
131,836 shs	Acquisition of securities	527,344	4		Thatcher Securities Corp. Capital stock. Offered by company to stockholders.
100,000 shs	Acquisition of securities	1,000,000	10		United States Shares Corp. Short Term shares Series U. Offered by United States Shares Corp., New York.
	Miscellaneous—	46,752,344			
1,500,000	Working capital	1,500,000	10 1/2		Agricultural Bond & Credit Corp. Partic. Pref. stock. Offered by Smith Reed & Jones, Inc., New York, and Harry C. Watts & Co., Chicago.
250,000	Expansion of activities	250,000	25	8.00	Tabler Cleaning Co. (St. Louis) 8% Cum. Conv. Pref. stock. (Each share convertible into one share of common stock.) Offered by R. C. Chamberlain & Co., Inc., St. Louis.
100,000shs	Establish additional reserves	1,200,000	12		Union Insurance Holdings, Ltd. (Los Angeles) Capital stock. Offered by Milton E. Giles & Co., Los Angeles.
250,000	Additional capital	250,000	98	6.12	Washington Title Insurance Co. 6% Partic. Pref. Series A. Offered by Seattle Co., First Seattle Dexter Horton Securities Co., Pacific National Co., and Dean Witter & Co.
		3,200,000			

FOREIGN GOVERNMENT LOANS.

Amount.	Issue and Purpose.	Price.	To Yield About.	Offered by.
\$				
50,000,000	Argentine National (Govt. of) 6 months 5% Treasury notes, Oct. 1 1930 (general purposes of the Government)	100	5.00	Chatham Phenix Corp., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Blyth & Co., Inc., J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp., First National Old Colony Corp., Central-Illinois Co., Otis & Co., White, Weld & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, Edward B. Smith & Co. and Union Cleveland Corp.
500,000	Barranquilla, City of (Rep. of Colombia), Ext. Secured 8s E, 1949 (sewerage and paving program)	99	8.10	Central Illinois Co.
675,000	Buenos Aires, Province of (Argentina), Ext. 6 1/2s, 1961 (provide school houses and other public buildings)	95 1/2	6.85	First National Old Colony Corp., Harris, Forbes & Co. and Continental Illinois Co.
25,000,000	Chile (Rep. of) Ext. 6s, 1963 (public impts.)	91 1/2	6.63	National City Co., Guaranty Co. of N. Y., Lee, Higginson & Co., Bankers Co. of N. Y., Harris, Forbes & Co. and Continental Illinois Co.
35,000,000	San Paulo, State of (U. S. of Brazil), 7% Secured Coffee Realization Loan, 1940, (finance liquidation of unsold coffee)	96	7.56	Speyer & Co., J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp., National City Co., Bancamerica-Blair Corp., Dillon, Read & Co., Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., Continental Illinois Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Blyth & Co., Inc., G. L. Ohrstrom & Co., Inc., Otis & Co. and Dominion Securities Corp.
7,500,000	Sydney, New South Wales-Metropolitan Water, Sewerage and Drainage Board 20-year 5 1/2s, 1950 (finance construction of additional water, sewerage and drainage works or to refund floating debt incurred for such purposes)	92 1/2	6.15	Bancamerica-Blair Corp., E. H. Rollins & Sons and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.
121,675,000				

ISSUES NOT REPRESENTING NEW FINANCING.

Par or No. of Shares.	(a) Amount Involved.	Price per Share.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$				
*20,000shs.	2,000,000	100	6.00	General Steel Castings Corp. \$6 Cum. Conv. Pref. Stock. (Convertible into common stock at any time on or before July 1 1936 at rate of 1 1-3 shares of common stock for each share of preferred.) Offered by Drexel & Co.
*17,000shs.	1,674,500	98 1/2	6.60	General Water Works & Electric Corp. 8 1/2 Series Cum. Pref. Stock. (Each share carries a warrant to purchase 4 shares of class A common stock on or before Oct. 1 1935 at prices ranging from \$30 to \$35 per share.) Offered by E. H. Rollins & Sons, Central Illinois Co., Utility Securities Corp. and Stroud & Co., Inc.
	3,674,500			

* Shares of no par value.

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

b Offered in units of \$100 of convertible notes of 23-24 corporation and one investors' share of Henry Mandel Associates, Inc.

Public-Utility Earnings in March.

Gross earnings of public-utility enterprises in March, exclusive of telephone and telegraph companies, as reported to the Department of Commerce by 95 companies or systems operating gas, electric light, heat, power, traction and water services were \$199,000,000, as compared with \$195,000,000 in March 1929. Gross earnings consist, in

general, of gross operating revenues, while net earnings, in general, represent the gross, less operating expenses and taxes, or the nearest comparable figures. In some cases the figures for earlier years do not cover exactly the same subsidiaries, owing to acquisitions, consolidations, &c., but these differences are not believed to be great in the aggregate. This summary presents gross and net public-utility earnings by months from January 1927, the figures for the latest months being subject to revision.

PUBLIC UTILITY EARNINGS.

	Gross Earnings.			
	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
January.....	\$191,702,022	\$196,573,107	\$203,000,000	\$211,000,000
February.....	177,612,648	187,383,731	194,000,000	199,500,000
March.....	179,564,670	187,726,994	195,000,000	199,000,000
Total (3 months).....	\$548,879,340	\$571,683,832	\$592,000,000	\$609,500,000
April.....	176,467,300	181,143,683	190,000,000	190,000,000
May.....	171,255,699	180,255,407	189,750,000	183,000,000
June.....	167,975,072	178,698,556	183,000,000	183,000,000
July.....	161,633,462	173,645,919	178,000,000	179,500,000
August.....	162,647,420	173,952,469	179,500,000	185,000,000
September.....	169,413,885	179,346,145	185,000,000	197,500,000
October.....	177,734,493	190,795,668	197,500,000	202,500,000
November.....	182,077,497	198,032,715	202,500,000	211,500,000
December.....	194,985,134	202,000,000	211,500,000	
Total (year).....	\$2,113,074,302	\$2,229,552,394	\$2,308,750,000	

	Net Earnings.			
	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
January.....	\$73,746,891	\$79,013,279	\$92,000,000	\$92,000,000
February.....	66,907,757	74,296,576	86,000,000	90,000,000
March.....	65,412,739	72,811,146	85,000,000	88,000,000
Total (3 months).....	\$206,067,387	\$226,121,001	\$263,000,000	\$270,000,000
April.....	64,907,729	68,971,324	83,000,000	83,000,000
May.....	61,194,779	67,732,911	82,500,000	79,000,000
June.....	59,167,096	67,537,149	79,000,000	71,000,000
July.....	53,980,280	62,260,333	71,000,000	73,000,000
August.....	53,551,164	61,809,794	73,000,000	80,000,000
September.....	61,897,207	68,235,698	80,000,000	83,000,000
October.....	65,259,727	73,670,561	83,000,000	92,000,000
November.....	70,214,468	81,363,806	92,000,000	100,000,000
December.....	78,937,417	91,000,000	100,000,000	
Total (year).....	\$775,177,254	\$868,702,577	\$1,006,500,000	

Test Suit Against Radio Corporation of America Charges Combination to Restrain Trade—Department of Justice Files Petition in District Court at Delaware—Ruling on Alleged Patent Pool Sought—Control of 95% of Radio Apparatus Manufactured and Sold Asserted.

A suit to test the legality of arrangements existing between the Radio Corp. of America, the General Electric Co., the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co., the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. and six other corporations was filed by U. S. Attorney General William D. Mitchell, in the District Court at Wilmington, Del., May 13. The suit is concerned chiefly with the legality of patent arrangements made between the defendants which has resulted, it is alleged, in placing the control of the radio business and its development in their hands. The allegations of the petition detail the history of the alleged combination through its various acquisitions beginning in 1919 and continuing down to the approval May 6, 1930, by the stockholders of the Radio Corp. of America of the proposed acquisition by that company of radio facilities of General Electric and Westinghouse.

Owen D. Young, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Radio Corp. of America issued a statement May 13 in which he declared that the corporation would welcome any effort to determine whether or not the patent arrangements existing between it and its affiliations were in violation of the Sherman Anti-trust Law. He defended the corporation saying that it had by its arrangements produced stability in an infant industry and permitted that industry to develop rapidly. While the Radio Corporation of America had arranged the pooling of patents of different companies it had licensed thirty-four different companies to use those patents on a royalty basis and there was intense competition between the companies, he said, in reference to the charge of a monopoly. The Government in its petition claims that the combination through its various agreements and its "patent pool," has resulted in a power, lodged in the defendants, to dictate prices and terms to competitors and a control of approximately 95% of all radio apparatus manufactured, used and sold in the United States. The petition which bears the signatures of Leonard E. Wales, United States attorney; William D. Mitchell, Attorney General; John Lord O'Brian, the Assistant to the Attorney General; Robert L. Sabin, Jr., Russell Hardy, Charles H. Weston, John Harlan Amen, special assistants to the Attorney General, was filed May 13 in the District Court at Wilmington, Del., and as reported in the "United States Daily" follows:

In the District Court of the United States for the District of Delaware. In equity, No. 793:

United States of America, petitioner, v. Radio Corporation of America, General Electric Company, American Telephone and Telegraph Company, Western Electric Company, Inc., Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company, RCA Photophone, Inc., RCA Radiotron Company, Inc., RCA Victor Company, Inc., General Motors Radio Corporation, and General Motors Corporation, defendants.

Ten Corporations Named in Action.

The United States of America, by Leonard E. Wales, United States attorney for the district of Delaware, acting under the direction of the Attorney General, brings this proceeding in equity against:

1. Radio Corporation of America (hereinafter called Radio Corporation), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware.
2. General Electric Company (hereinafter called General Electric), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York.
3. American Telephone and Telegraph Company (hereinafter called Telephone Company), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York.
4. Western Electric Company, Inc. (hereinafter called Western Electric), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York.
5. Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company (hereinafter called Westinghouse), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania.
6. RCA Photophone, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware.
7. RCA Radiotron Company, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware.
8. RCA Victor Company, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware.
9. General Motors Radio Corporation (hereinafter called GMRC), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware.
10. General Motors Corporation (hereinafter called General Motors), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware.

Five Concerns Called Primary Defendants.

11. Radio Corporation, General Electric, Telephone Company, Western Electric and Westinghouse are hereinafter sometimes referred to as the primary defendants.
12. All allegations in this petition are intended to include the present tense except where otherwise stated.
13. The term "future patents" as used herein includes all patents and patent rights which have been acquired subsequent to the date of the combination herein alleged and which may be acquired in the future.
14. The District of Columbia and territories of the United States are intended to be included within the words State or States used herein except when otherwise shown.
15. The defendants Radio Corporation and Telephone Company are engaged in the transmission and reception, by radio or wireless telegraph and telephone, of messages, signals and the like, between places in the several States of the United States, between the United States and foreign countries, and between places in the United States and places outside of the United States. Such transmission and reception will be hereafter referred to as radio communication.

Corporations Engaged in Making Radio Apparatus.

16. The defendants Radio Corporation, General Electric, Westinghouse and Telephone Company, and other persons and corporations, are engaged, as hereinafter shown, in transmitting and disseminating images, pictorial reproductions, intelligence, information, talks and addresses on various subjects, music, entertainment and the like, and advertising to promote trade and commerce in commodities, services, and other articles, by radio amongst the several States of the United States, between the United States and foreign countries, and between places in the United States and places outside of the United States. Said transmission and dissemination will be hereinafter referred to as radio broadcasting. Apparatus used or useful for the reception of radio broadcasting will be hereinafter referred to as radio receiving sets.
17. The defendants and other persons and corporations are engaged, at factories and other plants located in the several States of the United States, as hereinafter shown, in manufacturing and fabricating radio apparatus, that is to say, apparatus used and useful for radio communication, radio broadcasting, recording and reproducing sound in connection with motion pictures and for certain scientific and commercial processes. The defendants and other persons and corporations, as hereinafter shown, have been and are selling and leasing radio apparatus to, and otherwise making radio apparatus available for use by, persons and corporations located in States other than the State or States wherein said apparatus has been and is being made and fabricated as aforesaid. Radio apparatus so sold, leased and otherwise made available for use has been and is being transported and shipped from the aforesaid factories and plants to said purchasers, lessees and other persons and corporations, located in States other than the States in which said apparatus has been and is being made and fabricated. Said manufacture and fabrication, sale, leasing, transportation and shipment of radio apparatus will be hereinafter referred to as interstate commerce in radio apparatus.
18. Prior to the unlawful combination and conspiracy hereinafter alleged, the primary defendants (except Radio Corporation) and Marconi Company of America, International Radio Telegraph Company, United Fruit Company, Wireless Specialty Apparatus Company, Federal Telegraph Company of California, and DeForest Radio Telephone & Telegraph Company were engaged in competition with each other in interstate commerce in radio communication and radio apparatus. About 20 other companies were then engaged in the manufacture and sale in interstate commerce of receiving sets. Each of the primary defendants (except Radio Corporation) then owned or otherwise controlled large numbers of patents and patent rights used or useful in the manufacture, use and sale of radio apparatus.

Combination in Restraint of Trade Alleged.

19. The defendants in the manner and by the means hereinafter alleged have been and are engaged in a combination and conspiracy in restraint of trade and commerce among the several States and with foreign nations in radio communication and radio apparatus, and the defendants are parties to contracts, agreements and understandings in restraint of said commerce, in violation of section 1 of the act of Congress of July 2, 1890 (26 Stat. 209), known as the Sherman Anti-Trust Act, and the defendants have in like manner monopolized and are attempting to monopolize and are combining and conspiring with one another to monopolize, said commerce among the several States and with foreign nations in violation of section 2 of said act, and this suit is instituted to prevent and restrain the defendants from further violating said act.

20. As a part of said unlawful combination, conspiracy and monopoly, the defendants by contracts, agreements and understandings made between themselves at various times, beginning in the year 1919, have granted to each other rights to make, use and sell radio apparatus under all existing and future patents and patent rights on radio apparatus held or acquired by them; and the defendants thereby have had and enjoyed a community of interest in each and all of said patents and patent rights and in the control thereof; and the defendants have continuously used and dealt with said patents and patent rights as being jointly owned for their common, mutual and exclusive benefit; and have assigned and allocated among themselves the exclusive use, enjoyment and benefits of said patents and patent rights, including the right to make, use and sell all radio apparatus covered by said patents and patent rights; and the defendants have thereby divided among themselves the business of interstate commerce in radio communication and radio apparatus, to the end that they should not compete with each other in said commerce and to the end that each primary defendant should unlawfully restrain and monopolize said commerce in the fields allocated to it and the remaining primary defendants should refrain from competing in said fields. Pursuant to said combination, conspiracy and monopoly the defendants have continuously refused, except on terms prescribed by them, to grant licenses under said patents and the patent rights to any individuals, firms or corporations for the purpose of enabling the latter to engage in radio communication, radio broadcasting or interstate commerce in radio apparatus, independently of, or in competition with, the defendants.

Pooling of Patents Said to Effect Monopoly.

21. The control of interstate commerce in radio apparatus acquired by the defendants through the licensing, cross-licensing or pooling of the radio patents of all of them as herein described has been used by them for the purpose of obtaining additional patents which increase, and have increased, the effectiveness and power of the patent pool of the defendants, and the defendants have acquired and now control more than 4,000 patents or alleged patents on radio apparatus. Said patent pool has enabled the defendants to dictate by agreement among themselves the terms upon which any competitor or potential competitor may use the patents owned or controlled by any of said defendants; to exact by agreement among themselves burdensome royalty payments from any competitor or potential competitor granted a license to use patents owned or controlled by said defendants; to compel any such licensee to accept a license under all the patents of all the primary defendants applicable to the particular apparatus which the licensee desired to manufacture and sell, thereby preventing such licensee from contesting the validity of any of said patents and thereby tending to prevent adjudication as to the validity of said patents.

By the exclusive licenses which the primary defendants have given each other they have prevented and do prevent any competitor or potential competitor from obtaining from any one of the primary defendants separately a license to use its radio patents. The agreements between the primary defendants make provision for extending the combination in restraint of interstate commerce in radio apparatus, and in monopoly and attempted monopoly thereof, far beyond the life of any patents owned by said primary defendants when the agreements were made. The primary defendants have by their agreements providing for licensing each other under all existing and future patents prevented all litigation between themselves which would adjudicate the scope and validity of their respective patents.

The defendants thus have continuously acquired new radio patents and patent rights, and have jointly held and used the same exclusively for their own use and benefit. All of said contracts, agreements and understandings have been made and performed, and all of said acts and things have been done, as a means for, and with, the purpose, intent and effect of excluding all actual and potential competition in radio communication and interstate commerce in radio apparatus and as a part of an unlawful combination and conspiracy in restraint of interstate commerce in radio communication and radio apparatus, and in monopolization and attempted monopolization thereof.

Specific Instance of Licensing Narrated.

22. On or about Oct. 17, 1919, General Electric caused the organization of Radio Corporation with a capitalization of 7,500,000 shares of common stock and 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock, caused Radio Corporation to acquire all the assets of Marconi Company of America, including valuable radio patents and patent rights and apparatus used and useful in radio communication, and caused Radio Corporation to issue and deliver to General Electric 2,000,000 shares of its common stock, which then had sole voting rights, and over 600,000 shares of its preferred stock.

By a contract and agreement made and dated on or about Nov. 20, 1919, Radio Corporation and General Electric granted to each other licenses under their existing and future patents on radio apparatus and Radio Corporation agreed to purchase exclusively from General Electric all apparatus covered by the patents granted or agreed to be granted thereunder and General Electric agreed to sell such radio apparatus exclusively to Radio Corporation. Marconi Company of America thereupon permanently withdrew from the business of interstate commerce in radio communication and radio apparatus.

23. As a part of said unlawful combination, conspiracy and monopoly, General Electric, Radio Corporation, Telephone Company and Western Electric (substantially all the stock of which has been owned by the telephone company) by contracts and agreements made and dated on or about July 1, 1920, granted to each other licenses under their existing and future patents on radio apparatus. By said contracts and agreements, and by understandings supplementary thereto, Telephone Company and Western Electric were obligated to refrain from engaging in the business of radio communication by telegraph, from engaging in the business of transoceanic radio communication by telephone except by the use of means, instrumentalities, and apparatus of Radio Corporation and from engaging in the manufacture and sale in interstate commerce of substantially all kinds of radio apparatus.

By said contracts and agreements, and by understandings supplementary thereto, General Electric and Radio Corporation were obligated to refrain from, among other things, engaging in the business of radio communication by telephone within the United States, and to prevent any persons or corporations, except Telephone Company and Western Electric, from using any means, instrumentalities, or apparatus of General Electric, Radio Corporation or Westinghouse for the purpose of engaging in said business. Neither the Telephone Company nor Western Electric has established such a communication system, but the primary defendants have refused to permit any other person or

corporation to engage in said business and have by suits and threats of suit or infringement of their alleged patent rights, and otherwise, collectively hindered, obstructed and prevented the establishment of radio communication by telephone within the United States.

Contracts Claimed to Fix Scope of Business.

24. Prior to May 22, 1920, Westinghouse and International Radio Telegraph Company each owned or otherwise controlled certain patents and patent rights on radio apparatus. Westinghouse was engaged in interstate commerce in radio apparatus and International Radio Telegraph Company was engaged in radio communication. On or about May 22, 1920, said companies caused the organization of the International Radio Telegraph Company, hereinafter referred to as New International. Westinghouse thereupon acquired 50% or more of the voting stock of New International. International Radio Telegraph Company transferred to New International all or most of its patents and physical assets and Westinghouse and New International granted to each other licenses under their existing and future patents on radio apparatus and Westinghouse agreed to sell to New International exclusively all radio apparatus covered by patent rights granted or agreed to be granted thereunder and New International agreed to purchase said apparatus exclusively from Westinghouse. For a considerable period of time prior to June 30, 1921, New International and its predecessors were engaged in interstate commerce in radio communication and radio apparatus, and from the organization of Radio Corporation to June 30, 1921, were engaged in said commerce independently of, and in competition with, Radio Corporation.

25. As a part of said unlawful combination, conspiracy and monopoly, New International on or about June 30, 1921, transferred and conveyed to Radio Corporation its business of interstate commerce in radio communication and radio apparatus, and its properties, facilities and assets used in the conduct thereof and the stockholders of New International, including Westinghouse, acquired 1,000,000 shares of preferred and 1,000,000 shares of common stock of Radio Corporation, representing a large and substantial interest in said corporation. New International thereupon permanently withdrew from the business of interstate commerce in radio communication and radio apparatus.

As a further part of said unlawful combination, conspiracy and monopoly, Westinghouse by contracts and agreements made and dated on or about June 30, 1921, acquired from Telephone Company and Western Electric, and granted to said companies, the same rights, privileges and licenses as General Electric had acquired from, and had granted to, said companies by the contracts and agreements dated on or about July 1, 1920, hereinbefore referred to; and by further contracts and agreements also made and dated on or about June 30, 1921, General Electric, Radio Corporation and Westinghouse granted to each other licenses under their existing and future patents on radio apparatus. The latter contracts and agreements, and understandings supplementary thereto, obligated General Electric and Westinghouse to sell radio apparatus exclusively to Radio Corporation and obligated Radio Corporation to purchase radio apparatus exclusively from General Electric and Westinghouse in the proportions of 60 and 40%, respectively, and to pay therefor the cost of manufacture plus 20%.

Thereafter General Electric and Westinghouse have manufactured and sold in interstate commerce large and substantial amounts of radio apparatus. All of said apparatus manufactured and sold by General Electric and Westinghouse has been sold exclusively to Radio Corporation or to corporations owned or controlled by it. Thereafter Radio Corporation has not, without the consent of General Electric and Westinghouse, sold any radio apparatus except that purchased from said companies. By said contracts, agreements and understandings General Electric and Westinghouse were, and they have continued to be, restrained from engaging in interstate commerce in radio apparatus except in the sale thereof to Radio Corporation, and Radio Corporation was, and it has continued to be, restrained from engaging in said commerce except in the sale of radio apparatus purchased from General Electric and Westinghouse, and competition in said commerce which otherwise would have existed between said companies and between them and others has been and will continue to be restrained.

Coercion of Independent Dealers Is Alleged.

26. As a part of said unlawful combination, conspiracy and monopoly, General Electric, Radio Corporation, Telephone Company, Western Electric and Westinghouse by contracts and agreements made and dated on or about July 1, 1926, modified in certain details the provisions of the foregoing contracts and agreements made and dated on or about Nov. 20, 1919, July 1, 1920, and June 30, 1921, but by said contracts and agreements of July 1, 1926, said primary defendants continued the grant to each other of licenses under their existing and future patents on radio apparatus and the division among themselves of the business of interstate commerce in radio communication and radio apparatus.

27. The defendants by preventing all litigation between themselves involving their radio patents and patent rights have been enabled to assert the exclusive right to use and enjoy said patents and patent rights, irrespective of their validity or invalidity. The defendants by collectively threatening to sue, and by suing pursuant to a common understanding, persons and corporations manufacturing or selling radio apparatus in interstate commerce and those dealing with said persons and corporations, charging them with infringement of defendants' patents, have prevented substantially all persons and corporations from engaging in interstate commerce in radio apparatus except upon terms and conditions prescribed and imposed by the primary defendants by joint arrangement and agreement among themselves, and have required substantially all said persons and corporations to enter into license agreements with the primary defendants. Thirty-seven manufacturers of radio receiving sets who were previously engaged in interstate commerce in radio apparatus independently of, and in competition with, some of the defendants have been compelled to accept such a license and are manufacturing and selling thereunder.

Licensees Said to Be Subject to Royalties.

Among the terms and conditions imposed by the primary defendants on said licensees are the following:

(a) Each of said licensees has been and is required to pay to the primary defendants a royalty of 7½% of the price of all radio apparatus sold by the licensee, and a minimum of \$100,000 a year by manufacturers of radio receiving sets and a minimum of \$50,000 a year by manufacturers of vacuum tubes. The share of Radio Corporation in the royalty so paid during the year 1929 was more than \$7,000,000. The purpose and direct result of said royalty requirements have been

and are to limit arbitrarily the number of those who can engage in interstate commerce in radio apparatus.

(b) Prior to Feb. 6, 1928, each of said licensees was required to purchase exclusively from Radio Corporation all vacuum tubes originally installed by said licensee in radio receiving sets made or sold by it. On or about Nov. 19, 1929, this provision was adjudged by the United States District Court for the District of Delaware to be in violation of the Clayton Act. Since Feb. 6, 1928, each of said licensees has been required to accept a license containing this same requirement, coupled with a statement by the licensors that, pending the determination of a certain litigation by the Supreme Court of the United States, said provision will not be enforced. The purpose and effect of both of these licenses in such form has been to threaten and coerce manufacturers to use exclusively vacuum tubes purchased from Radio Corporation.

(c) Each of said licensees has been and is required to sell to the primary defendants and their nominees a license under any existing and future patents under which said licensee had or may have the right to issue licenses.

(d) Each of said licensees has been and is unlawfully required to affix to each radio receiving set made or sold by it a notice reading: "Licensed only for radio amateur, experimental and broadcast reception," and to insert the same notice in all catalogues, circulars, price lists and general advertising, and a similar statement of restriction upon cartons containing tubes sold by it.

Unlawful Practices Said to Be Increasing.

28. The number of receiving sets sold in interstate commerce during the year 1929 was in excess of 4,500,000. The primary defendants and their licensees now manufacture approximately 95% in value of all radio apparatus manufactured, used and sold in interstate commerce.

29. Said unlawful restraints and monopoly are being constantly extended into new industrial, commercial and scientific fields by the discovery of new uses for radio apparatus, particularly vacuum tubes, including, among other such fields, methods of distance actuation and control; automatic counting, grading and assorting; selecting colors; leveling elevators and guiding aeroplanes; and the defendants have unlawfully combined, conspired and agreed to extend said restraints and monopoly into the new industrial, commercial and scientific fields wherein radio apparatus may now or in the future be used or useful.

30. On or about April 4, 1928, Radio Corporation, General Electric and Westinghouse caused the incorporation of RCA Photophone, Inc. The interest in and control of RCA Photophone, Inc., represented by shares of capital stock therein, was and now is divided among said defendants in the proportion of 60% to Radio Corporation, 24% to General Electric and 16% to Westinghouse. The defendants thereupon contracted, arranged and agreed that none of them except RCA Photophone, Inc., and Western Electric would engage, or enable or permit any other person or corporation except RCA Photophone, Inc., and Western Electric to engage, in interstate commerce in radio apparatus for recording or reproducing sound in connection with motion pictures.

Plan to Acquire Control of Commerce Charged.

31. On or about Dec. 26, 1929, Radio Corporation, General Electric and Westinghouse caused the incorporation of RCA Radiotron Company, Inc. The interest in and control of RCA Radiotron Company, Inc., represented by shares of capital stock therein was and now is divided among said defendants in the proportion of 50% to Radio Corporation, 30% to General Electric and 20% to Westinghouse. The defendants have been and are planning and arranging to transfer to RCA Radiotron Company, Inc., all of the interstate commerce of said three defendants in vacuum tubes; and to substitute said RCA Radiotron Company, Inc., for Radio Corporation, General Electric and Westinghouse in respect to said restraints upon, and monopolization of, interstate commerce in vacuum tubes imposed and enjoyed by the defendants.

32. On the same day, Dec. 26, 1929, Radio Corporation, General Electric and Westinghouse caused the incorporation of RCA Victor Company, Inc. The interest in and control of RCA Victor Company, Inc., represented by shares of capital stock therein, was and now is divided among said defendants in the proportion of 50% to Radio Corporation, 30% to General Electric and 20% to Westinghouse. The defendants have been and are planning and arranging to transfer to RCA Victor Company, Inc., the interstate commerce of said three defendants in radio receiving sets and to substitute said RCA Victor Company, Inc., for Radio Corporation, General Electric and Westinghouse in respect to said restraints upon, and monopolization of, interstate commerce in radio receiving sets imposed and enjoyed by the defendants.

Vesting of Selling Rights In New Concern Alleged.

33. On or about Oct. 10, 1929, Radio Corporation, General Electric, Westinghouse and General Motors caused the incorporation of GMRC. The interest in and control of GMRC represented by shares of its capital stock was and now is divided among said defendants in the proportion of 51% to General Motors, 29 4-10% to Radio Corporation, 11 76-100% to General Electric, and 7 84-100% to Westinghouse.

The primary defendants thereafter granted to GMRC the right to sell radio receiving apparatus under all existing patents and future patents under which they had or may have the right to issue licenses. General Motors paid more than \$5,000,000 in cash for its said stock in GMRC; granted to GMRC an exclusive license under all its present and future patents and patent rights on radio apparatus, which patents and patent rights thereafter by certain contracts, agreements and understandings became a part of the patent pool hereinbefore described, and has made available to GMRC all of its vast facilities for the distribution of radio apparatus throughout the United States and foreign countries.

General Motors agreed with GMRC to purchase, and has purchased, exclusively from GMRC all radio apparatus sold by it at not less than the cost thereof to GMRC, plus 20%. GMRC has unlawfully agreed with the primary defendants to attach, and has attached, to all radio apparatus to be sold by it the following notice: "Licensed only for use in automotive vehicles and conveyances or for private amateur use for entertainment and educational purposes." The purpose, intent and effect of the organization of GMRC and of each of the contracts and agreements, and understandings supplementary thereto, has been to broaden, strengthen and make more permanent and effective the restraints and monopolization of interstate commerce hereinbefore described and to eliminate one of the most powerful potential competitors in interstate commerce in radio apparatus.

Program for Increasing Monopoly Outlined.

34. As a part of said unlawful combination, conspiracy and monopoly, Radio Corporation, General Electric and Westinghouse have contracted and agreed, and they are now planning and arranging to perfect and make more permanent their restraint and monopolization of interstate commerce in radio apparatus by a reorganization of the business in radio apparatus of said three companies by, among other means, the following:

(a) The transfer and conveyance to Radio Corporation or its nominees by General Electric and Westinghouse or their respective wholly owned subsidiary corporations, General Electric Radio Company, Inc., and Westinghouse Radio Company, Inc., of (1) all property, facilities and assets used by General Electric and Westinghouse or their said subsidiaries in the manufacture of radio apparatus; (2) all of the stock of RCA Photophone, Inc., RCA Radiotron Company, Inc., RCA Victor Company, Inc., and GMRC owned by said two companies or their said subsidiaries, and (3) the right to use all existing and future patents of the primary defendants used or useful for the manufacture of radio apparatus.

(b) The issue and delivery by Radio Corporation to General Electric and Westinghouse of (1) shares of common stock of Radio Corporation equal in number to all its present outstanding shares of common stock and which stock acquisition will give General Electric and Westinghouse more than 50% of the voting rights of all outstanding stock of Radio Corporation and will give said companies complete control of Radio Corporation.

35. For the purpose of effecting said proposed consolidation the stockholders of Radio Corporation at a stockholders' meeting held on May 6, 1930, duly approved an increase in the corporation's authorized common stock from 7,500,000 shares to 15,000,000 shares. None of said additional 7,500,000 shares of authorized common stock has been issued or delivered.

Procedure Said to Violate Sherman Act.

36. The organization and employment of RCA Photophone, Inc., RCA Radiotron Company, Inc., and RCA Victor Company, Inc., for the purpose of manufacturing and selling various kinds of radio apparatus previously manufactured and sold by General Electric and Westinghouse; the proposed acquisition by Radio Corporation of all the stock of said companies now owned by General Electric and Westinghouse or their said subsidiaries; the proposed transfer to Radio Corporation or its nominees of substantially all the assets owned by General Electric and Westinghouse or their said subsidiaries used or useful for manufacturing radio apparatus; the licensing of Radio Corporation and its nominees to manufacture radio apparatus under the existing and future patents of all the primary defendants; and the acquisition by General Electric and Westinghouse of stock of Radio Corporation which will give said companies a majority of the voting stock of Radio Corporation, all as hereinbefore described, will permanently remove General Electric and Westinghouse as competitors or potential competitors of each other, of the other defendants and of all other persons and corporations in interstate commerce in radio apparatus and will thereby not only solidify and strengthen the defendants' combination and conspiracy in restraint of said interstate commerce, and in monopoly thereof, theretofore and now existing, but by consolidating the radio business of General Electric and Westinghouse in Radio Corporation in exchange for stock in said corporation will make permanent the existing unlawful combination and conspiracy between said companies in restraint and monopoly of interstate commerce in radio apparatus which has been brought about by the various illegal means hereinbefore described.

The organization and employment of RCA Photophone, Inc., RCA Radiotron Company, Inc., and RCA Victor Company, Inc., for said purposes and the proposed consolidation in said companies and in Radio Corporation of the business of interstate commerce in radio apparatus theretofore conducted by General Electric and Westinghouse were and are unlawful and in violation of the act of Congress of July 2, 1890, known as the Sherman Anti-trust Act.

37. The contracts, agreements and understandings by which the defendants have agreed to grant to, and have granted, to each other licenses under existing and future patents on radio apparatus and have divided the interstate commerce in radio communication and radio apparatus, and have imposed unlawful restraints on all persons and corporations other than the defendants engaged in, or desiring to engage in, said commerce were and are unlawful and in violation of said act of Congress of July 2, 1890.

Petitioner Asks Injunctive Relief.

Wherefore, petitioner prays:

I. That writs of subpoena issue directed to each defendant, commanding it to appear herein and answer under oath the allegations of this petition and to abide by and perform such orders and decrees as the court may make.

That the court order, adjudge and decree as follows:

II. That the combination and conspiracy in restraint of, and the attempt to monopolize, and monopolization of, interstate trade and commerce in radio communication and radio apparatus hereinbefore described, were and are in violation of said act of July 2, 1890, and acts supplemental thereto and amendatory thereof.

III. That the defendants and each of them and all persons, including corporations, acting or claiming to act on behalf of them or any of them, be perpetually enjoined and restrained from continuing to carry out, directly or indirectly, expressly or impliedly, the said combination and conspiracy, attempt to monopolize and monopolization, and from entering into or carrying out, directly or indirectly, expressly or impliedly, any similar combination and conspiracy, attempt to monopolize, and monopolization of the said interstate trade and commerce.

IV. That the defendants and each of them and all persons, including corporations, acting or claiming to act on behalf of them or any of them, be perpetually enjoined from performing or continuing to perform any and all other acts described herein as means of creating, maintaining or effectuating said combination and conspiracy, attempt to monopolize and monopolization.

V. That the contracts and agreements between and among the defendants described herein, and any and all such contracts and agreements, be declared unlawful and void, and that the defendants and each of them, and all persons, including corporations, acting or claiming to act on behalf of the defendants or any of them, be perpetually enjoined from entering into similar contracts or carrying out the terms of said agreements or understandings or similar agreements or understandings.

Request for Dissolution of Auxiliary Firms.

VI. That the defendants and each of them and all persons acting or claiming to act on behalf of the defendants or any of them, be perpetually enjoined and restrained from agreeing with the other defendants or any of them not to compete with such other defendant or defendants in any line of interstate trade or commerce.

VII. That the defendants, other than Radio Corporation of America, and each of them, and all persons and corporations acting or claiming to act on behalf of them or any of them, be perpetually enjoined and restrained from purchasing or otherwise acquiring capital stock in the Radio Corporation of America or any of its subsidiary or operating companies now existing or hereafter formed and that the General Electric Company and the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company be ordered and directed to divest themselves of all stock in said Radio Corporation of America, that Radio Corporation of America be ordered and directed to divest itself of any property, facilities, or assets acquired from General Electric Company or Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company pursuant to the plan of consolidation, rearrangement and reorganization herein described.

VIII. That the court order, adjudge, and decree that each of the defendants RCA Photophone, Inc., RCA Victor Company, Inc., RCA Radiotron Company, Inc., and General Motors Radio Corporation has been and is a party to an unlawful combination, and has been and is an unlawful combination, in restraint of interstate and foreign trade and commerce, and that each has attempted and is attempting to monopolize and is in combination and conspiracy with the other defendants to monopolize, and has monopolized, part of the trade and commerce among the several States of the United States and with foreign nations, and order, adjudge, and decree that each of them be restrained from engaging in interstate or foreign commerce, and that each of them be dissolved.

IX. That jurisdiction of this cause be retained for the purpose of enforcing such decree as may be entered and enabling petitioner to apply for a modification or enlargement of any of the provisions thereof on the ground that the same is inadequate and for the purpose of enabling the defendants, or any of them, to apply to this court for a modification of any of the provisions thereof on the ground that it has become inappropriate or unnecessary.

X. That petitioner have such other, further, and general relief as may be equitable and proper.

XI. That petitioner recover its costs and disbursement

Statement By Owen D. Young, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Radio Corp. of America.

Owen D. Young, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Radio Corporation of America, made the following statement May 13:

The Radio Corporation of America welcomes the suit of the Government of the United States to test the validity of its organization which has now existed for more than 10 years, and in every step of which the Government has been advised.

In 1919 when the company was organized, no one concern in the country had the necessary patents to enable it to develop the radio art and to create a business. Each of several had some, and each could block the other.

The purpose of the organization of the Radio Corporation of America was to release the art by grouping patents enough in one place so as to enable sending stations to be created and receiving sets to be

built. That this was accomplished is shown by the rapid development of the radio business.

In order to promote competition in the art and in the business, and to avoid patent litigation, which would have prevented development, licenses have been issued to 34 concerns to make radio receiving sets and to 14 concerns to make radio tubes. Between them, as the public knows, competition is severe.

These licenses provide a royalty payment, which was intended to represent the fair contribution of the licensees to the expenses of the research and the cost of the original patents. It was intended to be less than the royalty payment would have been had the patents remained in scattered hands.

All these licensees are licensed under all new inventions and have the benefits of all existing research of the Radio Corporation and its associated companies in the field which the licenses cover.

This arrangement seemed wise. As a result an industry was born, thousands of people were employed, and millions were enabled to listen, without charge for programs. There can be no question of benefit to the business.

There is apparently now, looking backward, and because of a recent court decision in another industry, some question in the mind of the Department of Justice of a technical violation of the law. Certainly, if there be anything illegal in the set-up of the Radio Corporation, its officers, directors, and stockholders are more deeply interested in that question than either the Government or any other group can possibly be.

It is very glad, therefore, that a test case has been brought. It prefers very much to have such a question out of politics.

Government to Expedite Fight on R. C. A.—Feels Large Interests Are Entitled to Quick Decision.

According to a Washington dispatch of May 14 the Department of Justice will expedite the suit against the Radio Corp. of America and those mentioned with it in the petition filed at Wilmington, Del. The Attorney General, it is stated, takes the position that the large industries involved are entitled to a quick, clear-cut opinion, so they may proceed with their business in a legal way.

The dispatch also states that independent radio organizations asked the department to include the United Fruit Co. and the International Telephone and Telegraph Co. in the suit, but they are only in the communication business.

Senator Couzens on R. C. A. Suit.

Senator Couzens, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce, is pleased with action of the department, according to a Washington dispatch of May 14, Senator Couzens is quoted as saying:

"The suit is of great public interest and concern. For several years much difference of opinion has existed as to whether these corporations were being conducted in violation of the law. It is a healthy condition when the Government institutes a suit to have this matter finally determined. The country is entitled to know, and the Congress is entitled to know particularly, because of its legislative responsibilities."

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, May 16 1930.

Again the volume of business was on only a moderate scale or but fair at best. In not a few departments trade has been actually quiet. Declines in commodities are in a majority. Retail trade has naturally been hurt by rains in many parts of the country and also by colder weather. Moreover wholesale and jobbing trade lags. Freezing temperatures have been reported in parts of the northwest. It has been unseasonably cool, even in parts of the cotton belt. That is certainly suggestive. In New York of late it has been cold, raw or rainy and generally unseasonable, though there are signs to-night that the temperature is rising. What is wanted is fair warm, seasonable weather; neither the extreme heat of a short time ago, nor abnormally low temperatures, as latterly. One of the outstanding features of the week has been the activity in copper. This in a way is an object lesson. Where prices have got up on stilts the best thing to do is to get off the stilts. Copper did. It declined from 18 to 12 cents, but this week it has rallied to 13 cents, accompanied by the best domestic business, it said, on record, and by noteworthy sales for export. The grain markets have advanced, with a very fair export business in wheat, and a good cash demand for corn, coincident with light receipts. Wheat had evidently become oversold on the drop to \$1 for May, which now appears to be getting support from the Farm Board. The winter wheat crop threatens to be considerably smaller than that of last year, and it is hoped that the export demand will increase.

Certainly the Argentine shipments of wheat to Europe have latterly fallen off noticeably. Foreign wheat markets have been stronger, and the weather at the American and Canadian northwest has been cold. It is noticeable, however, that Winnipeg has been slower to advance than Chicago or Minneapolis, and it is said that the Canadian pool for a couple of days past has been selling in Winnipeg.

Wool on this side has been quiet and in some cases easier. But some grades, it appears, have been in rather better demand, owing to the rising prices at the big London auction sales. Still, there is plenty of room for improvement in the wool trade of this country. Woolens are reported rather firmer in response to London prices. There is less business in road machinery. But tractors are in better demand, mostly from the home trade. Most of the large foreign orders for tractors, it appears, have been filled. Lumber and building materials generally have been quiet, coincident with slackened building. The furniture trade is not so active as it was a year ago. Cotton goods here have been quiet and in some cases it is stated $\frac{1}{8}$ ¢ lower. Curtailment in the cotton mills is pronounced all over the country. Georgia mills are said to be running only 40 to 45 hours a week. And Carolina mills have, as is well known, cut the output 50%. In New England the curtailment is marked this year. In Manchester, England, business in cotton goods is of course greatly injured by the troubles in East India, which would seem to be spreading rather than really abating. Many will be curious to see whether these political disorders among at least a portion of a population of

300,000,000 people will have any effect on the agriculture of India. The cotton crop of that country has fallen off within a year nearly 400,000 bales, more than offsetting an increase in the last American crop. If political complications should cut down the East Indian cotton crop still further, it might have a bracing effect on the world price of cotton. Car loadings have increased in the week of May 3 some 35,700 as compared with the previous week but they were nearly 110,000 below the same week in 1929. For the year up to early in May the loadings are virtually 8% below those for the same time last year and 4% under those of 1928. It seems reasonable to suppose, however, that with seasonable weather, trade and car loadings will increase as a natural response. Production has increased in cotton, rubber and cement over that of recent months, although smaller than a year ago. The foreign trade for the first quarter of the year is smaller than in the same period last year. The tendency of money rates is downward.

The sales in April of 58 chain stores including the leading mail order houses it will be recalled increased over 9%. Pig iron has been dull and in Eastern Pennsylvania it is stated 50 cents lower. Steel prices have eased a little, with trade anything but brisk, though pipe and fabricated steel has sold on a fair scale. But there is evidently a good deal of competition and price cutting it seems is not by any means unknown. But copper has advanced to 13c. and the domestic sales this week are stated at 137,000 short tons the largest on record for a single week. This with the sales for export brought the total for the week, it appears, up to 196,000 tons. Bearish April statistics of copper supply came too late to prevent this notable increase in business. Tin prices fell to a new low on the recent movement of prices. Pennsylvania crude oil prices have been cut 25c. again, making 50c. thus far this month, or a total of 75 cents this year. This has stirred Bradford operators to action, looking to a reduction in output.

Coffee futures declined 10 to 15 points with apparently less support from Brazil and some selling in Europe. The coffee trading however, has been on a small scale. Rio de Janeiro prices have latterly declined. Apparently almost everybody is awaiting a new cue before trading in coffee on any considerable scale. Some would prefer to await developments after July 1 when the new conditions for trading in Brazil go into effect, in accordance it seems with the provisions of the latest loan of \$100,000,000. Raw sugar declined to the lowest price on record, but the "futures" market became oversold and has latterly rallied sharply and ends half a dozen points net higher for the week. When raw sugar gets down below the price of 1½ cents it seems fair to presume that if it continues at any such level it cannot fail to bring about a decrease in the next crop. Rubber statistics as to supply and consumption have been bearish the demand rather sluggish and the price has declined roughly ¼ to ½c. Cocoa is down about 20 points, and silk half a dozen points. Provisions have advanced about the same amount, partly owing to the rise in grain, though prices of hogs have from time to time declined under rather large receipts.

The stock market has been less active and on the 15th inst. the trading was only 2,675,470 shares the smallest in 60 days with net price changes small and yesterday only 2,086,800 shares. Some pool stocks, however, fell 19 to 27 points. Professional operators were apparently not averse to a decline. The outside public was more indifferent. Declines were noticeable in American Can, Auburn Auto, J. I. Case, Worthington Pump, Vanadium, Pan American B, Public Service, International Harvester, Goodyear Tire and Allied Chemical. Bonds were quiet and domestic issues declined slightly while foreign were none too steady. Convertible issues were irregular. A. T. & T. fell 3 points. Silver currencies of the Far East declined sharply on the 15th inst. Silver Bullion here dropped ¾c. Chinese exchange was the lowest for years past. Of course all this reflects disturbed political conditions in the Far East. To-day stocks were dull and lower despite the drop in brokers' loans of \$67,000,000. The usual leaders kept close to shore, not venturing out into possibly troubled waters. United States Steel, General Motors, General Electric, American Telephone and others of similar caliber did not distinguish themselves. Low priced rail shares got some attention and utilities did not act so badly. But of real snap and dash there was none. Money was 3 per cent. Bonds were quiet and slightly lower.

To-day the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers in the "Monthly Bulletin" reports that New England cotton mills have gone much further in curtailment than those in

other sections of the country. They have not operated even the full time day shift of 55 hours a week, and night work has been practically unheard of anywhere for some years. Other sections have adopted the 55-hour week and 50-hour night week. In the first quarter of 1930, the average spindle in place ran 73.2 hours less than the legal limit in the New England States the report says. In addition to the fact that more than 3,000,000 spindles had been scrapped since 1922, the curtailment during the first quarter of 1930 amounted to 33.1% when based on spindles in place and 9.1% when based on active spindles. During the past year the New England mills operated at only 81.8% of capacity based on a 48-hour week. During the same period mills in the South operated 32% overtime.

Fall River wired that although the local cloth market has been far from active during the week, sales are reported in excess of those of the previous week and there has been inquiry for sizeable orders that could not be met because of the low prices sought. The most recent figures available the "Journal of Commerce" says showed decided contraction in yardage of mill output and activity of loans. Reports from the South state that by the end of this week fully 5,000,000 spindles will be represented in effort to check production compared with 3,500,000 last week. Manchester, N. H. wired that the New Market Manufacturing Co. which has been operating on a four-day schedule resumed 54-hour week as a result of improvement in the textile situation. Nashua Mills are said to have increased their schedule and the Exeter Manufacturing Co. also was able to step up production.

Charlotte, N. C. wired that the most important development of the week was the beginning of the half time operations by leading print cloth and sheeting mills which is by far the most far-reaching curtailment plan ever attempted in the South. It is said to be regarded as a reflection of the fact that Southern mill managers are more alive to the necessity of balancing production and believe that drastic measures are necessary to meet a market emergency of recognized gravity. Charlotte, N. C. also reported that lower prices on yarns had failed to increase sales. The general yarn situation for the past month unquestionably has developed the necessity for more drastic curtailment in the opinion of many leading spinners. Atlanta, Ga. wired that most cotton mills in Georgia are working only 40 to 45 hours a week. Carolina mills run every other week.

London cabled that work is being resumed at the Broadstone Mills, where the operators were on strike owing to the dismissal of a mule spinner for breach of mill discipline pending an arbitration decision. There is a general belief that this points to a general adoption of arbitration in cases of individual mill disputes and the possibility of establishing a precedent in this connection is seriously considered. London cabled that Manchester's wholesale markets generally were reported unimproved but there had been a distinct pickup in retailing centers throughout the country due to Cotton Week. Bombay cables said that there were renewed disturbing reports from the Northwest frontier yesterday where communists were said to be instigating revolt among the tribesmen.

For the first time during the year, monthly department store sales in April showed a gain over the corresponding month last year. The increase was 8% over April 1929, according to an announcement by the Federal Reserve Board in Washington. Chicago reports that Sears, Roebuck & Co. made price reductions amount to about 10% on nearly all lines including automobile tires.

After being cool for some days the temperature here on the 13th inst. suddenly rose to 83 degrees the lowest being 54. At Boston it was 58 to 84, Chicago 60 to 74, Cincinnati 54 to 76, Cleveland 62 to 78, Detroit 38 to 78, Kansas City 58 to 68, Milwaukee 48 to 70, St. Paul 48 to 56, Montreal 62 to 78, Omaha 48 to 52, Philadelphia 58 to 84, Portland, Me., 52 to 72, Portland, Ore., 56 to 68, San Francisco 52 to 62, Seattle 52 to 70, St. Louis 58 to 78, Winnipeg 40 to 46. New York on the 15th had temperatures of 51 to 59 degrees and .64 of an inch of rain fell. It was cold and unseasonable. Boston had 44 to 50 degrees, Chicago 50 to 58, Cincinnati 52 to 60, Cleveland 54 to 58, Detroit 52 to 58, Kansas City 48 to 62, Milwaukee 46 to 56, Minneapolis 42 to 60, Montreal 50 to 52, Oklahoma City 62 to 66, Omaha 48 to 58, Philadelphia 54 to 70, Portland, Me., 44; Portland, Ore. 50 to 58, Seattle 48 to 68, St. Louis 54 to 64, Winnipeg 40 to 56. To-day, though a little warmer, it has still been rather cool for this time of the year, temperatures being 53 to 65 degrees. The prediction is for cloudy weather to-night and showers to-morrow.

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 10, as indicated by the volume of check payments, was more than 13% greater than for the week ended May 3, and 1% greater than for the same week in 1929. Operations in steel plants during the latest reported week were slightly less than activity for the preceding week and below the level of the corresponding week in 1929.

Wholesale prices showed a slight decline from the preceding week and were more than 7% below the level of a year ago. Composite iron and steel price registered a slight decline from the preceding week and was 8% lower than a year ago.

Bank loans and discounts, at the end of the week, May 10, while showing a slight decline from the previous period, were more than 3% above a year ago. Prices for stocks, showed a loss from the preceding week and were 11% below the same week of 1929.

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

	1930.				1929.			
	May 10.	May 3.	Apr. 26.	Apr. 19.	May 11.	May 4.	Apr. 27.	Apr. 20.
Steel operations.....	101.3	102.5	102.6	128.9	127.8	132.9	128.9	
Bituminous coal production.....	85.5	84.0	83.1	93.8	90.1	93.6	88.8	
Petroleum production (daily average).....	124.6	124.3	122.9	126.0	126.3	127.3	128.3	
Freight car loadings.....	---	94.6	93.1	109.3	109.5	109.7	104.7	
Iron and steel production.....	106.7	107.0	105.4	---	---	120.8	119.8	
Building contracts, 37 States (daily average).....	131.0	121.7	104.0	125.8	122.9	141.2	122.2	
Wheat receipts.....	47.0	51.3	29.4	50.8	48.3	46.1	44.7	
Cotton receipts.....	32.3	36.9	36.2	33.8	33.5	34.6	50.0	52.3
Cattle receipts.....	78.2	74.7	66.8	79.7	88.6	86.4	83.9	
Hog receipts.....	74.7	73.5	76.3	70.9	85.7	82.4	82.1	
Price No. 2 wheat.....	75.2	76.0	78.3	80.6	82.9	82.9	87.6	
Price cotton middling.....	61.0	61.0	59.9	59.6	72.1	72.8	74.6	
Price iron and steel, composite.....	82.0	82.8	83.1	83.2	89.5	89.5	88.9	
Copper, electrolytic, price.....	---	94.9	100.0	100.0	129.0	129.0	129.0	
Fisher's Index (1926=100).....	89.0	89.7	90.2	90.7	95.7	96.7	96.7	
Check payments.....	136.3	120.4	116.1	129.6	134.6	136.0	125.6	140.7
Bank loans and discounts.....	134.8	135.7	135.7	134.8	130.1	131.6	131.1	131.5
Interest rates, call money.....	76.6	92.1	97.0	97.0	290.9	269.7	200.0	190.9
Business failures.....	129.0	116.0	134.4	120.6	105.2	103.4	113.3	119.9
Stock prices.....	228.6	233.0	244.5	249.0	257.6	257.2	253.2	249.1
Bond prices.....	106.1	106.0	105.9	106.1	105.7	106.0	106.2	105.8
Interest rates, time money.....	91.4	97.1	100.0	102.9	202.9	197.1	194.3	200.0
Federal Reserve ratio.....	107.1	106.4	105.5	103.9	95.9	94.8	95.9	94.6
Detroit employment.....	---	---	110.5	---	---	---	---	---

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

Preliminary Report on Department Store Trade to Federal Reserve Board Shows Increased Sales in April This Year as Compared With Year Ago.

Department store sales in April were 8% larger than in the corresponding month a year ago, according to preliminary reports made to the Federal Reserve System by 520 stores located in leading cities of all Federal Reserve Districts. The Board on May 7, also said:

The increase reflected in part the fact that the date of Easter, which was very early last year (March 31), was very late this year (April 20). Comparison of sales in March and April taken together so as to include the Easter selling season in both years, shows a decrease of 2% from a year ago.

Sales during the first four months of this year were 4% below the level of a year ago.

PERCENTAGE INCREASE OR DECREASE FROM A YEAR AGO.

Federal Reserve District.	April*.	March 1 to April 30.*	Jan. 1 to April 30.*	No. of Reporting Stores.
Boston.....	+10	-1	+1	110
New York.....	+12	+3	+2	51
Philadelphia.....	+6	-7	-5	38
Cleveland.....	+10	-5	-8	41
Richmond.....	+12	-2	-1	51
Atlanta.....	-2	-10	-10	25
Chicago.....	+5	-7	-11	57
St. Louis.....	+10	-3	-7	19
Minneapolis.....	+1	-4	-7	16
Kansas City.....	+2	-5	-6	24
Dallas.....	-1	-6	-8	20
San Francisco.....	+5	---	-2	68
Total (520 stores).....	+8	-2	-4	520

* April figures preliminary.

Fewer Hours and More Work Prescribed By Ethelbert Stewart, Commissioner of Labor Statistics, to Cure Labor Ills—Would Have Industry Discard Old Ideas and Concentrate on Output Rather Than on Hours of Labor—Methods Employed on Railroads.

Ethelbert Stewart, Commissioner of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, is quoted as follows in the "United States Daily" of May 3:

What seem to be conflicting statements as to the industrial situation in the United States to-day arise largely from our inability to adapt our thinking to present conditions. When the figures show that railroads, for instance, are doing more construction and repair work than they have done before in years we seem invariably to construe this in terms of larger employment of workmen by the railroads. As a matter of fact, it does not mean anything of the sort. Let us take a specific illustration.

The Pennsylvania RR. is doing a large amount of track repair and rail replacement work. On one particular Eastern division of that road very recently a tracklaying gang of 60 men, including the foreman, removed the old rails, replaced the tie-plates, and laid 637 39-foot rails weighing 130 pounds to the yard in one eight-hour day. They cleaned up the whole job, that is to say, removed the old rails, &c. This means the laying of 24,843 one-rail feet, about 2½ track miles.

This gang, of course, was using all modern equipment and devices for rail handling and tracklaying. Under the old style the same crew would have placed 135 rails of the same length but of very considerably less weight. This would have meant 5,265 rail feet, or about one-half mile of track.

In other words, a railroad would have to do five times as much track-laying and construction work to-day with modern equipment as it would have been necessary to do a few years ago in order to employ the same number of people.

In covering a line of the Santa Fe RR. across the continent last month I was amazed at the amount of bridge building and construction work that the Santa Fe Co. is doing on that line; but I was also astonished at the comparatively few people employed to do the work.

One has but to observe modern road building, grading, excavating, to realize that unit for unit of production about one-fourth the number of men are employed to-day that was true formerly. To put it another way, which in the long run means the same thing—in these industries one man with machinery will accomplish four times as much as formerly.

Much Railroad Building.

Now it is true that there is an enormous amount of railroad building going on, but there is not five times as much as there was in former years. Hence the railroads are not employing more men, are not employing so many as formerly. The same thing applies to carloadings and ton-miles of freight. Carloadings go up, human employment goes down.

In varying degrees this is true of every type of employment, under every industry. We must begin to think of industrial employment and of unemployment in some other terms than that of more and more construction projects, industrial projects, etc.

We do not need five times as much railroad construction in a year now as we did 10 years ago. We do not need five times as many buildings of any kind each year as we did 10 years ago. In a broad general way an increase in developments of any character that would provide work for all of our people who want work is impossible.

Capital is Lacking.

There is not enough capital to finance it, and it would be utterly useless and unuseable if done. On the other hand we are not going back to the old hand methods of doing things. The Pennsylvania RR. is not going to employ 60 men to lay 135 rails when it can get 637 rails out of the same force of men.

We are not going to scrap our improved machinery, methods, and processes. We can perhaps with advantage scrap some of our old ideas and methods of thinking. When we come to think in terms of production, instead of in terms of hours of labor, we will cease our opposition to a shorter work day and a shorter work week.

If all the continuous industries would get on a three-shift day, as some of them have, these industries would employ more men, even with their improved manufacturing process—if not more man-hours per ton of product at least more men in the human sense, and that is the really vital thing from a social point of view.

Proposition is Given.

The essence of the problem, as I see it, is: Can we continue to employ our people along our present lines of endeavor and with our present labor schedule? If on the average in most industries a man produces four times as much as he did before the advent of improved machinery and mechanical and chemical processes, working from eight to 10 hours a day, can we continue to consume this product? If not, does not the full employment of all our people ultimately defeat itself?

Must we not curtail the hours of labor in order to give employment to all who want work, even though we give full weight to the increased consumption that would come from full employment?

Let us illustrate this by a single proposition. Granted that we need more schoolhouses. If the same number of men working the same number of hours a day will, with improved building methods, construct four times as many buildings as they did 20 years ago, how long can we continue building at that rate before we have more schoolhouses than we can use? It is true that in the case of public roads we could keep this up for quite a number of years, possibly indefinitely, but this cannot be said of any other line of development.

F. W. Dodge Corporation's Review of Building and Engineering Activity Shows Decline From 1929 of 25% For April and of 17% Since Jan. 1.

Contracts awarded in April for building and engineering projects in the 37 States east of the Rocky Mountains, totaling \$483,251,700, were larger than in any month since August of last year. The past month's record was 6% greater than the total of \$456,119,000 reported for March, but showed a loss of 25% from the unusually large record for April 1929. For the first four months of the year awards totaled \$1,580,398,900 as compared with \$1,897,889,800 for the corresponding period of 1929, a decline of 17%. Public works and utilities for the fourth consecutive month were the most important of all classes. This type of construction totaled \$149,669,900, or 31% of the total awards in April. Residential building totaled \$123,141,900, or 25% of the total; awards for commercial structures amounted to \$73,241,000, or 15%, and new contracts for industrial buildings aggregated \$38,120,600, or 8%. Contemplated new work of all kinds reported in April amounted to \$954,617,400, compared with \$732,735,900 in March and \$940,249,100 for April 1929. Further particulars follow:

New England States.

Building and engineering contracts awarded in April in the New England States totaled \$42,261,900, compared with \$29,585,200 for March, an

increase of 43%; building awards in April 1929 amounted to \$40,930,200. Contracts let in the first four months of the year aggregated \$109,142,200, compared with \$128,649,600 for the same four months of last year.

Residential construction amounting to \$11,916,200 was 28% of the month's total; awards for public works and utilities aggregated \$8,434,200, or 20%; commercial types totaled \$8,343,500, or 20%, and hospitals and institutions amounted to \$4,007,600, or 9%.

Contemplated building reported in April amounted to \$189,573,200, compared with \$41,828,900 for March, and against \$43,770,500 for the corresponding month in the previous year.

Metropolitan New York and Vicinity.

Total awards during April for construction in Metropolitan New York and vicinity (Northern New Jersey, New York City, Long Island, Westchester, Orange, Putnam, and Rockland Counties) amounted to \$101,051,700, 13% greater than the total of \$89,749,700 for the preceding month; the corresponding month's total for last year was \$153,113,400. Contracts let since the beginning of the year aggregated \$336,094,300, as against \$409,362,100 for the same period in 1929.

Awards for public works and utilities, amounting to \$35,392,200, were slightly more than one-third of the total awards for this territory in April. Residential buildings, with \$26,550,700, or 26%, was second. Hospitals and institutions totaled \$13,499,400, or 13%, and commercial buildings amounted to \$11,237,200, or 11%.

Building construction reported in April as contemplated totaled \$199,845,600, compared with \$228,434,600 reported in March; the April 1929 total was \$361,871,100.

Up-State New York.

New building and engineering contracts let during April in up-State New York (including all counties North of Orange, Putnam, and Rockland) showed substantial increases over both the previous month and the corresponding period of last year. The past month's contract total was \$19,870,400, compared with \$14,260,300 for March, an increase of 39%, and compared with \$15,966,300 for April 1929, an increase in this case of 24%. The total for the first four months of 1930, \$67,039,900, likewise showed a substantial gain of 40%, compared with \$47,926,900 for the same period in 1929.

Public works and utilities featured the month's contract total. Awards for this type of construction amounted to \$8,323,900, or 42% of all awards. Contracts let for residential buildings amounted to \$4,196,100, or 21%; industrial buildings totaled \$2,050,000, or 10%, and commercial buildings aggregated \$1,544,500, or 8%.

April contemplated work amounted to \$31,002,300, compared with \$31,124,700 for the preceding month and with the corresponding month's total in 1929 of \$39,170,600.

Middle Atlantic States.

Awards for new building and engineering work in April in the Middle Atlantic States reached a total of \$62,781,300, an increase of 32% over the total of \$47,502,500 reported for March. In April 1929 contracts totaled \$106,136,700. Construction during the first four months of the year amounted to \$210,884,700 as compared with \$264,719,000 in the same period of 1929.

Contracts for commercial buildings in April, amounting to \$15,833,100, were more than 25% of the total; public works and utilities, totaling \$15,775,300, had 25%; residential buildings, with \$14,743,500, had 23%, and educational buildings, aggregating \$5,071,900, were 8%.

New contemplated work reported in April totaled \$110,373,600, as against \$64,702,500 for March, an increase of 71%; the corresponding month's total of last year was \$94,773,700.

Pittsburgh Territory.

April construction contracts in the Pittsburgh District (Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, and Kentucky) amounted to \$54,994,900, compared with \$73,519,600 in March and with the April 1929 record of \$61,013,200. Total awards since the first of the year in this territory have reached a sum of \$210,327,500, a decline of 5% from the same period in 1929.

Public works and utilities featured the April building record, with \$16,244,400, or 30% of all awards. Residential buildings ranked second, amounting to \$14,926,800, or 27%; commercial buildings aggregated \$5,543,700, or 10%, and social and recreational buildings totaled \$5,274,100, or 9%.

Construction work reported as in the contemplated stage in April amounted to \$143,225,500. This was 81% greater than the amount reported in March and almost twice the amount in the same month of a year ago.

Southern Michigan.

Awards for new building and engineering works during April in the Southern peninsula of Michigan aggregated \$21,443,500, an increase of 72% over the previous month's total. Awards for the corresponding month of 1929 amounted to \$33,661,200. Contracts let in this territory since the first of January reached \$52,845,000, compared with \$95,975,300 in the same period of last year.

Residential construction was the most active of all types in the past month, with \$6,146,400, or 29% of the total. Public works and utilities, amounting to \$5,319,300, or 25% of the aggregate, ranked second, while commercial buildings totaled \$2,635,500, a little more than 12%, and public buildings amounted to \$2,530,300, or 12%.

In April there was \$18,158,800 worth of building reported as contemplated, compared with \$21,835,700 for March, and against \$40,045,900 for the amount reported in April 1929.

Chicago Territory.

New contracts let for building and engineering work in April in the Chicago Territory (Northern Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, and Eastern and Southern Wisconsin) aggregated \$64,758,800, compared with \$67,557,500 in the previous month. During April of last year building awards totaled \$80,893,500. A total of \$195,454,900 was contracted for since the first of January, compared with \$293,011,200 in the same period of 1929.

More than 31% of the April lettings was for public works and utilities, which aggregated \$20,047,600; awards for residential buildings totaled \$19,027,200, or 29%; commercial buildings amounted to \$11,249,400, or 17%, and industrial construction aggregated \$6,347,200, or 10%.

April contemplated work reported totaled \$77,443,000, compared with \$79,151,500 for March, and against \$106,113,600 for the total reported in the corresponding month of last year.

The Central Northwest.

Building and engineering contracts let in April in the Central Northwest (Minnesota, the Dakotas, Northern Michigan, and Northwest Wisconsin), aggregating a total of \$10,857,300, showed a substantial gain over the preceding month. April awards compared with \$9,392,300 in March and

\$13,045,000 in April 1929. Total construction contracted for during the first four months amounted to \$27,050,900, compared with \$29,870,100 in the corresponding period of last year.

Construction of public works and utilities in April, amounting to \$4,251,200, or 39% of the total, was the most important type for the month. Awards of \$2,034,900, or 19%, were let for residential buildings; \$1,622,400, or 15%, for commercial buildings, and \$1,086,500, or 10%, for industrial buildings.

Contemplated work reported in April totaled \$12,795,000, compared with \$9,207,800 for March, and against \$16,588,200 for the corresponding month in 1929.

St. Louis Territory.

The St. Louis territory (Southern Illinois, Eastern Missouri, Northeast Arkansas, Western Tennessee, and Northern Mississippi) reported larger building contracts than in the previous month, but showed a decline from April of last year. The April total amounted to \$18,622,000, compared with \$14,493,800 in the preceding month, and \$36,004,900 in April of last year. Since the year opened building and engineering contracts let in this district reached a total of \$57,666,300, as against \$85,638,400 for the same period in 1929.

Included in the April contract total were the following active types of construction expenditures: \$5,520,400, or 30% of all awards, for residential buildings; \$5,225,200, or 28%, for public works and utilities; \$3,307,400, or 18%, for educational buildings, and \$2,410,800, or 13%, for commercial buildings.

Buildings construction reported as in the contemplated stage in the past month amounted to \$30,313,200, compared with \$25,301,500 reported in March; the corresponding month's total of last year was \$34,935,700.

Kansas City Territory.

Total awards in the Kansas City district (Western Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Nebraska) for building and engineering projects during the past month amounted to \$23,993,000, compared with \$41,179,900 for March and compared with the corresponding month's total of \$22,053,700 for last year, a gain of 9%. Contracts let since the first of January likewise showed a substantial gain. They amounted to \$103,135,400, as against \$80,313,800 for the same period in 1929, an increase of 26%.

The feature in the past month was public works and utilities, with \$10,198,200, or 43% of all construction. Commercial buildings featured second, aggregating \$4,840,000, or 20%; residential buildings totaled \$4,128,000, or 17%; industrial buildings amounted to \$1,421,000, or 6%.

During April contemplated work reported in this district totaled \$41,663,400, as against \$39,561,000 for March and against \$38,001,600 for the amount reported in the corresponding month of last year.

Texas.

Construction contracts awarded in Texas during April totaled \$22,774,100. This was 5% greater than the amount let in the preceding month, and it was 21% ahead of the total for April 1929. Building and engineering contracts let for the first four months in Texas reached a total of \$81,842,500, compared with \$77,258,200 for the first four months of last year, an increase of 6%.

Public works and utilities were the most active in the past month, with \$10,069,900, or 44% of all awards. Commercial buildings ranked second, aggregating \$4,881,500, or 22%; residential buildings totaled \$3,546,300, or 16%, and public buildings amounted to \$1,488,200, or 7%.

Contemplated work reported in April amounted to \$25,867,000, as against \$42,292,600 for the preceding month, and against \$33,511,700 for April 1929.

New Orleans Territory.

April contracts awarded in the New Orleans district (Louisiana, Western and Southern Arkansas, Eastern and Southern Mississippi) amounted to \$6,377,000, compared with \$10,424,300 in March; the corresponding month's total of last year was \$31,417,400. Total awards since the year opened have amounted to \$40,119,400, compared with \$60,877,800 for the same period in 1929.

The April contract total showed the following active classes of building: \$2,449,000, or 38%, for residential buildings; \$2,041,900, or 32%, for public works and utilities; \$789,700, or 12%, for commercial buildings, and \$515,900, or 8%, for educational buildings.

Construction work reported as contemplated in the past month amounted to \$12,378,100, compared with \$16,238,800 for March, and compared with \$21,274,000 for the corresponding month of last year.

Southeastern Territory.

Awards for building and engineering contracts in the Southeastern district (the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Eastern Tennessee) during the past month totaled \$33,465,800. This compared with \$27,288,700 for March, which was an increase of 23%, and compared with \$28,938,000 for the amount let in the corresponding month of last year, an increase of 16%. Construction awards for the first four months have reached a total of \$102,927,800, as against \$102,901,500 for the corresponding period in 1929.

Industrial buildings, aggregating \$9,905,000, or 30% of all awards, were the most prominent during April. Public works and utilities featured second, with \$8,346,600, or 25%; residential buildings totaled \$7,956,400, or 24%, and educational buildings amounted to \$3,629,800, or 11%.

The amount of contemplated work reported in this district during the past month totaled \$61,978,700, which was 15% greater than the amount reported in March and 62% ahead of the April 1929 record.

"Annalist" Index of Business Activity in April Shows Upward Turn.

The "Annalist" Index of Business Activity for April shows a fairly sharp upturn from the new low established for March, which, on the basis of complete revised figures, was 89.5. The "Annalist" goes on to say:

The preliminary figure for April is 92.8. This gain was the result of increases in all of the component series for which April data are available except zinc production, the adjusted index of which declined to 74.5, the lowest since June, 1922.

The principal March-to-April gains were in freight car loadings, electric power production and cotton consumption. The increase in freight-car loadings was by far the most important single factor in the increase shown by the combined index and it is therefore of interest to note that the gain in car loadings was the result mainly of a greater than the usual seasonal gain in miscellaneous (largely manufactured goods) shipments and of less than the usual seasonal declines in shipments of coal and of grain and grain products. Allowing for seasonal variation, there were also gains in

Then the first quarter reports of corporations began to appear, and most of them have shown sharp reductions in earnings. The expected improvement in general business conditions had not developed and stock quotations turned down and carried prices back to levels about equal to those of the trading range established during the early weeks of the year. What the market did was to cancel that part of its advance that had been based on the discounting of the anticipated business improvement.

Despite this action of the security markets evidences of gradual improvement in the volume of general business are beginning to appear. Automobile output is running ahead of the figures of years previous to last year. The construction of new residences is still below normal, but other types of building are exceeding the records of last year and of previous years. Warm spring weather has finally arrived, and with it a great amount of road building is getting under way, as well as an increasing volume of construction of public projects. Reflecting these changes, most of the preliminary April figures of the statistical indexes of general business activity show increases over the March returns.

The fact that productive industry has been running at rates well below normal for six months past means that important shortages are in the making, for national consumption has not declined nearly so far as has national production. Perhaps the best evidence that the decline in business has reached its bottom, and that hope for improvement is justified, is to be found in the definite easing of money rates, and the increasing purchases of bonds by banks. In former years important business recessions have never followed the appearance of those conditions.

The activity of stock market trading is also discussed by Col. Ayres, his comments thereon follow:

The volume of trading on the New York Stock Exchange has gone forward so far this year in much larger volume than during the first four months of any previous year except those of 1929. Nevertheless, trading so far this year has gone forward at a slower rate than in the opening months of any previous year for which we have available records, if we consider not merely the actual numbers of shares bought and sold, but rather the relationship between the numbers of shares listed, and the number that changed hands through trading. The number of shares traded this year is high, but the proportion is low.

The explanation of this contrast is contained in the diagram at the foot of this page [This we omit.—Ed.]. The cross-hatched area in the upper section shows monthly for the past five years the average daily trading on the Exchange. In the first three years the average volume seldom rose above two million a day. Then it began to rise rapidly, and by the end of 1928 it had crossed the five million level, and in the excited trading of last autumn it almost reached the average of seven million a day. This year it has risen from under three million in January to five in April.

In the middle section of the diagram the heavily cross-hatched area represents the number of shares listed on the Exchange. This was slightly more than 400 millions at the beginning of 1925. It rose gradually to 750 millions by the end of 1928, and then with increasing rapidity to nearly 1,200 millions by the first of April of this year. The black silhouette in the lowest section of the diagram shows the per cent. that the average daily trading was of the shares listed. These percentages are lower in the spring of 1930 than they have been on the average in the spring of any of the five earlier years.

Perhaps the most unexpected fact revealed by the comparison is that the highest rate of share turnover was reached, not in the autumn of 1929, but in the closing months of 1928. In fact, the turnover rate in the fall of 1925 was greater than in most of the months of 1929. If we should have now a month of trading relatively as active as that of November of 1928 it would result in an average turnover of about nine million shares a day. Such a rate for a month seems unbelievably high, but it is clear that it is quite possible. The new high-speed tickers will be needed.

Business Recovery in Early Autumn Forecast by Allard Smith of Union Trust Co., Cleveland Before American Railway Association.

Business recovery in the early autumn was forecast by Allard Smith, Executive Vice-President of the Union Trust Co., Cleveland, in welcoming the transportation division of the American Railway Association to Cleveland. According to the banker, improvement in the employment situation is already under way, due to increased building, road construction and farm work. Until the purchasing power of the consuming public is built up the gain in general industry will be gradual, he said. The entire business organism, Mr. Smith said, depends for stimulus upon retail sales, which will not pick up substantially until people who have been unemployed for protracted periods obtain work and get back on their feet financially. In this respect, he saw many causes for optimism. In part, he said:

"Most important of all, the coming of warm weather is now making possible the undertaking of the many construction and improvement projects which were outlined earlier in the year, but upon which little work has as yet actually been done. This will be the case not only with building of all sorts, industrial, institutional and residential, but particularly with respect to road building and highway improvement. There are substantial programs of this nature under way in many States. Some of the Government river and harbor projects are also getting under way. All of these activities should serve materially to take up the slack in employment.

"Thus, as payrolls begin to increase, we may expect a gradual but steady increase in volume of retail trade, beginning with staple articles and extending later to specialty and luxury lines. And as retail trade increases, we may look forward to a speeding up of industrial schedules, which will result in increased traffic. But I do not think this upturn may be expected immediately. We must allow a certain length of time for those people who have been out of employment for some weeks, or months, to get back on their feet.

"And so, although I believe that the month of May may show improvement in employment and in business activity in a number of lines, I do not expect this improvement to be reflected throughout the entire business structure until somewhat later in the year. I feel that though we are on the road to good business, it may be autumn before we actually arrive."

Reports to Indiana Limestone Company Indicate That 3¼ Billion Dollars Will Be Expended in Public Utility Construction in 1930—Reports Improvement in Building Operations.

Three and a quarter billion dollars will be spent on public utilities construction in 1930, according to reports of the Indiana Limestone Co. "Public utilities are building up small towns," says President A. E. Dickinson. "While the population drift to large cities is continuing, the productive capacity is not increasing in proportion to that of the inhabitants of small towns. Industrial leadership of the country in many cases is being transferred to the rural communities." Mr. Dickinson adds:

"Distribution of electric energy even to the smallest hamlet has furnished rural communities with abundant facilities for operating industrial plants. The marked improvement in freight transportation as a result of better highways, and an acceleration of railroad traffic have been other reasons for the small town's forward march in industrial importance.

"There are many advantages to the wage earner in this decentralization of industrial operations. Lower rents, cheaper foods and most of all the escape from city congestion all offer inducements to small town living.

"The vast public utilities program which is building up the rural community is also creating a widespread demand for other types of construction. More homes, industrial plants, banks, theaters, churches and schools are needed."

Building has shown a seasonal improvement in the past month, according to a survey issued May 9, by the Indiana Limestone Co. based on reports from several hundred cities and towns. With regard thereto President Dickson says:

"Contracts awarded for public works and utilities showed more than 50% increase over the first four months last year, exceeding records of the past five years. Hospitals and institutions showed 75% increase over the same period last year, while memorials, churches and religious structures registered a 50% increase. That is the cheerful side of the picture.

"Residential construction has lagged seriously. In Chicago, however, it showed good activity during April. This was likewise true of residential building in the middle Atlantic and southeastern states.

"New England states have been very active in both residential and commercial construction. Public works and residential building take the lead in New York. The northwest is still slow, though showing some gain in residential and public works. Commercial, residential and public works have registered marked progress in the southwest.

"Of twenty leading cities, New York represents the first in valuation of building permits, with Los Angeles, Chicago, Detroit, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Seattle, Boston, Baltimore, Milwaukee, Cleveland, San Francisco, Pittsburgh, Houston, Atlanta, Buffalo, Kansas City, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Minneapolis following in the order named."

Trend of Business in Hotels—Room and Food Sales Below Last Year's Figures.

Horwath & Horwath, of New York, who supply each month statistics showing the "Trend of Business in Hotels"—the information covering residential as well as transient hotels—reports as follows as to April conditions:

Hotel sales for April continued to decline, falling 6% below those of April 1929. Room sales were 5% lower and restaurant sales were 7% lower. In 73% of the hotels reporting their figures for April, the combined rooms and food sales were below those of last year.

The average total occupancy dropped from 71% in April 1929 to 68% in April 1930. The average sale per occupied room was 1% less than last year.

Philadelphia had the largest drop; New York City came next with a 9% decrease in sales from last April—the most pronounced in recent months. "Other cities" reported a 6% drop, the sharpest ever recorded by that group. California results seem to bear out the reports that conditions there are not as unfavorable as in some other parts of the country.

No outstanding reasons for the falling off in sales were advanced by contributors. Some said "fewer conventions," others "general conditions," and so on. The lateness of the Lenten season is believed to be responsible for some decline in banquet and other food sales, in addition to that caused by the lower room sales. The falling off in the "sale per occupied room" was universal, and some reductions of room rates were evident.

The improvement in general business conditions has not materialized as quickly as was expected, and consequently the hotel industry has not yet begun to show any signs of improvement.

Those industries which reached a stage of what might be called "overdevelopment" are suffering the most, and "overproduction" is one of the most common words in use by diagnosticians of present business conditions.

TREND OF BUSINESS IN HOTELS—APRIL 1930. (Transient and Residential.)

The trend of the total hotel business is not shown, but rather the increase or decrease in the business of hotels already established at least two years.

Analysts by Cities in which Horwath & Horwath Offices Are Located.	Sales—Percentage of Increase or Decrease in Comparison with April 1929.			Average Percentage of Room Occupancy		P. C. of Inc. or Dec. in Aver. Sale per Occup'd Room in Comparison with Apr. '29.
	Total.	Rooms.	Restaur't.	Apr. '30.	Apr. '29.	
New York City.....	-9	-8	-10	62	66	-2
Chicago.....	-7	-7	-7	68	71	-3
Philadelphia.....	-15	-16	-14	53	62	-2
Washington.....	-6	-6	-6	58	61	-1
Cleveland.....	-3	-2	-4	81	81	-2
Detroit.....	-6	-7	-6	60	64	--
Los Angeles*.....	-2	-2	-2	67	69	-1
All other cities report.	-6	-5	-7	77	80	-1
Total.....	-6	-5	-7	68	71	-1

*Including other Southern California cities and San Francisco.

TABLE 2.—TOTAL NUMBER AND ESTIMATED COST OF BUILDINGS BASED ON PERMITS ISSUED IN 45 ILLINOIS CITIES FROM JANUARY THROUGH APRIL 1930, BY CITIES.

Cities.	Jan.-April 1930.		Jan.-April 1929.	
	No. of Bldgs.	Estimated Cost.	No. of Bldgs.	Estimated Cost.
Total all cities.....	7,418	\$38,758,728	10,949	\$98,493,171
Metropolitan area.....	4,316	30,357,202	7,162	86,803,592
Chicago.....	3,106	24,756,645	5,347	70,477,045
Metropolitan area excluding Chicago.....	1,210	5,600,557	1,815	16,326,547
Berwyn.....	146	323,300	275	1,318,600
Blue Island.....	70	96,320	76	206,756
Cicero.....	84	429,909	153	1,364,273
Evanston.....	174	1,616,000	216	2,396,500
Forest Park.....	69	47,645	77	742,129
Glencoe.....	31	247,750	49	420,700
Glen Ellyn.....	17	224,043	46	296,118
Harvey.....	65	94,409	81	470,987
Highland Park.....	63	250,105	79	523,768
Kenilworth.....	13	122,978	18	301,520
La Grange.....	25	127,350	65	469,250
Lake Forest.....	46	320,248	68	908,972
Lombard.....	15	69,169	40	94,023
Maywood.....	82	173,354	113	335,110
Oak Park.....	100	616,880	179	3,756,535
Park Ridge.....	85	250,211	71	595,050
River Forest.....	21	108,790	38	476,404
West Chicago.....	13	31,576	19	30,072
Wheaton.....	19	56,800	14	67,600
Wilmette.....	34	98,140	66	597,555
Winnetka.....	38	315,580	72	954,625
Total outside metropolitan area.....	3,102	8,396,526	3,787	11,689,579
Alton.....	136	526,457	161	510,320
Aurora.....	170	260,196	239	820,837
Batavia.....	8	17,000	11	22,412
Bloomington.....	30	148,200	40	295,200
Canton.....	32	48,663	11	8,925
Centralla.....	6	27,500	10	109,500
Danville.....	41	141,823	55	227,895
Decatur.....	153	257,755	299	1,955,625
East St. Louis.....	216	437,828	327	701,099
Elgin.....	165	171,057	226	429,290
Freeport.....	62	257,785	52	338,402
Granite City.....	28	206,500	22	61,150
Joliet.....	165	530,600	192	798,252
Kankakee.....	30	65,090	41	143,340
Moline.....	302	621,140	233	440,142
Murphysboro.....	1	2,000	1	4,500
Ottawa.....	31	62,800	55	142,750
Peoria.....	350	992,975	292	621,898
Quincy.....	68	139,700	83	135,095
Rockford.....	348	824,640	452	1,938,025
Rock Island.....	345	534,734	463	564,107
Springfield.....	310	1,173,258	330	798,425
Waukegan.....	105	948,825	192	622,390

a These revised totals include the figures for Kankakee, not reported heretofore and corrections in the figures for Maywood and Alton.

Reported Increase in Texas Failures.

From the "Wall Street Journal" we take the following from Austin, Texas:

There was an increase in the number of commercial failures in Texas during April, compared with the preceding month. The increase is regarded as significant, because it came at a time of normal seasonal decline. The upward trend is in sympathy with a similar movement for the entire United States. During April, 52 failures with liabilities of \$1,795,000 were reported in the state. This is the largest number of defaults in any April since 1926, while liabilities were the highest since 1923.

In April 1929, 37 bankruptcies having liabilities of \$414,000 were reported. Moreover, failing companies last month were larger, liabilities per insolvency averaging \$34,500 against \$14,000 in March and \$11,200 in April 1929. The fact that larger companies are failing is an unfavorable development. Two bank failures occurred in April, making five so far this year. There were but two banks closed in the state in the first four months of 1929.

Conditions in Pacific Southwest as Viewed by Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles—Slight Improvement in Business Activity.

The Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles reports under date of May 1 that "business activity in Los Angeles and Southern California during April may be said to have shown some slight improvement over that of the preceding month, although it cannot be stated that any tendency to a revival of activity has as yet appeared." In part, the bank also has the following to say regarding business conditions in the Pacific Southwest:

Such improvement as is evident is reflected in an increased volume of check transactions (bank debits) as well as in some of the individual reports of representative business concerns in this region. Increases in check transactions in recent weeks compared with a corresponding period one month ago were recorded in Los Angeles, San Diego, Santa Barbara and San Bernardino. Despite this favorable factor, the total volume of production and trade for the fourth consecutive month of this year has been under that of the corresponding period of 1929. Check transactions in Los Angeles during April 1930 were 8.2% less than in April 1929, and a similar comparison of the combined check transactions of the seven Southern California cities for which the data are available showed a decline of 6.6%. However, the percentage decline in Los Angeles during April was the smallest reported for any of the preceding months of 1930 compared with the corresponding months of 1929.

Manufacturing activity in the aggregate showed no fundamental change during April compared with March. Most lines of manufacturing and industrial activity operated at lower levels than in April 1929. Building operations in Los Angeles during April 1930, as measured by the value of permits issued, were approximately equal to those of March 1930, but declined 28.6% as compared with April 1929. The petroleum industry in this district operated at lower levels during April than during either March 1930 or April 1929, due to the voluntary restriction of production under the curtailment program now in effect. Although Southern California industries are well diversified, it cannot be denied that the influence of

the condition of the building and petroleum industries on general business at this time is considerable.

Trade at retail in Los Angeles during April 1930 was in a larger volume than during March 1930. Contradictory reports were received concerning the condition of trade during April 1930 as compared with April 1929, some stores reporting a small increase, and other reporting either no change or a small decline. The relatively favorable condition of retail trade during April, however, was due largely to the late date of Easter this year. Sales of new passenger automobiles have increased steadily during each of the first three months of 1930 (figures for April are not yet available), although the total sales for the first quarter of 1930 were 21% less than during the corresponding period of 1929.

Reduction in Tire and General Merchandise Prices Announced by Sears, Roebuck & Co. and Montgomery Ward & Co.

Reductions in prices of tire and general merchandise were announced this week by Sears, Roebuck & Co. and Montgomery Ward & Co., Chicago advices May 15, in the New York "Journal of Commerce" had the following to say regarding the price changes of the first named concern:

Average price reduction in the Sears, Roebuck & Co.'s midsummer sale catalogue exceeds 10%. The company states that prices in the catalogue are based on the lowest commodity prices of 1930. Reductions affect practically all kinds of merchandise.

The catalogue states the company is discontinuing the payment of freight charges. However, during the life of the sales catalogue, on articles selected from general catalogue for the spring and summer of 1930, Sears, Roebuck will pay freight wherever the description so states.

More than 10,000,000 copies will be mailed to Sears' customers throughout the United States. It is the same size as last summer's catalogue, but contains eight more color pages. For the first time it contains two pages near the front featuring dollar merchandise. These dollar items consist of women's stockings, boys' play suits, roll screens, curtain sets, men's trousers, work shirts, cold pack canners, watches, bedspreads, ferneries and Coty sets, including face powder, perfume and puff.

The catalogue points out that the present price of \$5.55 for a Ford balloon tire compares with the price of \$11.25 in 1926.

Sale prices as usual will be in effect from the date the catalogue is received by customers until August 31. They will be in force at Sears' ten mail order houses and 320 retail stores.

Latest cut brings Sears' All-State tire prices to the lowest levels in their history. In 1926, when the company sold 1,000,000 All-State tires, the Ford size sold for \$11.25. Sales were 1,750,000 in 1927, 3,500,000 in 1928 and 5,000,000 last year, while prices have been reduced steadily as sales increased. The company states that current decrease reflects larger sales volume, lower production costs and a new drop in cost of raw materials.

The "Wall Street Journal" of May 15 reported the following from Chicago—

Montgomery Ward's mid-summer sale catalogue shows price reductions on all tire sizes. The Ford size Riverside tire is cut to \$5.55 from \$5.79, a reduction of 4.1%.

Catalogue shows price reductions in more than 2,000 items selected from company's general catalogue and contains also several hundred special offerings. Total number of items in sale catalogue is about 10% of company's complete line as shown in general catalogue.

We also take from the same paper, May 15, the following from Akron, Ohio—

The reduction of 4.1% to 6% in tire price made by the two large mail order houses probably will have little if any effect on the tire prices of the leading manufacturers. It seems certain that in no way will it affect the standard line tires of the principal companies.

The mail order houses establish a sale price on tires during the summer months and this price must be met by the manufacturers as in the case of a sale by any local dealer. However, any decline in price will only affect the lines in immediate competition with the mail order houses, notably the Pathfinder of Goodyear, the Cavalier Goodrich, the Anchor of Firestone and the Peerless of United States Rubber. The standard brand of tires produced by the four leading companies will remain unchanged. The lower price on the second line will remain in effect only for the duration of the sale.

Canadian Motor Output Doubled Since January—Survey by Canadian Bank of Commerce Finds Newsprint Also Increasing But Steel Declining—Building Operations.

Regarding the automobile industry, General Manager S. H. Logan, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, in his monthly survey of Canadian business conditions, states that the rate of production of motor cars and trucks has practically doubled since January. The output of newsprint also has increased during the past two months, but the quantity of steel imported and produced shows a decline.

The exports of Canadian wheat in March, according to the survey, were 37% of the total shipments of the four major exporting countries, compared with 31% in February. In the first three weeks of April Canadian wheat exports were about of the same proportion, slightly exceeding those of Argentina and being more than double those of the United States and Australia.

Discussing Canada's construction program, Mr. Logan says:

"Residential building in the first part of 1930 is following much the same course as in 1929, when it reached a lower level than in 1928. Business building (stores, warehouses, &c.) has fallen off in comparison with 1929 and 1928, but is greater than in 1927. There is a strong progressive trend in Canadian industry, and one survey made by the Bank a few months ago showed that about \$40,000,000 would be spent this year for industrial

purposes, for buildings as well as machinery, but at present the volume of this work is comparatively small. Engineering, in the matter of power development, road-building, harbor improvement, and work of a like nature, is the outstanding feature of the 1930 construction program, as it was in 1929.

"Taking all four main classes of construction, the value of contracts awarded for the first four months of the current year was \$139,035,000, as compared with \$140,842,000 for the corresponding period in 1929, an insignificant decline from the record level of a year ago. The value placed by the Bank on work actually in progress, taking into account uncompleted contracts let in 1929, is \$168,000,000 as compared with \$152,000,000 a year ago, an increase of about 10%. From the two last statements it may be judged that construction at the present time is a stabilizing factor in national economy.

"Mortgage money is not so free as a year or two ago, but there is no evidence of scarcity, while the floating of bonds in respect of large projects soundly based is a comparatively easy task; it is a fact, however, that investment in building is being made with exceptional care, and, therefore, that there is but little opportunity for undue speculative building. It may be concluded that there is an absolute demand for housing accommodation which could quickly be turned into an effective demand by a return to strong home-making habits, and by easy access to the sources of investment funds."

Consumption and Imports of Crude Rubber of All Classes in April Below Figures of a Year Ago.

Consumption of crude rubber of all classes by manufacturers in the United States in the month of April is estimated at 40,207 long tons, according to statistics compiled by The Rubber Manufacturers Association. This compares with estimated consumption of 35,914 long tons in March and 47,521 long tons in April 1929. Consumption of reclaimed rubber is estimated at 17,321 long tons for April as compared with 15,616 long tons in March and 21,574 long tons in April 1929.

Imports of crude rubber of all classes into the United States during the month of April totaled 49,927 long tons according to estimates issued by the Association. This compares with imports of 45,430 long tons in March and with 54,171 long tons in April 1929.

The Association estimates total domestic stocks of crude rubber on hand and in transit overland on April 30 at 148,272 long tons compared with 141,843 long tons as of March 31 and 107,658 long tons as of April 30 1929. Crude rubber afloat for United States ports on April 30 is estimated at 63,261 long tons as against 63,646 long tons on March 31 and 65,790 long tons a year ago.

Production and Shipments of Pneumatic Casings and Inner Tubes in March Below Figures of a Year Ago.

According to estimates by the Rubber Manufacturers' Association, Inc., there were produced in the month of March, 1930, a total of 5,187,970 pneumatic casings, 5,270,560 inner tubes and 25,772 solid and cushion tires, while in the same month there were shipped 5,031,820 pneumatic casings, 5,042,385 inner tubes and 31,935 solid and cushion tires. This compares with an output of 4,859,475 pneumatic casings, 4,942,755 inner tubes and 29,736 solid and cushion tires in the previous month and 7,519,234 pneumatic casings, 7,466,356 inner tubes and 29,736 solid and cushion tires in March 1929. Shipments in February last amounted to 4,474,459 pneumatic casings, 4,626,559 inner tubes and 28,007 solid and cushion tires, and in March last year 6,708,134 pneumatic casings, 7,466,382 inner tubes and 53,607 solid and cushion tires. Inventories of pneumatic casings and inner tubes increased during the month of March 1930.

Statistics relating to the tire industry for March as compared with previous periods compiled by the Rubber Manufacturers' Association are as follows:

	Production.	Shipments.	Inventory (End of Mo.)
<i>Pneumatic Casings—</i>			
March 1930.....	5,187,970	5,031,820	13,468,970
February 1930.....	4,859,475	4,474,459	13,238,451
March 1929.....	7,519,234	6,708,134	16,351,750
<i>Inner Tubes—</i>			
March 1930.....	5,270,560	5,042,385	14,057,360
February 1930.....	4,942,755	4,626,559	13,905,291
March 1929.....	7,466,356	7,466,382	17,750,180
<i>Solids and Cushions—</i>			
March 1930.....	25,772	31,935	164,238
February 1930.....	29,736	28,007	170,391
March 1929.....	47,250	53,607	189,200

The Association's estimates are based on reports furnished by manufacturers who produce approximately 75% of the total for the United States but which have been adjusted to 100% in the above tables.

Dull Week in Lumber Demand Reported.

Lumber demand for the week ended May 10 declined, reaching a point about 19% less than the cut, it is indicated in reports from 878 hardwood and softwood mills to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association. Shipments

were reported 16% less than production, which totaled 374,010,000 feet. A week earlier 913 mills gave new business 10% less and shipments 7% less than a total production of 388,532,000 feet. Unfilled softwood orders at 497 mills on May 10 were the equivalent of 18 days' production, which may be compared with an equivalent of 19 days reported at the end of the previous week by 517 mills. As compared with last year, 467 identical softwood mills reported production 14% less, shipments 24% less and orders 26% less than for the week a year ago; for hardwoods, 204 identical mills gave production 11% less, shipments 24% less and orders 23% under the volume for the same week last year.

Lumber orders reported for the week ended May 10 1930 by 608 softwood mills totaled 265,381,000 feet, or 19% below the production of the same mills. Shipments as reported for the same week were 277,523,000 feet, or 15% below production. Production was 328,313,000 feet.

Reports from 291 hardwood mills give new business as 36,387,000 feet, or 19% below production. Shipments as reported for the same week were 34,580,000 feet, or 23% below production. Production was 44,697,000 feet.

Unfilled Orders.

Reports from 497 softwood mills give unfilled orders of 917,893,000 feet on May 10 1930, or the equivalent of 18 days' production. This is based upon production of latest calendar year—300-day year—and may be compared with unfilled orders of 517 softwood mills on May 3 1930 of 1,002,895,000 feet, the equivalent of 19 days' production.

The 354 identical softwood mills report unfilled orders as 796,990,000 feet on May 10 1930, as compared with 1,154,371,000 feet for the same week a year ago. Last week's production of 467 identical softwood mills was 298,649,000 feet, and a year ago it was 346,281,000 feet; shipments were respectively 255,513,000 feet and 334,028,000, and orders received 238,021,000 feet and 320,667,000. In the case of hardwood's, 204 identical mills reported production last week and a year ago 36,055,000 feet and 40,640,000; shipments 28,363,000 feet and 37,506,000, and orders 29,482,000 feet and 38,200,000.

West Coast Movement.

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wired from Seattle that new business for the 211 mills reporting for the week ended May 10 totaled 154,268,000 feet, of which 54,910,000 feet was for domestic cargo delivery and 27,580,000 feet export. New business by rail amounted to 59,375,000 feet. Shipments totaled 154,988,000 feet, of which 49,083,000 feet moved coastwise and intercoastal, and 31,935,000 feet export. Rail shipments totaled 61,567,000 feet and local deliveries 12,403,000 feet. Unshipped orders totaled 571,043,000 feet, of which domestic cargo orders totaled 216,366,000 feet, foreign 204,452,000 feet and rail trade 150,225,000 feet. Weekly capacity of these mills is 243,947,000 feet. For the 18 weeks ended May 3 139 identical mills reported orders 6.8% below production and shipments were 5.5% below production. The same mills showed an increase in inventories of 9.1% on May 3, as compared with Jan. 1.

Southern Pine Reports.

The Southern Pine Association reported from New Orleans that for 140 mills reporting shipments were 8% below production and orders 15% below production and 7% below shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 50,421,000 feet (previous week 57,939,000 at 141 mills; shipments 54,201,000 feet (previous week 58,884,000), and production 59,142,000 feet (previous week 62,130,000). The three-year average production of these 140 mills is 69,181,000 feet. Orders on hand at the end of the week at 110 mills were 149,982,000 feet. The 119 identical mills reported a decrease in production of 15% and in new business a decrease of 16%, as compared with the same week a year ago.

The Western Pine Manufacturers Association of Portland, Ore., reported production from 88 mills as 52,694,000 feet, shipments 35,558,000 and new business 32,516,000 feet. Sixty-four identical mills reported a 5% decrease in production and a 26% decrease in new business, when compared with the corresponding week of last year.

The California White & Sugar Pine Manufacturers Association of San Francisco reported production from 17 mills as 15,639,000 feet, shipments 13,480,000 and orders 11,500,000 feet. The same number of mills reported a decrease of 24% in production and a decrease of 41% in orders in comparison with 1929.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers Association of Minneapolis, Minn., reported production from 8 mills as 6,741,000 feet, shipments 3,334,000 and new business 3,042,000. The same number of mills reported a decrease of 19% in production and of 29% in new business when compared with a year ago.

The Northern Hemlock & Hardwood Manufacturers Association of Oshkosh, Wis., reported production from 21 mills as 2,000,000 feet, shipments 1,872,000 and orders 2,371,000. The same number of mills reported a 2% decrease in production and a 9% decrease in orders, in comparison with the same period of 1929.

The North Carolina Pine Association of Norfolk, Va., reported production from 110 mills as 8,638,000 feet, shipments 8,577,000 and new business 5,984,000. Forty identical mills reported production 17% less and new business 42% less than that reported last year.

The California Redwood Association of San Francisco reported production from 13 mills as 7,298,000 feet, shipments 6,233,000 and orders 4,559,000. The same number of mills reported a 10% decrease in production and a 50% decrease in orders, in comparison with a year ago.

Hardwood Reports.

The Hardwood Manufacturers Institute of Memphis, Tenn., reported production from 270 mills as 38,690,000 feet, shipments 31,060,000 and new business 34,205,000. Reports from 183 identical mills showed production 9% less and new business 21% less than that reported for 1929.

The Northern Hemlock & Hardwood Manufacturers Association of Oshkosh, Wis., reported production from 21 mills as 6,007,000 feet, shipments 3,520,000 and orders 2,182,000. The same number of mills reported a decrease in production of 20% and in orders of 39%, when compared with last year.

in New York Transit Co. lines and Bradford district crude in National Transit Co. line have been eliminated by this company, as little of this oil is being offered for purchase. It is announced, however, that a price will be quoted for such oil as is offered, such price to be based on that paid by Bradford Transit Co. pipe line, which South Penn owns. The new prices obtaining following Friday's reduction are: National Transit Co. lines outside Bradford district, \$2.30 a barrel; South West Pa. lines, \$2.25; Eureka lines, \$2.15, and in Buckeye lines, \$1.95.

The attempt of oil operators in the Oklahoma City field to obtain increased pipe line runs has not met with favor of the pipe line companies or of the proration committee of the Midcontinent Oil & Gas Association. It is believed by the latter group that an increase in the allowable output from this field at the present time would be unwarranted in view of the present unsettled condition in the oil industry. It is reported from Houston that effective as of May 15 and continuing until June 1, the allowable daily production of Darst Creek oil field in Guadalupe County, Texas, is set at 22,295 barrels, a reduction of 1,534 barrels from the basis of the first half of the month. It was not necessary for a proration order to be issued by the Railroad Commission as the allowable figures were arrived at by mutual agreement of the field's operators. The potential production is 245,864 barrels daily.

The situation in California has become very serious, with the announcement on the part of large purchasers that the crude price would be sharply reduced if operators did not come to a workable arrangement on conservation. The recalcitrant producers are being urged to join the State-wide co-operative movement in an effort to avoid a general breakdown of the west coast crude price structure.

For the first time in many months daily average production held practically unchanged for the week ending May 10 as compared with the previous week. There was a variance of only 50 barrels daily, production for the week averaging 2,595,150 barrels daily.

Crude price changes follow:

May 16.—Joseph Seep Purchasing Agency, Pittsburgh, announces reduction of 25c. per barrel in Pennsylvania crude oil. New prices are: National Transit Co. lines outside Bradford district, \$2.30 a barrel; South West Pa., lines, \$2.25; Eureka lines, \$2.15; Buckeye lines, \$1.95.

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

Bradford, Pa.	\$2.30	Smackover, Ark., 24 and over	\$1.90
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	Sat Creek, Wyo., 37	1.23
Midcontinent, Okla., 37	1.23	Sunburst, Mont.	1.65
Corleana, Texas, heavy	.50	Artcola, 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—MARKETS STRONG AS GASOLINE CONSUMPTION REACHES NEW RECORDS—PRICES STEADY—KEROSENE REMAINS ONE EXCEPTION—HEATING OILS CONTINUE FIRM.

Gasoline markets throughout the entire country are in a basically strong condition as consumption reports indicate that all earlier estimates are being exceeded and new total consumption records being made. Recent statistics showed that the consumption of taxed gasoline in 43 States for the first two months of this year increased 14.6% over the same period last year, and unofficial reports for the period since show as great or greater gains.

A steady improvement has been noted in the New York market for spot shipments, and the contract business has exceeded expectations. Since the recent firming of U. S. motor gasoline prices in this market, dealers have operated with considerably more confidence. It is rumored that both tank wagon and tank car prices here are due for another upward turn shortly. Prices for bulk gasoline range from 9 to 10 cents per gallon, at refinery, as shown in tables herewith.

Kerosene has failed to emerge from the slump in which it has been for the past weeks. Prices are fairly easy, ranging from 7¼ to 7¾ cents per gallon, in volume, for 41-43 water white, but actual sales are being made at less than the low figure, it is reported. It is understood that quotations will be marked to a general level of 7¼ cents per gallon shortly.

The domestic heating oil division of the market continues satisfactory. Movement of goods against contracts is good, and refiners are well booked for deliveries throughout the year.

Marine fuel oils are steady, with spot buying active on the basis of \$1.15 per barrel for grade C bunker fuel oil, at refineries. Diesel is firm at \$2 per barrel, at refinery.

Leading companies are making strong moves toward securing more aviation business, and one of the outstanding features of the week was the successful culmination of the transcontinental round trip flight of Frank Goldsborough, 19-year-old flier, who was fueled with Richfield products throughout his record trip, and who has served as an excellent advertisement for the Richfield products. Richfield and other companies are planning similar aeronautical events for the coming months.

Price changes of the week follow:

May 12.—Standard Oil of Ohio advanced tankwagon gasoline 1 cent and service station prices 2 cents per gallon in Columbiana County, except East Palestine; in Saline Township, Jefferson County, and throughout Darke County. These areas now up to state-wide basis of 19 cents per gallon tankwagon and 20 cents per gallon, service station.

Gasoline, U. S. Motor, Tank Car Lots, F.O.B. Refinery.			
N. Y. (Bayon) \$.09 @ .10	Beacon Oil09	Los Angeles, export.07½
Stand Oil, N. J.09	Carson Pet.09½	Gulf Coast, export.08½
Stand Oil, N. Y.10	Crew Levick09	North Louisiana.07¼
Tide Water Oil Co.09	West Texas06½	North Texas.06¾	
Richfield Oil Co.10	Chicago09¾	Oklahoma.08	
Warner-Quinn Co.10	New Orleans.07¾	Pennsylvania.09¼	
Pan-Am Pet Co.09½	Arkansas.06¾		
Shell Eastern Pet.10	California.08¾		

Gasoline, Service Station, Tax Included.		
New York \$.183	Cincinnati \$.19	Minneapolis \$.182
Atlanta21	Denver16	New Orleans195
Baltimore22	Detroit188	Philadelphia21
Boston20	Houston18	San Francisco251
Buffalo15	Jacksonville24	Spokane195
Chicago15	Kansas City179	St. Louis16

Kerosene, 41-43 Water White, Tankcar Lots, F.O.B. Refinery.		
N. Y. (Bayonne) .07¼ @ .07½	Chicago \$.05½	New Orleans \$.07¼
North Texas05½	Los Angeles, export.	Tulsa06½

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 Orleans95	Chicago55

Gas Oil, 32-34 Degree, F. O. B. Refinery or Terminal.		
N. Y. (Bayonne) \$.05¼	Chicago \$.03	Tulsa \$.03

Weekly Refinery Statistics for the United States.

According to the American Petroleum Institute, companies aggregating 3,515,900 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 10 1930 report that the crude runs to still for the week show that these companies operated to 75.7% of their total capacity. Figures published last week show that companies aggregating 3,518,400 barrels, or 95.6% of the 3,678,900 barrel estimated daily potential refining capacity of all plants operating in the United States during that week, but which operated to only 73.4% of their total capacity, contributed to that report. The report for the week ended May 10 1930 follows:

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

District.	Per Cent Potential Capacity Reportng.	Crude Runs to Stills.	Per Cent Oper. of Total Capacity Report.	Gasoline Stocks.	Gas and Fuel Oil Stocks.
East Coast	100.0	3,327,000	78.5	9,246,000	6,906,000
Appalachian	89.1	641,000	80.3	1,788,000	760,000
Indiana, Illinois, Kent'ky.	99.5	2,344,000	89.0	8,553,000	3,751,000
Okla., Kansas, Missouri	89.1	2,127,000	73.8	4,455,000	4,133,000
Texas	90.8	4,413,000	83.1	7,942,000	10,132,000
Louisiana-Arkansas	95.8	1,199,000	65.4	2,615,000	1,985,000
Rocky Mountain	93.6	415,000	42.6	2,743,000	1,083,000
California	99.3	4,156,000	66.6	15,861,000	108,149,000
Total week May 10	95.6	18,622,000	75.7	53,203,000	136,949,000
Daily average		2,660,300			
Total week May 3	95.6	18,073,500	73.4	53,826,000	136,015,000
Daily average		2,581,900			
Texas Gulf Coast	100.0	3,350,000	90.9	6,725,000	7,413,000
Louisiana Gulf Coast	100.0	822,000	79.6	2,221,000	1,111,000

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

Crude Oil Output in United States Shows Small Change.

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States, for the week ended May 10 1930, was 2,595,150 barrels, as compared with 2,595,200 barrels for the preceding week, a decrease of 50 barrels. Compared with the output for the week ended May 11 1929, of 2,624,750 barrels per day, the current figure represents a decrease of 2,624,750 barrels daily. The daily average production east of California was 1,960,350 barrels, as compared with 1,962,100 barrels, a decrease of 1,750 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production, by districts:

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION (FIGURES IN BARRELS).

Table with columns: Weeks Ended, May 10 '30, May 3 '29, Apr. 26 '30, May 11 '29. Rows list various states and regions with production figures.

The estimated daily average gross production for the Mid-Continent Field, including Oklahoma, Kansas, Panhandle, North, West Central, East Central and Southwest Texas, North Louisiana and Arkansas, for the week ended May 10, was 1,542,750 barrels, as compared with 1,544,400 barrels for the preceding week, a decrease of 1,650 barrels.

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

Table with columns: Week Ended, May 10, May 3. Rows list various districts like Oklahoma, East Central Texas, etc., with production figures.

Portland Cement Output and Shipments Higher—Inventories Increase.

The Portland cement industry in April 1930 produced 13,521,000 barrels, shipped 13,387,000 barrels from the mills, and had in stock at the end of the month 30,697,000 barrels, according to the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce.

In the following statement of relation of production to capacity the total output of finished cement is compared with the estimated capacity of 165 plants at the close of April 1930 and of 159 plants at the close of April 1929.

RELATION OF PRODUCTION TO CAPACITY.

Table with columns: April 1929, April 1930, Mar. 1930, Feb. 1930, Jan. 1930. Rows show percentages for The month and The 12 months ended.

PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS OF FINISHED PORTLAND CEMENT BY MONTHS, IN 1929 AND 1930 (IN THOUS. OF BARRELS).

Table with columns: Month, Production (1929, 1930), Shipments (1929, 1930), Stocks at End of Month (1929, 1930). Rows list months from January to December.

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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS, AND STOCKS OF FINISHED PORTLAND CEMENT, BY DISTRICTS, IN APRIL 1929 AND 1930 (IN THOUSANDS OF BARRELS).

Table with columns: District, April Production (1929, 1930), April Shipments (1929, 1930), Stocks at End of Month (1929, 1930). Rows list various districts like Eastern Pa., N. J. & Md., etc.

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

Copper Prices Advance to 13 Cents.

After declining 5½ cents a pound in less than a month, the price of copper was marked up a half cent a pound on May 12 in two advances of a quarter cent each, the domestic quotation becoming 13 cents a pound.

More than a year ago prices rose sharply to 24 cents. Subsequently they declined to 18 cents, where they held exactly a year, and then worked lower.

The first advance of a quarter cent yesterday was made in the morning and was followed by the heaviest domestic and foreign buying of copper that has been done since last September, when 90,000,000 pounds were sold in a few days.

Copper buyers, who had deferred placing orders until there were signs that the price had been stabilized, hastened to place large orders. This resulted in another advance of a quarter cent early in the afternoon.

Domestic Sales Are Large.

No estimates of the amount of domestic orders placed yesterday were obtainable, but several copper companies said wire and brass manufacturers had been heavy buyers all day.

Indications of firmness in the price of copper appeared at the end of last week, when large orders for domestic and foreign delivery were received. Export sales on Thursday, Friday and Saturday amounted to more than 50,000,000 pounds, and, in addition, domestic business was fairly large.

Yesterday's sales for export were 24,000,000 pounds, the largest single day's business since last September. In the morning Copper Exporters, Inc., advanced the price of the metal for export a quarter of a cent to 13.05 cents, c.i.f. base ports.

Stocks of Copper Are Heavy.

Owing to the large stocks of blister and refined copper, which exceeded 1,000,000,000 pounds at the end of March, copper prices have shown persistent vulnerability to the business depression and to the sluggish demand for the metal.

It was estimated that stocks of refined copper increased 90,000,000 pounds in April.

The drop in the price of copper to 12½ cents was noted in our issue of May 10, page 3266.

Refined Copper Stocks Higher—Production and Shipments Lower.

According to the American Bureau of Metal Statistics, stocks of refined copper were 301,338 short tons May 1 in the hands of North and South American producers and refiners, compared with 256,020 tons on April 1, an increase of 45,318 tons, or 90,636,000 pounds.

Refined copper stocks compare as follows with a year ago: 1930, 1929. Rows show tons for various months.

Surplus stocks were at their low point at the end of October 1928 at 45,648 tons. Production of refined copper by North and South American mines and refineries, including imports of cathode copper in April, came to 124,531 tons, a daily average of 4,151 tons, compared with 127,064 tons, a daily average of 4,099 tons, in March and 121,195 tons, a daily average of 4,328 tons, in February.

Shipments by North and South American producers and refineries in April came to 79,213 tons, compared with 104,167 tons in March and 91,476

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

ARGENTINA.

Business for the week ended May 9 continued to be dull, with slightly less pessimism, owing to the peso exchange recovery and continuance of rains which are favorable to the agricultural and livestock industries of the country. As compared with the corresponding period of the previous year, the tonnage and value of exports during the first quarter of 1930 decreased 35% and 33% respectively. The annual show is somewhat increasing sales of radio but those and the attendance at the show are not equal to last year's record. The demand for carded yarns is good, prices low, and the outlook fair. The knitting mills are now pushing the sale of winter underwear stocks. The demand for mercerized yarn is steady, and prices standard.

AUSTRALIA.

Improvement in wool prices, together with moderate rains in wheat and pastoral areas, is creating better feeling throughout the Commonwealth. Prices for finer grade wools have increased approximately 5% from last week's quotations. The Parliament of New South Wales is considering a bill which rations employment, provides for a 48-hour week, and permits wages to be based on results in certain industries. Less cargo arrived during the week, reflecting the effect of the recent emergency tariff measure. Attendance at the Melbourne Automobile show is larger than last year, and light model cars proving popular. Twenty-four more exhibitors are participating in this year's show.

BRAZIL.

The general business situation remains unchanged, although there is still optimism concerning the early improvement of conditions. Coffee shipments have been light and the prices for futures weakened considerably after last week's rise. Official trade figures for 1929 show that imports declined £4,000,000 and exports £2,600,000. Imports of American goods increased 8% over the 1928 trade, however, while the British and German goods fell 15 and 3%, respectively. The American share of the total import business amounted to 27% in 1926 and to 30% in 1929, while the British share amounted to 22% and 19%, respectively, and the German share to 12 and 13%, respectively.

CANADA.

Business conditions are improved generally although tariff readjustments have disturbed importations and the announcement of a general election to be held this summer has had an unsettling effect, according to telegraphic information. The Ontario Provincial Government has passed legislation setting aside \$2,000,000 for loans to farmers to buy electrical appliances and equipment. General sales of such equipment are reported to have been excellent during the first quarter of the year, particularly in appliances, ranges and refrigerators. The volume of orders from the industrial field was also considered satisfactory. Nickel business is reported to be about 25% under 1929 volume, at this period.

CHINA.

Practically all Shanghai markets, both import and export, are weak, with no signs of any early improvement. Continued stalemate and general lack of improvement in the internal situation extends small hope for any expansion in business to upcountry areas, and prevents normal delivery from stocks held in Shanghai. Moreover, the lower silver rates registered in the past week made buyers reluctant toward making commitments. Canton trade was very dull during April, with large stocks of imported goods still on hand. The raw silk market continued depressed, with prices tending downward. It is reliably estimated that only 110 of the 170 filatures in the Canton area started the new season. Scarcity of rice in Canton appears imminent, with forecasts indicating a fair first crop. April shipments to the United States totaled only \$588,658, compared with \$1,128,852 in that month last year. General business conditions in Manchuria continued unchanged, with retailers buying for immediate need only. The market for export commodities is also quiet. Weather conditions continue favorable for planting and growth of new crops. According to an official bulletin issued by the Mukden Government, the directors of the Chinese Eastern Ry. divided 1929 net profits on April 29 with Dhina and Russia each receiving a dividend of 500,000 Russian gold rubles (approximately \$257,000).

FINLAND.

There were no outstanding changes in the Finnish situation during April, with business remaining generally slack. Further adjustments to the present conditions are evident, but no marked improvement is expected in the immediate future. The paper, pulp and lumber industries recorded greater exports during the first quarter than for the same period of 1929, due to easier transportation facilities. In the domestic industries, leather, shoes, and textiles are still depressed. Advanced sales of lumber, mainly of special dimensions, were estimated at 500,000 standards (990,000,000 board feet) at the end of April, against 660,000 standards (1,306,800,000 board feet) a year ago. The lower sales correspond somewhat to the reduced output for 1930, which, as in the Scandinavian countries, is expected to stabilize prices in spite of Russian competition. The number of unemployed was further reduced to 10,062 at the end of March, against 10,800 at the close of February. Imports for the first quarter were valued at 953,900,000 marks, against 1,187,700,000 marks during the same period of 1929, while exports reached a total volume of \$44,200,000 marks, compared with 686,800,000 marks for the first three months of last year, and 743,800,000 marks in 1928. March imports alone were valued at 348,000,000 marks, compared with 296,900,000 marks in February, and exports rose to 266,000,000 marks from 258,800,000 marks during the previous month.

INDIA.

India's foreign trade activities, both import and export, are largely at a standstill, due to widespread riots, strikes and boycotts.

JAPAN.

The present Diet session is proceeding smoothly and most of the Government measures are expected to be passed before adjournment on May 12. The Sino-Japanese tariff treaty has been formally signed. The silk industry has decided to continue the 20% production curtailment for another year. Owing to the low state of commercial activity, certain leading companies have been forced to reduce dividends and it is quite probable that a number of others will take similar action.

MEXICO.

The business trend is gradually improving. The outlook is somewhat improved over recent months, but business men generally seem of the

opinion that construction and expansion will proceed only at a slow pace. Interest in the road-building program is considered responsible for the optimistic trend. Work has been started on a new road and hydro-electric plant near Ciudad de Maiz, Tamaulipas, giving employment to 500 men. The irrigation program is progressing in a satisfactory manner. Collections have shown a slight improvement.

NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES.

The past week's bazaar markets show slight improvement, with stocks gradually diminishing, but money is still scarce and the credit situation is bad. There is a possibility of income taxes and import duties being increased due to the unfavorable financial position of the Government. A large number of European rubber estates in Java have stopped tapping, in keeping with the plans for May.

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

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Philippine business continues depressed. Provincial ordering of textile and hardware is poor. Textile trade in general shows no improvement, but there is some activity in the cheaper Japanese lines. Credits and collections are difficult and stocks of import lines are considered abundant. Despite dulness in the automotive trade, April sales of tires held up well. Copra prices are unchanged at 10,625 pesos per picul of 139 pounds for warehouse grade resacado f.o.b. Cebu; Manila, 10.50; and Legaspi and Hondaga, 10.125. (Peso equals \$0.50.) Two oil mills are operating. Receipts of copra at Manila from the 1st to the 6th of May totaled 36,419 sacks, and arrivals at Cebu the first two days of the month amounted to 20,956 sacks. The Insular Bureau of Plant Industry reports the presence of Floride red scale on coconut trees in Iloilo. Owing to the absence of trade demand, the abaca market is quiet, with little if any local disposition to sell at London and New York offers. Receipts during the week ended May 1 were 26,261 bales and stocks at export ports on May 5 totaled 142,676 bales, compared with 204,363 a year previous.

Salaries of Officials of Bank for International Settlements —Gates W. McGarrah, President, to receive \$50,000 a Year.

Associated Press advices May 13 from Basle, Switzerland, said:

The Bank for International Settlements today fixed the salaries of its heads. Gates W. McGarrah, President, will receive \$50,000 a year; Leon Fraser, Deputy Chairman, \$40,000, and Pierre Quesnay, General Manager, \$30,000 a year.

Bank for International Settlements Formally Brought Into Existence at Basle, Switzerland—Offering of Bank Shares in France and Other Countries May 20—Prob- lems and Differences of Principals awaiting Adjust- ment.

The Bank for International Settlements, under the presidency of Gates W. McGarrah, of New York, was officially brought into existence at Basel, Switzerland, May 12, the Associated Press accounts from there on that date stating:

The directors confirmed this afternoon the provisional decisions they had taken at previous meetings, before Italy and Great Britain and finally ratified the Young Plan.

At a second meeting of the directors later in the afternoon, the conditions under which the \$300,000,000 reparations loan will be issued were discussed.

An official statement afterward announced that if the Reparations Commission formally stated the Young Plan to be in force before May 17, the issue of bank stock and payment of capital would take place on May 20.

The board of directors was advised today that the banks of issue in Switzerland, Holland and Sweden had agreed to take a share of the capital, each subscribing to 4,000 shares. The bank agreed to act as trustee for the 1924 Dawes Plan loan.

On the same date (May 12) a Basel cablegram to the New York "Times" said:

At the first official meeting here today the board of directors of the Bank for International Settlements once more encountered the old familiar difficulties and referred them back for solution to the committee of bankers which met at Brussels and which will reassemble here on Thursday.

Among the questions sent back for explicit decisions were those concerning the reparation of the reparations annuities, Germany's guarantees for the initial slice of the mobilization loan and the powers and activities of the world bank outside reparations.

All the details regarding the proposed \$300,000,000 international bond issue remain unsettled, the board demanding specific decisions by the investment bankers.

In a six-hour session tonight the board only took routine action. All the decisions made at previous meetings here regarding the election of officers of the bank and other similar questions were made official.

In a communique issued to the press it is stated the board agreed the bank should become the trustee for the Dawes loan of 1924, and that, provided the Reparations Commission and the Kriegskosten Commission announce the Young Plan effective on schedule, the bank's capital shares should be sold in ten countries, including Holland, Switzerland and Sweden, and the original seven, on May 20. The communique made no mention of the difficulties, but added that henceforth statements could not be issued to the press after every meeting of the board.

The points of contention, however, were apparent. Britain, it is understood, remains steadfast in refusing to accept a larger part of the Young Plan loan issue than is allotted to her from the annuities. Some French commentators charge the British with deliberate obstructionism, while the British say they have finished with concessions and demand their due.

They have even gone so far as to decline to permit the appointment of Mr. Siepmann, of the Bank of England, as liaison officer between the world bank and the central banks of issue, taking the position that the world bank should confine its activities for the present to handling

reparations. The French reply the British are withholding their collaboration and refuse to approve the increase of the British share in the bond issue from \$26,000,000 to \$50,000,000 until the banking experts have reached a definite bargain with the treasuries.

Another difficulty is the former Allies' demand for an additional guarantee from Germany for the extra \$100,000,000 flotation which The Hague conference permitted Germany to make for the benefit of the railroads and the postal service. There is discord also with regard to the issue price and interest rates of the Young Plan bonds. The Americans want at least 6% interest and the Europeans want the bonds issued at a low figure.

Unless the bankers' meeting on Thursday brings a speedy understanding the flotation of the Young Plan bonds, expected this month, may be seriously delayed.

As an outcome of the first official meeting, however, the world bank is now a working institution. The trusteeship of the 1924 Dawes loan will constitute its first official business.

A further cablegram May 13 to the "Times" from Paris had the following to say regarding the problems to be adjusted:

The bankers and treasury agents who have been summoned to meet at Basle on Thursday to solve the difficulties which impeded the initial session of the board of the Bank for International Settlements will face an impressive array of such complications and suspicions as constituted the very problems the Young Plan aimed to eliminate.

When the Young Plan protocol was signed at The Hague last January it was thought an official signal had been given for the burial of the rivalries and discords left over from the peace conference at Versailles. Then came the naval conference in London, leaving a bitter taste for some nations.

This, coinciding with France's re-entry as the dominating Continental monetary center, and Britain's empire difficulties, together with general European resentment against the American tariff policies, is generally admitted to have impaired the good feeling preceding the founding of the world bank.

Germany has been assured by Dr. Schacht that she has been imposed upon, and she is seeking every loophole to diminish her burdens. In France there is much doubt about the advisability of hastening the Rhineland evacuation, which was promised as a sequel of The Hague accords. Britain, under the stress of financial pressure and irritated by the repeated concessions demanded by the Continent, has cooled in enthusiasm for the objects of the world bank.

Witnessing London's elimination as the site of the bank and seeing the bank's organization oriented in a way which looks to the British like dangerous competition have done nothing to improve matters.

Taking all these contingencies, together with Belgium's discontent over the loss of the bank site for Brussels, and Italy's general lack of approval for things international, it would appear that the nations have drifted a long way from the situation at the time when Owen D. Young outlined his scheme for liquidating the war. Added to this many nations in Europe, in face of the American tariff action, show but slightly veiled hostility to American predominance in the direction of the world bank.

It was the smoke from this smoldering accumulation of bitterness that prevented the first meeting of the bank's board from making headway and which makes a decisive return to the spirit of the Young plan urgent in the deliberations which are to follow.

As matters now stand, all progress appears to be blocked. Germany has failed to forward the certificate of indebtedness and the railway covering certificate as the guarantee for reparation payments. These documents will not arrive here before Saturday. The Reparations Commission and the Kreiglasten [war burdens] Commission will not proclaim the Young plan operative until these certificates have been received. Until this difficulty is solved the board of the world bank will not be able to take action on the Young plan loan, and so long as the international reparations bonds have not been launched, France will have a reason for remaining in the Rhineland.

A special committee of the bank's board conferred with German delegates and with some treasury experts at Basle today in an effort to assure the necessary action. These conversations will continue tomorrow and it is hoped the bankers meeting on Thursday will remain in session until effective decisions have been made, permitting the board of the world bank to proceed with its primary purpose of serving as trustee for the administration of German reparations upon a commercial and not a political basis.

An Associated Press cablegram from Paris May 13 said:

The Bank of France today announced that it would offer to the public on May 20 the 16,000 shares of the Bank for International Settlements allotted to France. The notice stipulated one-quarter of the value of the shares must be paid in cash upon subscription. The French financial market is eager for the shares of the new reparations bank. Indications are that the issue will be oversubscribed.

As was reported in these columns May 10, (page 3272) the protocol putting into effect the Young reparations plan was signed at Paris May 9. The "Times" in its Paris cablegram that date said:

The Young plan for the settlement of German reparations became effective today when the Ambassadors of Britain, Belgium and Italy formally deposited at the Quai d'Orsay The Hague protocol accords as officially ratified by their governments. Foreign Minister Briand presided and deposited the French ratification.

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Its immediate consequences will be the permanent withdrawal of the occupation troops still in the Rhineland and the putting into operation of the Bank for International Settlements at Basle, which will henceforth handle the distribution of reparations on a commercial basis.

In accordance with Premier Tardieu's announcement in the French Parliament and with the understanding reached with Germany at The Hague, the last troops will quit the Rhine by June 30. A resumption of the occupation in the event of the breakdown of the Young plan can only be accomplished if The Hague court determines Germany has willfully defaulted and allows the creditor countries to resume liberty of action.

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The accords deposited today included, first, the final definite agreement and accounting with Germany regarding reparations payments;

second, the arrangement approved at The Hague by which the former allied governments agree to permit Germany to benefit by any future ameliorations in the war debt settlements, and, third, The Hague arrangement between the creditor nations with regard to repatriation of the future annuity payments.

To these accords will later be added those included in the Eastern European reparations agreement recently signed in Paris but not yet ratified.

Washington Reported as Having O.K'd German Reparation Loan—Opposition to \$85,000,000 Issue Here Subsides, Since Powers Are Concerned.

The following from Washington May 15, is from the New York "Evening Post":

Rumblings of official opposition to the sale in this country of a part of the \$300,000,000 German reparation bond offering seems to have died down and it can now be said with assurance that the American Government will offer no objection to flotation of the securities here.

The statement was made in high official quarters today that while the Washington Government is watching the progress of the plans for sale of the issue closely, the State and Treasury Departments see no reason to offer opposition to sale of the bonds in this country.

The official expression, which was tantamount to an announcement of this Government's position, was made after further reports respecting the character and purposes of the issue had been received, and after it was ascertained that there will be a distribution of the securities among at least five nations.

5 1/2% at 95 Predicted.

It was explained that this Government's supervision of what governments offer securities for sale here has not thus far been stretched to cover a program that is fostered by several nations instead of a single Power.

Washington's information is that the issue will be brought out before July 12.

Preliminary plans that have been allowed to leak out indicate that something like \$85,000,000 of the \$300,000,000 issue will be offered in this country.

There is a likelihood that the rate will be about 5 1/2%, which, according to the view here, will necessitate bringing out the issue at about 95.

See Morgan as Syndicate Head.

It is taken for granted in official circles that the Morgan interests will head the American syndicate. This view was based on the knowledge that the Morgan group has been recognized as having the inside track on the offering due to the part that J. P. Morgan had in framing the Young settlement plan. There has been word from abroad also that was said to indicate a Morgan syndicate would handle the bonds in the United States.

In addition to the \$85,000,000 which it is said the United States is scheduled to receive, the indications are that France will be given a like amount, with about 60,000,000, or possibly \$70,000,000, allotted to England. There will be an allotment of something man investors and about the same that will be offered in Belgium. The remainder will be parceled out to underwriters in several countries, including Holland.

Rate of Interest on German Reparations Bonds Fixed at 5 1/2%.

The directorate of the new Bank of International Settlementment on May 16 definitely fixed the interest rate of the German reparations loan at 5 1/2% according to Associated Press advices from Basle. It is added that the issue price will be determined at another session of the board.

Bankshares Corporation of the United States, New York, Permanently Enjoined by Vice-Chancellor Backes in Newark—Samuel I. Kessler Named Statutory Receiver.

John H. Backes, Vice-Chancellor in Newark, issued a permanent injunction on May 12 restraining the Bankshares Corporation of the United States, with offices at 11 West 42nd St., New York, from exercising its corporate functions, and named Samuel I. Kessler, a Newark lawyer, statutory receiver for the company under \$10,000 bond. In its report of the matter, the New York "Times" of May 13, said in part:

At the conclusion of testimony taken in four days Mr. Backes said he found the company had been doing business at a great loss and to the prejudice of the stockholders' interests. He instructed the receiver to supply a transcript of the testimony to the prosecutor of Essex County.

The court permitted William Harris, Newark lawyer, who founded the company in April, 1928, to take the stand to reply to a charge made against him yesterday by Frank C. Thomas of New York, now President of the company. The charge was that Harris had been cognizant of the deal whereby Thomas financed acquisition of the voting stock in the company by a New York group headed by Thomas.

Telling Harris that as a member of the bar he was getting "a chance to clear your skirts," Mr. Backes said: "Up to now it appears that the deal was nothing short of criminal conspiracy and grand larceny."

In denying the charge by Thomas, Harris went at length into the details of his negotiations with Thomas in December, 1929, after meeting him through a broker named Simpson. He sought to introduce an affidavit by Aaron Shapiro, Chairman of the Board of the Bankshares Corporation under the Harris regime, and one-time complainant in a libel suit against Henry Ford. The court refused to allow the document to be placed in evidence.

The deal assailed by Mr. Backes was described by Thomas on the stand Thursday. He admitted that purchase of the Bankshares voting stock by himself and associates had been financed largely from resources of that company itself and its underlying concern, the Bankstocks Corporation of Maryland. He said that of the purchase price of

\$278,600 due Harris and other voting stockholders, he paid \$50,000 on account by borrowing that amount from the Chatham Phenix Bank of New York.

Thomas then obtained \$147,000 more to pay Harris by having the new directors of the Bankshares and the Bankstocks companies, named after the change in control, vote to buy 7,000 shares in the Knickerbocker National Corporation of New York, a concern controlled by Thomas, he said. He testified that each concern was made to buy 3,500 shares at \$21 and the proceeds were paid to the Harris group as part of the purchase price.

Thomas said yesterday this deal was known to Harris and to the broker, whom he described only as "Mr. Simpson."

Harris had testified that control of Bankshares Corporation virtually gave control of the Journal Square National Bank of Jersey City, the Cheshire National Bank of Cheshire, Conn., the Midtown National Bank of New York and the First National Bank and Trust Company of Philmont, N. Y.

Thomas, who also controls the Bankshares National of New York and the Knickerbocker Corporation of Delaware, paid \$15 a share for the stock he bought from Harris, though its market value was only about \$4, Harris admitted.

Mr. Kessler placed in evidence yesterday letters just received by Thomas from the Journal Square National Bank and the Midtown National Bank calling loans to the Bankshares corporation of about \$120,000 each. Mr. Backes sought to obtain from Thomas an admission that he had inspired the bank's action, but this Thomas denied. He said the letters appeared to result from the company's difficulties.

Reference was made to the affairs of this corporation in last week's issue of the "Chronicle", page 3283.

T. W. Lamont and Thomas Cochran of J. P. Morgan & Co. Return from Abroad.

According to the "Wall Street News" of yesterday (May 16), Thomas W. Lamont and Thomas Cochran, members of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., returned from a pleasure trip to Europe on the steamer Mauretania. Neither would say anything for publication.

China Places Embargo on Gold Exports—Imports of Silver Coin Banned.

From Shanghai the "Wall Street Journal" yesterday (May 16) reported the following:

An embargo has been placed on export of gold at Shanghai. After the announcement price of gold bars on the Shanghai exchange decreased 4% from yesterday's closing quotation. Immediate result of the embargo was to firm silver prices, although the long-term significance is minimized by the negligible amount of bar gold in China. Embargo is the first in the history of the country.

Regarding the embargo on Silver coin, the Brooklyn "Daily Eagle" of last night (May 16) said:

According to cable advices received by Equitable Eastern Banking Corp., the Chinese Nationalist Government has placed a ban on import of silver coin in addition to embargo on export of gold bars. Both of these decrees apply to all China. No action has been taken regarding import of silver bars, and it is believed the step was taken as a defensive measure against flooding the Chinese silver market with Saigong dollars from Indo-China following adoption of gold standard by that country.

Max Winkler Computes Profit to Investors in Dawes Bonds of 14 to 33%—Success of Young Loan Anticipated.

Incident to the flotation in the near future of the Young loan, it is pointed out that investors in the Dawes loan who have retained their original investment since bonds were first offered in the fall of 1924 can point to an enhancement in principal varying from 14% to 33%, according to a computation by Max Winkler, of Bertron, Griscom & Co., Inc. This gain, it is stated, is exclusive of the return on the original investment, amounting to over 7½% per annum. Mr. Winkler also says:

The Dawes bonds were officially offered in five leading markets, including New York, at a price yielding over 7.70%, as compared with then prevailing rediscount rates varying from 3% in New York to 5½% in Stockholm and Milan, or an average rate for the five centers of 4.40%.

On the basis of present quotations, the original investor in the American portion of the Dawes loan has a profit on his principal of 17.39%. The investor in the Swiss tranche has a profit of 16.30%, and a gain through the appreciation in the value of the Swiss franc of 5.93%, or a total gain of more than 22%. The investor in the British portion benefited to the extent of 25.40%, of which 15.22% represents capital gain, the balance representing gain through enhancement in the value of the pound. The largest gain was scored by the holder of the Italian portion, amounting to almost 33%, of which 13.04% represents increase in principal. The Swedish issue is not quoted as such, since bonds were taken up by the Svenska Obligationskredit A. B., which issued against them its own obligations.

Inasmuch as the rediscount rate in the nine centers where the Young loan is expected to be sold averages 3.83%, it is not unlikely that the Young bonds will, in order to correspond to their predecessor, the Dawes loan, be placed on the market at a price to yield 6.70%. In other words, a 6% issue at about 91 may reasonably be anticipated, and judging by the marked profit registered by the investor in the Dawes bonds, a cordial reception and prompt absorption of the Young issue appear more than likely.

According to latest advice, the United States is expected to take up the major portion of the loan, viz., 30% of the total, as compared with more than half of the total Dawes loan. Great Britain's share is expected to be reduced to less than 16%, from over 43%. Switzerland may take as much as 7.5%, as against only about 1%. Sweden's share is increased to 8% from 3%, while Italy's portion is expected to be slightly reduced. Due to the recent decision to increase England's share to \$50,000,000, the

French tranche is expected to amount to \$75,000,000. Germany's share may be fixed at 3% of the total; that of Belgium at 1.5%, and that of Holland at \$25,000,000, or about 8% of the total amount.

Details regarding each country's share are tabulated hereunder:

Issuing Country.	Dawes Loan.		Young Loan.	
	Amount.	Per Cent of Total.	Amount in Dollars.	Per Cent of Total.
United States (dollars)-----	110,000,000	50.5	90,000,000	30.0
Great Britain (pounds)-----	21,680,000	43.3	50,000,000	15.5
Switzerland (Swiss francs)-----	15,000,000	1.2	15,000,000	7.5
Sweden (Kronor)-----	25,200,000	3.0	25,000,000	8.0
Italy (lire)-----	100,000,000	2.0	5,000,000	1.5
France-----	-----	-----	75,000,000	25.0
Belgium-----	-----	-----	5,000,000	1.5
Netherlands-----	-----	-----	25,000,000	8.0
Germany-----	-----	-----	10,000,000	3.0

Exchange on Far East Now Lowest in Years—Decline in Silver Currencies Culminates in Heavy Break—Bar Metal Holds Up.

The following is from the New York "Times" of May 16:

Silver currencies of the Far East, which have been declining steadily for some time in the foreign exchange markets of the world, broke badly here yesterday when a decline of ¾ cent an ounce was quoted by New York bullion dealers. All Chinese exchange rates fell to the lowest levels in recent years.

The Hongkong tael dropped 25 points to 36.06 for checks, and the Peking and Shanghai rates 37 points each to 46.25 and 44.94, respectively. The Indian rupee, however, held unchanged at 36.06. The silver market in London was also reported weak, with the quotations yesterday off 1-16 to 19d.

While exchange rates on silver currencies are at new low marks, bar silver is still selling slightly above the low quotation for the year to date, reached on March 4, when silver in New York was quoted at 39½ cents, against yesterday's price of 40¼. London then was quoted at 18¼d. compared with 19d. yesterday.

Irish Loan Terms—Offered at 93½, with 4½% Interest.

The following (copyright) from Dublin, May 10, is from the New York "Evening Post":

Finance Minister Blythe has issued his third national loan on terms that speak eloquently of the stability of the Free State regime. Bearing interest at 4½%, it is issued at 93½, representing a return to subscribers of slightly over 4¼%.

From the Government's standpoint this compares favorably with recent similar issues in the London market. Another satisfactory feature is that the whole issue of six millions sterling is being offered within the Free State itself, where it is confidently believed it will be oversubscribed.

At one time it was expected that Minister Blythe would be obliged to place a portion of the issue in New York, as he did two years ago, owing to the refusal of the British Treasury to register Free State loans as "trustee securities," unless the British Government was given a veto on the financial legislation of the Free State Parliament. Easier money conditions on this side rendered this unnecessary.

Bill Introduced in House Proposes Embargo on Imports of Silver.

A bill proposing an embargo on silver imports was introduced in the House of May 9 by Representative Arentz, of Nevada (Republican). In presenting the bill he said:

"The other day we disposed of the so-called silver tariff items in the tariff bill, placing a tariff of 30c. an ounce on silver. The House refused to accept this schedule. I think something should be done to help the silver mining situation in America, and I hope this can be brought about by a bill which I placed in the basket this morning, which places an embargo upon the importations of silver into the United States. Those in the New England States who voted against the tariff on silver can very easily agree to the proposition which I have presented to them to-day. We can use our own silver, of which we produce a surplus. By flooding this country with foreign silver it logically follows that the price of domestic silver will be depressed. We wish to further prevent this."

The following is the text of the bill:

That from and after the passage of this Act silver from any foreign country shall not be entitled to entry at any of the ports of the United States, and the importation thereof into the United States is hereby prohibited: *Provided, however,* that silver bearing ores, matter, base bullion, silver dross, reclaimed silver, scrap silver and all alloys or combinations of silver imported into the United States for the purpose of processing, refining, or minting for export to a foreign country and not for use, sale or disposition within the United States or any of its possessions, may be imported for such purpose upon the execution of a bond given in double the amount of the estimated value upon such silver contents so imported, conditioned that such silver contents will not be used, sold or otherwise disposed of in the United States.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and empowered, and it shall be his duty, to make the necessary orders and regulations to carry this law into effect or to suspend the same as herein provided and to send copies thereof to the proper officers in the United States and to such officer and agents in foreign countries as he shall judge necessary.

Mexico Prohibits Silver Imports to Stabilize Money—Ortiz Rubio's Order Supplements Ban on Exportation on Gold.

Under date of May 10, copyright advices from Mexico City to the New York "Evening Post" said:

In addition to prohibiting exportation of gold, Mexico now has banned the importation of silver. No gold coins, either Mexican or foreign, can be taken out of Mexico and no silver coins, no matter if coined in Mexico, can be brought into the republic.

The regulation forbidding importation of silver has just been made effective by decree of President Pascual Ortiz Rubio. His decree annuls

one issued Aug. 22 1928, which provided for free silver importation. Penalty for attempting to smuggle silver into Mexico is to be confiscation of the silver.

It is believed that by prohibiting the importation of silver and the exportation of gold Mexico's monetary system will tend to become equalized. At present gold money is worth more in Mexico than silver money, 10 pesos gold being worth about 10.30 pesos silver at existing exchange. This difference occasions much inconvenience, since payrolls are met with silver coin and employees must carry the silver home in bags.

Because no gold coins legally can be taken out of Mexico, foreign gold money is worth only what its actual gold content is worth. Thus, while a premium is paid on American and Canadian currency in Mexico, American or Canadian gold coins are worth less than par here. The United States Consulate finds itself confronted with the problem of whether or not to refuse American gold money. So far, this money always has been accepted at its face value, but at a loss.

Accounts in Mexican banks may be in either gold or silver as the depositor desires. There also are innumerable accounts in foreign currency. The variety of the currency makes the bookkeeping at banks here a complicated matter.

Since the comparative value of gold and silver in Mexico fluctuates many persons speculate with money, buying silver when it is low, exchanging it for gold when it rises, and then back again when the change is profitable. Such exchanges can easily be made by changing silver accounts to gold accounts and back again.

Silver Imports of India Show Sharp Decrease.

The following, issued by the Department of Commerce at Washington, appeared in the "United States Daily" of May 13:

Silver imports into India during the seven days ended May 7 totaled 515,000 ounces, of which amount 390,000 came from London and 125,000 from Marseilles, says a cable dispatch to the Department of Commerce from its Bombay office. During the seven days ended Apr. 30 imports totaled 4,182,000 ounces.

Currency in reserve on Apr. 30 totaled 1,072,200,000 rupees, as compared with 1,066,400,000 on April 22. Bullion reserves on April 30 was the same as on April 22, namely, 33,800,000 rupees.

Silver stocks on May 7 were estimated at 2,700 bars, as compared with 3,000 bars on Apr. 30. The total offtake for the five days was 800 bars, as compared with 1,400 for the seven days ended Apr. 30. The market is quiet, with little activity. The exchange was closed due to the hartel (sympathetic strike).

Silver Stocks in Shanghai 231,300,000 Taels May 8.

Department of Commerce advices published in the "Wall Street Journal" of May 14, state:

Silver stocks in Shanghai on May 8 totaled 231,300,000 taels, of which 113,400,000 taels were held in native banks, says a radiogram to the Department of Commerce from its Shanghai office. The corresponding figures for May 1 were 232,300,000 taels and 113,000,000 taels respectively.

Sycee and silver bars were valued at 110,200,000 taels on May 8, as compared with 110,000,000 taels on May 1. The total number of silver dollars in Shanghai on May 8 was 169,000,000, as compared with 170,000,000 on May 1.

Exchange weakened on May 6, dropping from 46% to 46 cents for telegraphic transfers on New York.

1,712,000 Idle in Britain—Number Greatest in Eight Years, Largely Due to Trade Depression.

The following cablegram from London May 13 appeared in the New York "Times":

For the first time in 8 years unemployment figures in Britain soared above 1,700,000 to-day, when the Ministry of Labor announced that 1,712,000 persons were out of work.

Since the beginning of this year there has been an increase of 233,000 in the number of registered unemployed. Most of the increase is due to trade depression, which is now more severe in all branches of British industry than at any time since the post-war crisis of 1921.

Japanese Labor Outlook Critical—Government Department Head Describes It "Worst in History."

The following United Press advices from Tokio appeared in the "Wall Street Journal" of May 13.

That the present labor situation in Japan is the worst in its history was admitted by Aijira Tomita, Chief of the Labor Department of the Home Ministry.

"There seems to be little hope of the present financial depression abating in the near future," Tomita told the United Press, "and as a result industrial disputes are increasing at an alarming rate. Industry is in a bad way and the only apparent method of relief is through the consolidation of many companies, the installation of more modern machinery and the reduction of costs wherever possible.

"Such a policy has resulted in a severe blow to the workers, for thousands have been replaced by machines, thousands of others have lost their jobs through consolidation, and those remaining on the job are threatened by a growing tendency to reduce wages and abolish special allowances granted during more prosperous years.

"Consequently the workers, and the thousands of unemployed, are fighting for their very lives and the resultant situation is extremely ominous."

Figures compiled by the Labor Department show that 1929 was to date the worst year for labor disputes in the nation's history.

Food Riots in China—Banditry Unchecked—29 Killed in Town Near Huchowfu in Wholesale Rice Stealing—Yangtse Area Looted.

Under the above head the New York "Times" reported the following from Shanghai May 12.

The reign of banditry and lawlessness in Yangtse provinces denuded of troops to meet the menace of northern forces continues unchecked.

Chinese reports say bandits attacked a village near Pingkiang on the north bank of the Yangtse, a hundred miles from Nanking, looting and

killing. Communist excesses were reported at Pingkiang on the Kiangsi-Hunan border, which is a particularly bad spot. Serious riots were reported at a town near Huchowfu, Chekiang Province, 70 miles from Shanghai.

There a hungry mob looted rice shops, resulting in troops' firing and killing 29 and wounding scores of persons who were carrying away rice. This food has reached the highest price in years and is out of reach of the poorer Chinese. Troops are now in control, but further riots are expected.

Brazil Floods—Government Rushes Aid to Homeless—1,000,000 Bushels of Wheat Surrounded by Water.

A Buenos Aires Cablegram as follows, May 12, appeared in the New York "Times":

The Government to-day sent three naval vessels to assist in rescue work in the floods in Rio Province and also ordered the Third Cavalry Regiment, stationed at Guleaguay, to co-operate in the work. The State Railway Administration is rushing tents, food and supplies to the areas affected.

The Uruguay River and its tributaries are still rising. The River Guleaguay is six feet higher than it was in 1914, when a record was set. More than 1,000,000 bushels of wheat and flaxseed, stacked in bags at the port of Concepcion del Uruguay awaiting shipment are surrounded by water and it is doubtful if they can be saved. About 20,000 head of fine cattle on an estancia near Concepcion are believed to have been lost.

No deaths so far have been reported, but hundreds of families have been forced to leave their homes.

Chile to Own Half of Nitrate Combine.

In its issue of May 15 the New York "Journal of Commerce" reports the following special correspondence from London May 6:

Further details of the gigantic program for rationalization of the Chilean nitrate industry have become available. Don Pablo Ramirez, former Chilean Minister of Finance, in view of the misunderstanding growing out of conflicting and unverified reports following in wake of the first announcement, has issued a statement outlining the proposed consolidation and the organization of a Chilean corporation to be known as Compania Salitrera Nacional ("Cosana").

One-half of the stock in the new company will be owned by the Chilean Government. Four of its twelve directors will be named by the Chilean President and eight by the shares appertaining to the absorbed producers. The Government will deliver to the company adequate nitrate reserves and the balance at some later time at an agreed price.

"In commenting upon the plan Aikman, Ltd., foremost nitrate authority, brings out one point which should go far of itself toward influencing the producing companies to favor it. Most of the companies, it is stated, have a life of only ten to fifteen years, whereas "Cosana" will from its inception have reserves of caliche for at least sixty years. The duration of the company is, in fact, to be sixty years, with power to extend this period if necessary.

The statement of Senor Ramirez follows:

"For some time past the Government of Chile has been considering methods of strengthening its nitrate industry through the conservation of its nitrate reserves by more economical methods of production and by the sale of the product throughout the world on an efficient basis.

Aids Less Efficient Producers.

"Some of the companies now operating in Chile are efficient and prosperous, others less so, and the Government has concluded that the welfare of all will be promoted by the consolidation of all interests into one company. Within the near future there will accordingly be introduced in the Chilean Congress a bill for the creation of a Chilean corporation to be known as the Compania Salitrera Nacional. One-half of the stock of the new company will be owned by the Government; the other half will be issued in exchange for stocks of the various private companies now operating in Chile, in proportion to the relative values contributed by the different companies to the consolidated company.

"The Government will deliver to the national company adequate nitrate reserves, and will also allocate to the company the balance of the national nitrate grounds at an agreed price to be utilized and paid for as the company may require them.

"The Government will cancel in favor of the new national company the present export duties upon nitrate and iodine, and in lieu thereof will receive its proportionate share as a stockholder of the dividends declared by the national company.

"The national company will conduct the nitrate industry of Chile on an efficient basis, utilizing existing economic plants, improving others and building new capacity on modern lines in substitution for present inefficient plants and only to the extent required by world demand. The plan will provide an adequate credit base for any new capital requirements that the company is likely to face in this connection.

More Satisfactory Basis.

"It is expected that the operation of the national company will place both the manufacture and sale of Chilean nitrate upon a much more satisfactory basis than has been the case in the past, and that effective development through the national company of the world market for Chilean nitrate will result in substantial benefits both to the Government and to the private companies who will merge their interests with the new company.

"The owners of the more important companies in Chile have been consulted by the Government in reference to this plan, and they recognize the mutual benefits to be derived from carrying it out. The national company will become operative as soon as the Congress of Chile has given its sanction to the plan."

Costa Ricans Urged to Overcome Crisis—Republic's President in Message to Congress Asks Mutual Aid in Meeting It—Drop in Exports Cited—Measures to Encourage New Banana Planting Considered.

President Cleto Gonzalez Viques asks for patriotic co-operation, in his message to Congress now in session, in order that means may be found for obtaining relief from the present economic crisis which confronts the government and people of Costa Rica. This is stated in special

advices to the New York "Times," published in its issue of May 11, which also gave the following additional information:

The message calls attention to the fact that in 1929 in trade totaling 153,500,000 colones (\$38,375,000) there occurred an unfavorable balance of 3,275,000 colones (\$818,750) compared to a favorable balance of 7,000,000 colones (\$1,750,000) in 1928. The change is explained in part by the importation of materials for public works.

Costa Rica's imports from the United States in 1929 were valued at \$9,661,771, from Germany, \$3,531,852, and \$2,553,708 from England. Nicaragua ranked fourth with \$708,948 principally for cattle. These four countries furnished 80% of the total imports.

Three countries, the United States, England and Germany, took 85% of Costa Rica's exports, which amounted to \$14,731,598 to the United States, \$12,845,379 to England and \$5,511,232 to Germany. The total value of coffee exported in 1929 was \$12,225,000, compared to \$12,375,000 in 1928, although the quantity was 834 tons greater in 1929. The drop in the price of coffee is expected to reduce materially the total value of the exports for the current year. England is Costa Rica's best market for coffee, taking 14,134 tons, which is more than 60% of the crop.

Big Drop in Banana Exports.

Bananas were exported to a total of 6,112,170 bunches, a decrease of 1,211,311 compared to 1928. There was a slight gain in the exportation of cocoa, with 5,906 tons in 1929, compared to 5,769 tons in 1928. However, due to lower prices, the total value for 1929, \$895,269, was \$129,275 less than for 1928.

President Gonzalez calls attention to the decrease in banana production, and says the situation will not improve unless conditions affecting that industry are changed in a manner that will permit "the United Fruit Company, which today has almost a complete monopoly of this business, to increase plantings and assist private planters to increase their plantations."

The last Congress passed a special banana law to become effective Oct. 1, 1930, that is so exacting that practically no new plantings of bananas have been made and many plantations have been abandoned. A commission appointed by the President to study this question will make recommendations to Congress for changes in the law that it is hoped will be acceptable to both the government and the banana planters.

The general receipts of the treasury in 1929, amounting to \$8,848,997, were the highest in the history of the country. The customs duties produced 70% of this revenue. The expenses were also the highest in the history of the country, amounting to \$9,055,016, which includes public works especially authorized as well as the ordinary expenses of the government.

Thirty-seven Per Cent on Public Works.

Due to the activities in the building of roads, schools, paving and installation of sewer and water systems, the Department of Public Works used 36.93% of total expenditure; service on the public debt, 13.96; public education, 13.32; national treasury, 12.05, and public security 7.36%. The remaining 16.38% was used for legislative, judicial and other activities of the government.

It may be noted that expenditures for public education are almost double those for public security, upholding Costa Rica's boast of having more school teachers than soldiers. President Gonzalez calls attention to the fact that the budget for public security was 40,000 colones (\$10,000) less than in 1928 and adds:

"The purely military expenditures were scarcely 1.60% of the total expenses of the government. I take this opportunity to repeat with great pleasure that the country's expenses in this respect are hardly worth mentioning, while such expenses greatly weaken and often ruin other countries. We spend practically nothing on soldiers and arms and I hope we shall never be obliged to change this line of conduct."

President Gonzalez recommends continuing public works, especially road-building and sanitation, within the limits of the government's financial resources and proposes certain electoral reforms.

Process of Presenting Mexican Government Claims of British Subjects Against Mexico.

The British Embassy at Washington, has issued under date of May 7, the following notice:

His Majesty's Government are in process of presenting to the Mexican Government claims of British subjects against Mexico arising out of events which took place before the renewal of diplomatic relations between Great Britain and Mexico on Aug. 28 1925.

Any British subject possessing such a claim and desiring that it shall be presented to the Mexican Government by His Majesty's Government is requested to notify the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Office, Downing Street, S.W. 1, forthwith to that effect, furnishing him at the same time with full particulars of his claim, unless these have already been communicated either to the Foreign Office or to His Majesty's Legation in Mexico City. British claimants resident in the United States however, should communicate particulars of their claims to His Majesty's Legation at Mexico City.

Special attention is drawn to the fact that this announcement does not refer to claims arising from revolutionary acts (as defined in the Anglo-Mexican Special Claims Convention of Nov. 19 1926) which took place in Mexico during the period comprised between Nov. 20 1910 and May 31 1920. No further action is required in regard to such claims provided they do in effect fall within the scope of the Anglo-Mexican Special Claims Commission which is at present considering them.

Railway Economics Planned in Mexico—Calles Says Some Departments Will Be Eliminated in Reorganizing the National Lines.

The following account from Mexico City under date of May 14 is from the New York "Times":

Former President Calles, in a speech to railway employees and representatives who called at his home yesterday, gave the first intimation of the plans of the committee he is heading for the reorganization of the Mexican National Railways.

General Calles is said to have outlined the condition of the railways revealed by the commission's study and to have said that several departments considered superfluous will be eliminated, including some repair

shops which will be absorbed by those in the larger centres. He is said to have remarked that wages would not be reduced nor concessions to labor abated.

The callers are said to have suggested adding revenue by creating new sources of production and economy by cancelling many orders now placed in the United States for railway material. They said there were sufficient Mexican workmen in railway workshops capable of manufacturing all material, such as spare parts, needed for the system.

General Calles is said to have promised to study the suggestions carefully.

Argentine Bank of the Nation Selling Dollar Drafts on \$50,000,000 Loan Placed in United States—Fixes Exchange at 112—Move to Aid Small Importers—No Indication Given of New Loan Operation Now, Although Rumor of Move Is Current.

According to a Buenos Aires cablegram May 10 to the New York "Times," the Bank of the Nation has begun selling dollar drafts against a loan of \$50,000,000 recently placed in New York. This will assist small importers as long as the funds are available in New York, says the cablegram, which continues:

The Bank has arbitrarily fixed the exchange rate at 112 Argentine gold pesos for \$100 and is also selling sterling drafts at 43 15-16 pence per gold peso. While these rates therefore appear as the official exchange rates, all other banks are selling dollars at 114.5 and sterling at 43 3/4.

The Bank of the Nation is confining the sales of dollars and sterling to small importers, who are required to present proof that they have dollar or sterling bills coming due.

The Bank will not sell more than \$50,000 to any one buyer and will not sell to banks. Other operations are active through the other banks at the higher rates already quoted. So the Bank of the Nation is saving the small importers \$2.50 on every \$100.

Although the Bank of the Nation is not publishing the amount of its operations and is refusing to discuss them for the newspapers, well-informed bankers say \$18,000,000 of the recent loan has been retained by the Government to meet services on the foreign debt now falling due and that part of this amount will be brought to Buenos Aires to be put in the Caja de Conversion in order to increase the circulating currency.

Under the Argentine monetary law two paper pesos and 27 centavos are issued for circulation every time the equivalent of one gold peso is deposited in the Caja de Conversion. The currency will be increased two pesos and 35 centavos for every gold dollar which the Government decides to bring from New York.

Bankers estimate the Bank of the Nation in three days has sold something over \$12,000,000 from the \$32,000,000 which it thus has available in New York, which indicates the funds will be exhausted Thursday or Friday if the selling continues at the same rate next week. There would then be no further curb on the dollar exchange, and the peso is expected to decline further. Although vague rumors of new loan operations are a daily feature in banking circles, there has been nothing definite this week to indicate an immediate operation.

The six-month loan of \$5,000,000 placed in London the first of the year can be renewed at once. The New York loan has nearly five months to run. Bankers expect both to be absorbed into the larger long-term loan before the end of the year.

Bonds of Municipality of Medellin Retired Through Sinking Fund.

Hallgarten & Co. and Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co. announce that they have retired for the sinking fund \$96,000 principal amount of Municipality of Medellin external 6 1/2% gold bonds of 1928, due 1954, leaving outstanding \$8,646,500 par value of bonds.

Increase in Foreign Trade of Uruguay Noted by Paul M. Atkins of Ames, Emerich & Co.—Country's Financial Situation.

Uruguay has shown a marked gain in foreign trade, for the total exports of the country have shown an increase of approximately 117% during the past year over the 1921 figure, while total imports show an increase of better than 52%, says Dr. Paul M. Atkins, economist of Ames, Emerich & Co., in the company's most recent "Current Economic Brief." It is pointed out that Uruguay, with a population of less than 2,000,000, imports more goods than Peru with over 6,000,000. Uruguay, it is stated, shows an increase in her wheat production during the past year of 57.7% over the pre-war average, an increase of 60% in the production of oats, and 33.2% in the production of corn for the same period. Linseed, which plays an important part in the foreign trade of the country, has increased 51.5% over the 1913 average, says Dr. Atkins. Another index of the progress made by this country, continues Dr. Atkins, is found in the strengthening of her Government finances during recent years. Her external debt has shown a downward trend in recent years, while her internal debt has increased substantially in every year since the pre-war period, thus indicating her growing ability to meet her own financial requirements and her increased economic stability.

In summing up the Uruguayan situation, Dr. Atkins said:

Uruguay is the smallest country in area and one of the smallest in population in South America. Its inhabitants are almost exclusively of white blood and are among the most energetic and progressive of the Latin American peoples. Substantial quantities of grain are raised, but the

major products are beef, wool, mutton and hides. Extensive public improvements have been carried on, partly out of current revenues and partly by means of bond issues. The national finances are now in a healthy condition. Uruguay apparently has before it a sound and prosperous future.

Japanese Government Loan of \$71,000,000 Issued in U. S.—Public Offering \$50,000,000—\$21,000,000 Issued in Exchange For Earlier Issue—£12,500,000 Placed in London.

Out of a total of \$71,000,000 issued in the United States, an issue of \$50,000,000 Imperial Japanese Government external loan of 1930, 35-year sinking fund 5½% gold bonds was publicly offered in this country on May 12 by a syndicate headed by J. P. Morgan & Co., Kuhn, Loeb & Co., the National City Co., First National Bank and the Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd. The bonds were offered at 90% and accrued interest, to yield 6.20% to maturity. In addition to the \$50,000,000 publicly offered, \$21,000,000 bonds were offered in exchange for bonds of the Japanese Government 4% Sterling loan of 1905, due January 1, 1931. Simultaneous with the offering in the United States, £12,500,000 bonds of the 5½% loan of the Japanese Government were issued in London on May 12 of which £2,500,000 are to be exchanged for bonds of the 4% Sterling loan of 1905. On May 14 a cablegram from London to the New York News Bureau stated that the 5½% loan was heavily oversubscribed. The syndicate in New York announced the closing of the books at 12:30 P. M., May 12.

Juichi Tsushima, Esq., Financial Commissioner of the Imperial Japanese Government in London, Paris and New York, under date of May 9, 1930, in a letter to the syndicate said in part:

The Imperial Japanese Government is issuing in the United States of America \$71,000,000 of its External Loan of 1930 Thirty-Five Year Sinking Fund 5½% Gold Bonds, and contemporaneously is issuing in London £12,500,000 Bonds of its 5½% Conversion Loan of 1930. The Bonds of these Loans are to be direct external obligations of the Imperial Japanese Government. Of the \$71,000,000 Bonds of the United States issue, \$50,000,000 Bonds are to be offered for public subscription and \$21,000,000 Bonds are to be exchanged for bonds of the Imperial Japanese Government 4% Sterling Loan of 1905, due January 1, 1931, now under control of the Japanese Government. Of the £12,500,000 Bonds of the Sterling issue, £2,500,000 Bonds are to be exchanged for bonds of the Imperial Japanese Government 4% Sterling Loan of 1905, due January 1, 1931.

Principal and interest of Bonds of the United States issue will be payable in New York City at the office of The Yokohama Specie Bank, Limited, in United States of America gold coin of the standard of weight and fineness existing on May 1, 1930, or in London at the office of The Yokohama Specie Bank, Limited, in pounds sterling at the fixed rate of \$4.8665 to the pound sterling, in either case without deduction for any Japanese taxes, present or future. Principal and interest of Bonds of the Sterling issue will be payable in London in pounds sterling or in New York in dollars at the fixed rate of \$4.8665 to the pound sterling. Payment of the principal of the United States issue in Sterling or of the Sterling issue in dollars shall not be obligatory unless at least one month's written request shall have been made and the holder shall have complied with the reasonable regulations of the Government to assure presentation for such payment.

The proceeds of such of the Bonds of these Loans as are not exchanged for bonds of the Imperial Japanese Government 4% Sterling Loan of 1905, due January 1, 1931, will be applied to their payment at maturity. The 4% Sterling Loan of 1905 was originally issued in the amount of £25,000,000, of which £1,553,680 bonds have been retired, and £23,446,320 bonds are now outstanding in the hands of the public or under control of the Japanese Government.

The new 5½% gold bonds will be dated May 1, 1930, and will mature May 1, 1965. A cumulative semi-annual sinking fund, with payments beginning May 1, 1935, and calculated to be sufficient to redeem the entire issue on or before maturity, is to be applied to the purchase of Bonds if obtainable at or below 100% and accrued interest, or, if not so obtainable, to the semi-annual redemption, commencing November 1, 1935, at 100% and accrued interest, of Bonds called by lot. The bonds are not redeemable prior to May 1, 1940 except for the sinking fund. Redeemable, at the option of the Government, on May 1, 1940, or on any interest payment date thereafter, upon three months' published notice, at 100% and accrued interest, but, except for the sinking fund, only as to the entire issue. The bonds will be in denomination of \$1,000. In addition to the advices quoted above, Juichi Tsushima, in his letter to the syndicate said:

Debt of the Imperial Japanese Government.

After giving effect to the retirement of the above-mentioned 4% Sterling Loan, due January 1, 1931, and to the issuance of the Bonds of these Loans, the gross direct debt of the Japanese Government as of March 31, 1930, amounted to \$3,009,669,061, of which \$738,901,804 was external debt. The Government's contingent debt, represented by its guaranty of loans of the South Manchurian Railway Company, the Oriental Development Company, Ltd., the Industrial Bank of Japan, Ltd., the City of Tokio, and the City of Yokohama amounts to \$129,193,091.

Over one-quarter (about \$800,000,000) of the Government's total debt is self-supporting, as it has been incurred in connection with the

construction, purchase, and improvement of the State Railway System. The State Railways, comprising, as of March 31, 1930, 8,793 miles of line (out of the total railway mileage in Japan of 12,819 miles), represent a total capital investment of over \$1,526,900,000. In each of the past 15 years, the State Railways have earned substantial profits after the payment of all expenses and interest charges on the Government's debt contracted for railway purposes. The net profits after such charges for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1929, amounted to \$111,024,257.

By statutory provisions a sinking fund in an amount equivalent to 1.16% of the debt outstanding at the commencement of the preceding financial year plus a sum equivalent to at least 25% of the Government's net budget surplus in the second preceding year must be applied annually to the redemption of debt. The amount of debt redeemed by sinking funds in the fiscal year ended March 31, 1930, was \$49,980,430. Appropriations to the sinking fund for 1930-31, including the sums which Japan is to receive under the New Plan for the final settlement of German reparation payments, and the balance which was on hand April 1, 1930, is estimated to furnish over \$69,000,000 which will be available for redemption of debt in the present fiscal year.

Restoration of the Gold Standard.

Japan adopted a gold monetary standard in 1897, with a unit of currency, the gold yen, equivalent to 49.85 cents in United States currency. In September, 1917, an embargo was imposed upon the export of gold from Japan, following a similar measure taken by the United States. The severe earthquake in 1923 added to the economic disturbances of the post-war period and delayed the contemplated removal of the embargo. After a period of careful preparation during which time the Government and the Bank of Japan accumulated funds abroad and forward contracts aggregating over \$150,000,000, and after The Yokohama Specie Bank, Limited, with the support of the Government and the Bank of Japan had arranged for external stabilization credits in New York and London amounting to approximately \$50,000,000, the Government in November, 1929, announced that the embargo on the exportation of gold would be removed on January 11, 1930. On the latter date Japan returned to the gold standard, thereby following the policy adopted in recent years by the other leading countries of the world, including the United States of America and Great Britain, and re-established the external value of her currency at its pre-war level.

The attainment of this objective was effected contemporaneously with the present world wide recession in commerce and trade, and has been attended by deflation and accompanying depression in general business. It is believed that the present policy of strict economy and retrenchment in public finance adopted by the Government should, in due course, lead to improvement in the economic condition of the nation.

The Bank of Japan has the sole power of note issue in Japan proper, and on April 30, 1930, held gold reserves in Japan totaling \$443,339,000 against its outstanding note circulation of \$629,683,000 and demand deposits of \$70,648,000, resulting in a reserve ratio of 63.3%.

The proposed Japanese Government financing was referred to in these columns May 10, page 3273.

Nicaraguan Bank Plan—President Approves Administration by Manhattan Trust Co.

The following Associated Press advices from Managua (Nicaragua) May 10, are from the New York "Times":

Evaristo C. Morales, Secretary of the Nicaraguan Legation at Washington, to-day told the Associated Press that the negotiations between the Manhattan Trust Co. and the international acceptance banks of New York and his Government, by which the banks are to administer the Nicaraguan National Bank and the Pacific RR., had been approved by President Moncada.

Secretary Morales indicated that the new financial agreement included the new mortgage bank. He said that no political interference would be permitted in the administration of funds under the new arrangement.

Public Offering of 5½% Participation Certificates in \$6,000,000 Gold Note of Province of Cordoba (Argentine).

Public offering was made May 14 of 5½% certificates of participation in the \$6,000,000 Province of Cordoba (Argentine Republic) six months external United States Gold Note, which has been purchased by The First National Old Colony Corporation, Hallgarten & Co. and Kissel, Kinnicut & Co. The participation certificates which are issued against the note by the First National Bank of Boston are dated May 10, 1930 and will mature November 10, 1930. They were offered at 100 and interest to yield 5½%. They are callable as a whole, at any time prior to maturity, upon 20 days' notice by the Province at par and accrued interest. It is stated that principal and interest will be payable in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness at the principal office in New York of The First of Boston Corporation without deduction for any Argentine National, Provincial or Municipal taxes. The announcement regarding the offering also says:

In the event of any external financing by the Province prior to maturity, the Note will be immediately due and payable at par and accrued interest.

The Province covenants that if, while the Note is outstanding, it shall create, issue or guarantee any loan secured by charge on any of its revenues, the Note shall be secured equally and ratably with such other loan or such guarantee. The Province further covenants that while the Note is outstanding it will not create or guarantee any internal or external loan the interest and sinking fund requirements of which, together with those of said Note and all other loans outstanding, exceed 25% of its average annual general revenues during the three years preceding.

The revenues of the Province have increased from an average of \$9,130,000 during the five year period, 1920 to 1924 inclusive, to \$12,400,000 in 1928 and \$14,500,000 in 1929.

The total funded indebtedness of the Province as of March 31, 1930 amounted to \$26,977,600. It is provided by the Provincial constitution that the funded debt of the Province must be limited to an amount the annual service of which shall not exceed 25% of the revenues.

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

Books on the offering have been closed. It is expected that these Certificates of Participation will be available for delivery at the office of the First of Boston Corporation, 100 Broadway, New York, about May 20.

Federal Farm Board in Letter to Grain Co-Operative Explains Policies of Control by Farmers National Grain Corporation of Co-operatives Borrowing From Corporation.

Indicating the exercise of control by the Farmers National Grain Corporation over Co-operatives borrowing or using funds of the Corporation, the Federal Farm Board made public May 3 the following letter in response to an inquiry from a grain co-operative relative to marketing agreements among grain growers and co-operatives using Federal Farm Board Funds:

"The sticker in the case of your commission company seems to be the marketing agreement which requires full delivery to the Farmers' National Grain Corporation by those who use funds of the Federal Farm Board. We wonder if you are aware that this requirement has been imposed by some of the private commission companies for years. Right now in your own State, one grain concern boasts that it has 50 co-operative elevators tied up under a 5-year binding contract to deliver to it, in return for financing. This policy is going to become more and more prevalent among private interests.

"We think you overlook the larger purpose of this program; namely, to give co-operatives for the first time a central sales agency through which they can consolidate the marketing of grain. The very existence of such an agency on the market, in competition with private traders, will have a constant salutary effect, but the only thing that will enable it to be there and render the maximum service is the patronage of the co-operatives that created it and own it. If co-operatives insist on playing fast and loose with their own sales agency, patronizing it when they like and deserting it when the occasion seems to warrant, this undertaking is doomed to failure. We know you and other co-operative groups will point to the progress you have made under such a plan of operation as you suggest, but you must admit that if your progress had been sufficient and everything was lovely, there would have been no need for an Agricultural Marketing Act. We had here this week a life-sized illustration of how organized business sticks together when their common interests are at stake. The United States Chamber of Commerce, dominated largely, we should say, by the organized grain trade, was able to marshal its voting strength in the passage of a resolution, which if carried to its logical conclusion would render the Agricultural Marketing Act and the Federal Farm Board wholly impotent. When farmers see things like this, it would seem to us conclusive evidence of what it is necessary for them to do if they are to cope with conditions imposed upon them by organized industry and labor.

"During the time that the Federal Farm Board loans money to the Farmers' National Grain Corporation and its subsidiaries, we feel the responsibility of exercising some control over the management and policies of those borrowing agencies. This control and supervision is exercised with extreme caution, leaving to the co-operatives the utmost reasonable management of their own affairs, but to say that we could leave them entirely alone would be to admit our dereliction in the use of public funds.

"The policy we have invoked of requiring full delivery of grain to the Farmers' National Grain Corporation by co-operatives borrowing through that corporation is a reasonable one and not difficult to comply with. It provides that from the farmer throughout, every necessary option is given in marketing the grain.

First, the farmer or his co-operative may market the grain for cash in the competitive market on the day of delivery and the price received shall be the highest bid.

Second, the grain may be stored by the farmer or his co-operative and sold only at the option of either. Meanwhile, an advance may be received on this grain in a public warehouse, such money to be used by the owner pending ultimate sale.

Third, 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.

Under all of these options the Farmers' National Grain Corporation exercises a supervisory control and acquires the grain only by purchase in the competitive market. In order to carry out these provisions and options it is necessary to have a marketing agreement setting forth the provisions and options and to facilitate making advances where loans are required. Such marketing agreements contain a further provision that 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. Delivery the first year is all that is required. A clause providing a nominal penalty for failure to deliver by a borrower is essential or the marketing contract means nothing. It would be like passing a law defining an offense and failing to include a penalty if the law were violated.

"You understand, of course, that such marketing agreements are not required unless the farmer or his co-operative borrows or uses funds of the Farmers' National Grain Corporation.

"We presume that much of the confusion regarding this results from these marketing agreements not having been determined upon in detail by the Farmers' National Grain Corporation. An earnest effort has been made to get them out but there are so many features relating to the practical handling of grain in the many regions and among the several types of co-operatives, that it has taken a good deal of time to arrive at something that would cover all of these circumstances. We are assured that these marketing agreements will be in readiness shortly and believe that when they have been agreed upon and passed along to the co-operatives and their members, much of the opposition born of misunderstanding will fade out.

"The Farmers' National Grain Corporation is in good hands. Its officers, Executive Committee and Board of Directors are members of the co-operatives that compose it. Its manager is a thoroughly experienced grain man and its personnel in the principal departments are individuals who are experienced in the branches of activity engaged in by the Corporation. The Corporation is making splendid progress in getting ready to handle the forthcoming crop of wheat and other grains. It is establishing branches at the principal markets, providing adequate warehousing for the grain

of its members and will be in a position to finance grain and facilities in any and every way that such financing may be safely done. Out of all of which we return to the original thought that the Farmers' National Grain Corporation will succeed only in the measure that its co-operative members give it their support. It cannot live unless it has a source of income and that income shall be the customary charge and source of revenue derived from handling grain. It cannot exercise any influence upon the market unless it has volume and that volume must come from the patronage of its members. The law itself limits the amount of non-member grain that can be handled and those limits may be easily reached by the member co-operatives so that the central sales agency will have little leeway in handling non-member grain."

Supplementing the above the Board issued the following statement summarizing the declarations enunciated in the foregoing letter:

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 non-members than for members, will be in position to give the fullest service to farmers.

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.

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 5-year binding contract to deliver grain to it in return for financing.

President Thompson of America Farm Bureau Federation Urges Members to Support Agricultural Marketing Act—Says "Great Speculative Groups" Openly War on Act and Policies of Federal Farm Board.

In a message to the 1,837 County Farm Bureau units composing the American Farm Bureau Federation, Sam H. Thompson, President, issued an appeal for "a united front against the forces which are seeking to undermine the effectiveness of the Federal Farm Board's activities." We quote from a Chicago dispatch May 11 to the New York "Times" which also said:

His message is inspired, Mr. Thompson says, by the recent action of grain exchanges and other trade groups in attacking the marketing act "individually and through the Chamber of Commerce of the United States." This he declares is a "serious challenge to organized agriculture."

The law which created the Farm Board, Mr. Thompson adds, "represents the result of seven years of toil, sacrifice and bitter battle on the part of the farm people of this country."

Text of the Appeal.

Mr. Thompson's letter follows:

May 9, 1930

To All State and County Farm Bureau Officers:

Organized agriculture faces a serious challenge.

Great selfish, speculative business groups have joined forces to secure repeal or nullifying amendment to the Agricultural Marketing Act.

The Agricultural Marketing Act, which became a law of the land on June 15 1929, represents the result of seven years of toil, sacrifice and bitter battle on the part of the farm people of this country. It is the first step in the adoption of a national policy that will enable farm people to live and earn on the same basis as the other economic groups of this country.

This Agricultural Marketing Act declares as the national policy the promotion of "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 interstate and foreign commerce in the marketing of agricultural commodities and their food products."

Says Opponents Declare War.

The act further declares that the development of producer-owned and controlled co-operative enterprises as a means of carrying out this objective is a further policy of the Federal Government.

Under this Act, the Federal Farm Board has been created and has been functioning for less than a year, but already great speculative groups that have, year by year, profited at the expense of agriculture through the fluctuation in the price of the produce of the farm, see the handwriting on the wall. They have openly and definitely declared war on this policy.

It is up to the organized farmers of the nation whether this policy shall stand or whether it shall be destroyed.

I address this letter to all officers of the Farm Bureau, National, State and County, to urge that the full force of the Farm Bureau be mobilized and that this organization present a solid front to our economic enemies.

Therefore I urge that at once you take every step to set in operation the machinery of the unit for which you are responsible. See to it that your representatives in Congress be not confused, that they know beyond misunderstanding that the declared policy of the Agricultural Marketing Act

parallels the demand of American agriculture; that they know, if any amendment is to be made to this Act, that it must be an amendment designed to further facilitate the carrying out of the policy and not an amendment, which will in any way hamper or obstruct this work.

Urges Wider Co-operation.

It is wise, too, to hasten with all possible dispatch the completion of the organization of co-operative groups to take advantage of the Marketing Act and the facilities available through the Federal Farm Board. Your American Farm Bureau has and is co-operating to the fullest extent with the Federal Farm Board in the development of co-operative marketing machinery.

It is also wise to utilize the publicity machinery of the Farm Bureau to the fullest extent in telling the farmer's side of the story. Use your publications, radio, the newspapers, the farm press and every available source to solidify agricultural sentiment on this vital economic issue.

And, finally, increase the membership of your farm bureau. Every additional recruit to our ranks increases the effectiveness of this great army fighting for economic justice for American agriculture.

In the words of the immortal Lincoln:

"Let us have faith that right makes might; and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it."

Very truly yours,

AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION.
S. H. Thompson, President.

Chairman Legge of Federal Farm Board Predicts Fair Prices for Wheat.

Confidence in the wheat situation and in a fair price for farmers was expressed, on May 15, by Alexander Legge, Chairman of the Federal Farm Board, with an oral statement that there will be an adequate but not excessive crop. The "United States Daily" reports this and adds:

Canadian acreage, Mr. Legge pointed out, has been reduced by a small percentage. As to wheat exporting, Mr. Legge said that while the Farm Board has no machinery for contact with buyers in other countries, it may be found that the Farmers National Grain Corp. has such facilities.

Organization of the national livestock marketing association has been deferred, Mr. Legge said, until after June 10, when another meeting of the co-operatives in this field is to be held at Chicago. Groups not represented in a meeting on May 12 will take part in the June 10 conference, according to Mr. Legge's expectations.

American Farm Federation Bureau Opposes Resale Price Fixing—Measure Unfair, Chester Gray Writes House Committee.

Claiming unfairness to farmers, the American Farm Bureau Federation has announced its opposition to the resale price maintenance bill (H. R. 11), according to a letter filed May 8 with the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. The "United States Daily" notes this and says:

This measure has been reported to the House, and the Committee has asked for a rule allowing its consideration. In a statement by Chester H. Gray, Washington representative of the Federation, it was claimed that the Committee had not given adequate consideration to the measure.

He declared that "neither proponents nor opponents had an opportunity to present their views properly," and also that, in view of the Federal Trade Commission's investigation of resale price maintenance, no action on a matter of this character should be taken until the Commission has reported its findings.

Pointing out the size of the buying group represented by farmers, and that prices of farm products are subject to changes, "too many of which are downward," the letter of the Federation declares, "It is obviously unfair to compel farmers to pay a price over the retail counter for many necessities of life in regard to which the retailer has no option other than to charge his customer whatever the manufacturer has determined upon in the way of price.

Farmers National Grain Corp. Faced with Problem of Disposing of 15 Million Bushels of Wheat—Representatives Deny Reports That Large Quantities Are Reaching Market—Federal Farm Board Seeks Barges for Cargoes—J. D. McCaull Indicates More Serious Effort to Dispose of Wheat Is Planned.

Although the problem of disposing of 15,000,000 to 20,000,000 bushels of spring wheat is before officials of the Farmers' National Grain Corporation, only a small quantity of the grain has been offered for sale so far, representatives declared on May 9 according to the Minneapolis "Journal" of that date which went on to say:

There have been reports in grain circles that grain purchased with Federal Farm Board funds, or on which loans have been made, is being disposed of in considerable quantity.

Losses Would Reach Millions.

On the basis of low prices now prevailing, losses on the spring wheat purchased would run into several million dollars, grain men say.

Grain on which loans mature the end of this month is still held in country elevators, it is understood, and reports are that efforts will be made to get rid of much of it before the new crop starts moving.

A small quantity only has been offered millers, representatives of the corporation said.

Small Quantities Offered.

John D. McCaull, Minneapolis grain man who recently became associated with the Grain Stabilization Corp., returned late yesterday from a conference at Chicago which was believed to presage a more serious attempt to market the wheat stored here and in northwest elevators. He declared to-day, however, only "small quantities" have as yet been offered or sold.

The Farm Board, through co-operatives here, has made inquiries for bottoms for shipment of wheat to New Orleans for export by the Mississippi barge line, but as yet it has completed no arrangements. The barge line, however, will ship approximately 23,000 bushels of wheat to-morrow to New Orleans, consigned to it by a private grain firm. It will be the first grain to move downstream by barge this year.

Own Several Million Bushels.

One of the problems in connection with the wheat to be in the hands of the Grain Stabilization Corp. at the end of this month will be its transportation to marketing centers if any attempt is made to dispose of it in large bulk at that time. A warning has been issued by the Northwest Shippers Advisory Board that serious congestion may result if any large movement is attempted.

The stabilization corporation and the Farmers National Grain Corp. own several million bushels of grain outright, bought in a short period on the Minneapolis exchange and now stored in terminal elevators here. In addition, loans on more than 14,500,000 bushels of wheat in the northwest have been made and ownership of that grain will pass to the stabilization corporation.

Helped Farmer Unwittingly.

Representatives of the Stabilization corporation said they could not reveal the plans of the farm board agency for the marketing of that wheat.

In the meantime, A. J. Olson, Renville, President of the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation, declared to-day the United States Chamber of Commerce "unwittingly helped the farmer when it adopted a resolution demanding repeal of the agricultural marketing act."

The National Chamber, in voicing openly its stand against "the only attempt at farm relief the Government has ever made," has created a "wave of resentment in farm circles that is certain to unite the farmers into more closely knit organizations than have ever existed up to the present time," he said.

"With these powerful organizations in the field campaigning aggressively for justice for agriculture, the Farm Board will receive the co-operation it must have if its program is to be carried through effectively. The farmers who thus far have been lukewarm to the Farm Board will now champion its cause aggressively."

Federal Farm Board Seeking to Put Co-Operatives in "Strait Jacket"—Says Livestock Marketing Groups Declining to Become Members of National Co-Operative Livestock Marketing Association—Refuse to Surrender to Washington Authority.

"The Federal Farm Board, with the tremendous power of the Government behind it," apparently is seeking to put the co-operatives of the country in a straitjacket, a group of major livestock co-operatives declared in a statement issued May 8 following the organization meeting of the National Co-operative Livestock Marketing Association at Chicago last week, says the Minneapolis "Journal," which in further reporting the stand of the various groups, also had the following to say in its May 8 issue:

When the Agricultural Marketing Act was under discussion, certain members of Congress expressed the fear that it meant the creation of an agency which would "straight jacket" the co-operatives, the statement said, "and unless the Board changes the attitude it has assumed in the present instance, it would appear this fear was well founded."

The statement was signed by the Central Co-operative Association, St. Paul; Farmers Union Livestock Commission, Kansas City; Farmers Union Livestock Commission Co., Denver; Farmers Union Livestock Commission, St. Joseph, Mo.; Farmers Union Livestock Commission, Omaha; Farmers Union Livestock Commission Co., Chicago; Farmers Union Livestock Commission Co., St. Paul; Farmers Union Livestock Commission Co., Wichita, Kan.; Farmers Livestock Commission Co., National Stock Yards, Ill.; Equity Co-operative Association, Milwaukee; Missouri Farmers Association Livestock Commission, Springfield, Mo.

These organizations refused to become members of the new Farm Board Marketing setup because "the Farm Board has insisted upon dictating the plan of the present organization which we believe to be fundamentally unsound," the statement said.

It urged the Farm Board has assumed powers denied by the Agricultural Marketing Act and declared "if in the inception of a marketing agency set up under its auspices, we are denied certain fundamentals by the Farm Board, which in our opinion constitute the very heart of co-operative marketing, and which seek to safeguard the rights of the producers out at the crossroads, as Congress intended they should be, what may we expect in time to come."

Co-operatives representing more than 65% of the livestock marketed co-operatively in the country in 1929 voted at the Chicago meeting to make fundamental changes in the organization but the Farm Board refused to make any changes and declared "the meeting had been called to organize the corporation upon the plan last submitted by it," the statement said.

Reject Washington Authority.

Reviewing the development of livestock co-operatives in the middle and northwest in the last 15 years, the statement declared "now when we are brought face to face with the question as to whether we shall surrender the control of these splendid agencies to a great centralized authority in Washington, or whether we shall continue to operate them as best we can in the interest of the man upon the farm, we choose the latter alternative. "And if this be treason, let those who will make the most of it."

The Farm Board has "absolutely disregarded" the recommendations of a co-operative committee, the statement said.

"The plan submitted to the Farm Board provided that the management of the affairs of the National Marketing Association were to be placed in the hands of a sales board of three, one of whom was to be the manager of the National Producers Order Buying Company."

"At this meeting the new Farm Board plan was approved by vote of 38 to 24, every person at the meeting being permitted to vote regardless of whether he represented a marketing agency and regardless of whether a particular agency had one representative or five at the meeting.

"Under the new plan, every agency owning stock in the National Association and which marketed 2,500 carloads of livestock a year, was to have a representative on the board of directors and no agency could have more than one director. The result was to give an agency handling 2,500 carloads the same voice in the management as one handling 20,000 carloads, a complete failure to give the actual producer of livestock representation. Also, the form of contract approved required each agency to give the National Marketing Association complete control of its affairs.

Definite Bank Loan Limits.

"Another objection we had to the plan was based on the fact that the Farm Board plan contemplated that all funds loaned to producers must be borrowed from Intermediate Credit Banks. This would mean no Government funds would be loaned to producers and that producers would

have to pay the intermediate credit bank interest rate, plus a handling charge.

"We believe this plan directly contravenes the spirit and intent of the Agricultural Marketing Act. That Act contemplates the lending of Farm Board funds to co-operative agencies at not to exceed 4% per annum. The new plan means they will have to pay practically commercial rates of interest for funds to be loaned to producers.

"Following a preliminary meeting, every effort was made to induce the Farm Board to modify its plan and to induce the National Producers Association to consent to some slight changes in the hope that a plan could be prepared which would have the united support of all co-operative marketing agencies.

Set Forth Terms.

"Despite meetings with representatives of the Farm Board and the National Producers Association, nothing was accomplished. Under date of April 23, the undersigned agencies, the Indiana Farm Bureau and the Indianapolis Producers Association, the latter a member of the National Producers Association, wrote the Farm Board and the National Producers Association, stating that if the plan were modified so as to do four things—(1) make the order buying company a wholly owned subsidiary of the National Marketing Association (or such a change as would give the national association control of the order buying company and insure all members of the National Marketing Association becoming a part of it; (2) placing control of the National Marketing Association in its directors instead of in a so-called sales board; (3) changing the contract so as to insure to the various marketing agencies control of their own affairs, at least in the first year; and (4) providing for the election of directors of the National Marketing Association upon a volume basis—they would join the National organization, but that these changes were essential if they were to join.

Suggestions Disregarded.

The suggestions made in this letter were disregarded by the Farm Board and the National Producers Association, although the Farm Board did subsequently require the National Order Buying Company to become a member of the National Association, and to sign a contract agreeing to submit certain policies to the National Association for approval. Thereafter the Farm Board called the final meeting.

"At this meeting, resolutions were presented providing for the modifications requested by this group. There were 26 agencies represented, with one or two exceptions all the co-operative livestock marketing associations in the country. Each was given one vote, regardless of its size.

All Resolutions Rejected.

"Each resolution was voted down. The Farm Board announced that no changes could be made in its plans, except by unanimous vote of all present, the effect of which was that no changes would be accepted, notwithstanding its repeated assertion that it wanted the co-operative organizations to make their own organizations.

"Thereupon, this group, believing the only kind of an organization, which would be worth anything to the producers of live stock, was one of which all co-operative livestock agencies were a part, stated that if the plan were modified so as to place full control of the affairs of the National Marketing Association in its own board of directors, doing away with the sales board; provided for the election of the directors of the Association according to the stock, ownership and volume and modified the contract between the National Marketing Association and its members so as to insure the maintenance of the identity of the individual agencies, they would join the National Organization."

Voted for Change.

"Notwithstanding the Farm Board's statement that only a unanimous vote could change the plan, this proposition was submitted to the meeting and 14 of the 26 agencies present, representing more than 65% of the livestock marketed co-operatively in the country in 1929, voted in favor of making the changes. Thereupon the Farm Board stated the meeting had been called to organize the corporation upon the plan last submitted by it, and the meeting proceeded to do so, this group not participating in the further proceedings.

"Before leaving the meeting, this group advised those present that it desired to co-operate with the Farm Board and to participate in the organization of the National Marketing Association but it believed the proposed plan unsound, impractical and unfair to the producers of livestock, unless modified as it had suggested and that in the absence of such modification it could not become a part of the organization."

More Livestock Groups Are Expected to Join National Livestock Marketing Association—Chairman Legge of Federal Farm Board Believes Objectors to Program May Soon Reach Agreement.

Although some livestock groups are still protesting about a proposed national program for this commodity, they may soon be in agreement and in position to come into the National Livestock Marketing Association that is now being set up, the Chairman of the Federal Farm Board, Alexander Legge, stated orally May 13. This is noted in the "United States Daily" of May 14, which also contained the following advices:

He added that groups handling a majority of co-operatively merchandised livestock had already come into this central sales agency.

With one exception there is no major point of disagreement among the various groups, Mr. Legge said. He pointed out that this point of contention is the method of voting. The custom, Mr. Legge recalled, has grown up of one member having a vote, no matter how little of the commodity he handles. Some livestock groups dissent from this practice, and it might be better to have voting on a quantity basis, Mr. Legge declared.

The rule could have been changed if the dissenting groups had come in and the National co-operative considered it desirable to make changes, Mr. Legge pointed out. Either method of voting would have been satisfactory to the Farm Board, for it has no objection to changes made in the organization of the National Central Sales Agency for its betterment, and has never tried to tell the co-operatives how they should establish their set-ups, he said.

Some of the livestock groups objected to joining the live stock National Agency because they pointed out that they could not get the desired amount of funds from the Farm Board, but would have to go to Intermediate Credit Banks, Chairman Legge stated. He pointed out that it would not be feasible for the Board to attempt completely to finance an industry such as agriculture with a valuation of from \$13,000,000,000 to \$15,000,000,000. It would be inadvisable, said the Chairman, for the Government to take over the whole financing of any one of the National Agricultural Co-Operatives.

For the Farm Board to attempt to finance everything would mean the junking of the Intermediate Credit Banks, private banking facilities, and other sources of credit, Mr. Legge said. He declared that some of the livestock groups only wanted the money available through the National Agency for this commodity and did not care to co-operate in the National program in any other way. The low money rate available from the Farm Board is the main selling point to some co-operatives, Mr. Legge answered in reply to a question.

Prices of wheat at seaboard and interior points are now on a parity for the first time in months, Mr. Legge announced. He said that there is practically no other change in the wheat situation at present.

Senate Passes Bill Calling for Payment of Major Portion of Salaries and Expenses of Federal Farm Board by Government—Expenses Now Met by Farm Loan System.

A return to the original policy of the Government for the payment of salaries and expenses of the Federal Farm Loan Board by the United States, is provided in a bill passed by the Senate May 12, says the "United States Daily," which states that the committee report on the bill (S. 4028) amending the Federal Farm Loan Act says in part:

The original Farm Loan Act provided that the salaries and expense of the Federal Farm Loan Board and of loan registrars and examiners shall be paid by the United States. However, in 1923—seven years afterward—the law was amended whereby the Farm Loan system was required to bear these charges. It is now desired that the Government return to its original policy.

If this bill is enacted, about 58% of the operating expenses will be borne by the Treasury and 42% by the Banks themselves. There has been considerable additional expense in connection with the reorganization of the Federal Farm Loan system, in order to put it on a more permanent and satisfactory basis, and the enactment of this bill will be of material assistance along these lines.

Chairman Legge of Federal Farm Board Intimates Board Will Enter Export Market.

Chairman Legge of the Federal Farm Board stated that the Farmers National Grain Corporation would undoubtedly enter the export market. Announcement of this was made in the "Wall Street Journal" of May 15, which further observed:

He said, however, that the plans were not sufficiently advanced to be discussed.

Chairman Legge's comment followed the suggestion that the Farm Board has not set up machinery for exporting grain.

"While the Farm Board has no machinery, the Farmers National Grain Corp. really has some machinery for handling exports," he said.

He also stated that foreign buyers had a great many representatives in the United States and that Farmers National could deal directly with them.

President Moves to Aid Federal Farm Board—Submits Plan to Congress for Obtaining Data Throughout World.

On April 25, President Hoover transmitted to Congress the outline of a plan designed to aid the Federal Farm Board to obtain more accurate data on agricultural conditions throughout the world. Associated Press accounts from Washington regarding this added:

The Chief Executive presented a plan to have the Board utilize the foreign commerce service of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Commerce Department for the collection of information. The immediate necessity for this was ascribed to the need of the Farm Board for more complete information relative to foreign crops, live stock and markets.

Since only a shifting of appropriations of funds available for salaries and expense allowances would be necessary to put the plan in operation, the proposal was referred to the House Appropriations Committee.

M. H. Rawlings of Nebraska Sees Dangers in Powers Exercised by Federal Farm Board—Says Board Threatens Farmer with Forced Socialistic Co-operation.

M. H. Rawlings, farmer and stockman of Archer, Neb., in a statement published in the May 1 issue of the "Central City Republican" of Central City, Neb., charges "the Federal Farm Board with disloyalty to the American farmer by threatening him with a forced Socialistic co-operation that robs him of the right to market his product in independence." According to the publisher of the paper in which Mr. Rawlings's statement appears, the latter's ideas "are indicative of the general trend of thought at this time as to so-called farm relief along the lines of Farm Board co-operatives." Mr. Rawlings in publishing his criticisms against the Federal Farm Board gives them the caption "Easy to Get the United States into Business, but Harder to Get It Out." In part he says:

As an American citizen I accuse—

1. The Federal Farm Board of sacrificing the American Farmer in the interest of the world's market for the industrial East, while throwing out a restricted acreage co-operative marketing plan for agriculture that possesses every phase of inevitable failure in crude Socialism.

2. The Federal Farm Board of being headed by an internationalist as far as his business interests are concerned. That the greatest future of his business lies in the development of increased acreage in Russia, Argen-

tina, Australia and other foreign countries rather than anything now possible in the United States.

3. The Federal Farm Board of attempting to shift responsibility for the continued American agricultural debacle onto co-operatives, helpless as against foreign agricultural importations (\$2,000,000,000 annually), and over-salaried as to competency.

4. The Federal Farm Board of disloyalty to the American farmer by threatening him with a forced Socialist co-operation that robs him of the right to market his product in independence.

5. The Federal Farm Board of inflicting onto American agriculture their advice in the form of constant, inconceivable, changing will-of-the-wisp plans, which are diametrically opposed to the fundamentals of American business and extremely disastrous to stabilization, if that is their aim.

6. The Federal Farm Board personnel of not answering the brief and arguments of the Amalgamated Chain Stores, as signed by the powerful Eastern food distributors, for the continued right to import agricultural products unhampered by higher tariffs. If they were the logical appointees for the serving of agriculture faithfully, where were they then?

7. The Federal Farm Board of being too willing to force agriculture down into the dregs of Socialism; more abhorrent to the American farmer than slavery and known by the self-willed individual agriculturist as the pilferer of his birthright.

As an American farmer I demand the immediate repeal of any law or any possible authorization of the Farm Board's misuse of power against the American farmer and American business, based on American agriculture.

Federal Farm Board Approves Application Loan of \$1,900,000 to Co-operative Pure Milk Association of Cincinnati.

The Federal Farm Board on May 8 announced that it had approved an application of the Co-operative Pure Milk Association, Cincinnati, Ohio, for a loan of not exceeding \$1,900,000. The Board says:

The association will use this money for the acquirement of physical facilities needed in the more effective merchandising of milk delivered by producer members.

The loan will be secured by a first mortgage on all of the properties acquired. Repayment will begin one year from the date the loan was made at a rate of not less than \$175,000 annually and be completed within 10 years.

California Grape Growers Near End of Drive to Administer Federal Farm Board's Program for Grape Industry—Control of Large Percentage of Tonnage Campaign Goal.

San Francisco advices published in the "Wall Street Journal" of May 12 stated:

The California Grape Control Board, which is administering the Federal Farm Board's program for the grape industry, hopes to complete soon the signing up of a large percentage of California growers to support the plan. Dr. Theodore Macklin, special representative of the Board, is completing a tour of the principal juice and table grape growing areas, during which he has addressed thousands of growers.

An official of the California board summarized the situation, from the board's standpoint as follows: "There is no question that powers of the San Joaquin Valley have come to a realization of the objects that will put us over the top, with the tonnage control required by the Farm Board. This realization is that the plan is the most comprehensive ever offered to the industry; that it is the most amply financed of any, having the Farm Board funds behind it, and that it represents their last chance at an organized industry effort to control the surplus, to obtain stability and to retain grower control.

Plan Offers Stability.

"It is this, the best plan that can be devised by Government experts to embrace every type of grower and every factor in the industry, or it is chaos, disorganization and individualism rampant, which means the survival of the fittest."

Nearly 3,000 acres in the Dinuba district, where there are only a few large vineyards, were represented by growers' contracts signed last week and picked committees hope to double this figure in the current week.

Negotiations are in progress for bringing into the picture, this week, large tracts, either corporately or individually controlled. These aggregate about 45,000 acres.

Large Group to Enroll.

It is believed likely that a group of grower-shippers representing approximately 15,000 cars of fresh grapes, will sign up this week, after devoting several weeks to considering some other course of action.

The holdings of several large banks, aggregating about 5% of the acreage in the raisin belt, have been signed and these institutions are advising their clients to sign the Governmentally administered contracts.

Within the next day or two the attitude of the packers, to be reflected by a referendum of more than 20 raisin packing concerns, will be known.

One of the first large acreages to be signed was that covering the vineyards on the so-called Hoover farm at Wasco, owned by a corporation of which President Hoover is one of the largest stockholders.

Federal Farm Board Calls Meeting of Apple Growers in Washington May 14 At Call of Federal Farm Board to Develop Plans for Co-Operative Organization.

A committee of 15, representing the various apple growing regions of the United States, will meet in Washington, D. C., May 14, at the call of the Federal Farm Board to develop a plan of procedure to further co-operative efforts among apple producers in order that they may avail themselves of the provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Act. The Board's announcement May 8 says:

The committee was appointed in accordance with recommendations made at a conference of representatives of fruit and vegetable co-operatives held with the Farm Board in January. Grower co-operatives, state colleges of agriculture and state horticultural societies of the different apple growing districts were invited to submit nomination. The membership of the committee follows:

Northeastern Section.

Howard P. Gilmore, Westboro, Mass., Nashoba Apple Packing Association.

Paul Judson, Kinderhook, N. Y.
M. C. Burritt, Hilton, N. Y., Western New York Fruit Growers' Co-operative Packing Association.

South Central Section.

Hon. Harry F. Byrd, Winchester, Va., large commercial grower.
Purcell McCue, Greenwood, Va., large grower—connected with a local semi-co-operative association.

D. Gold Miller, Gerardtown, W. Va., Inwood Fruit Growers Co-operative Association.

Chester J. Tyson, Gardners, Pa., large commercial grower.
Lester Collins, Moorestown, N. J., large commercial grower.

Central Section.

Dr. E. L. Beal, Republic, Mo., Republic Horticultural Association.
W. S. Perrine, Centralia, Ill., large commercial grower.
Forrest Steimle, Eau Claire, Mich., Eau Claire Farmers' Co-operative Association.

Western Section.

Victor C. Follenius, Hood River, Ore., Gen., Mgr., Hood River Apple Growers Association.

J. W. Hebert, Yakima, Wash., Gen. Mgr., Yakima Fruit Growers Association.

L. M. Tignor, Wenatchee, Wash., Pres., Wenatchee District Co-operative Association.

E. C. Merritt, Sebastopol, Calif., Mgr., Sebastopol Apple Growers Union.

The Apple Committee is not an Advisory Commodity Committee as provided for in the Agricultural Marketing Act, but rather a general committee to work with the Farm Board in the development of a national program for co-operative efforts among apple growers.

House Passes Measure to License Fruit Dealers—Bill Requires Federal Permit for Commission Merchants.

All commission merchants, brokers and dealers handling perishable fruits and vegetables would be required to obtain a Federal license under the terms of a bill passed by the House on May 14. This is learned from a Washington dispatch to the New York "Herald-Tribune," which added:

The bill was a substitute for a Senate measure sponsored by Senator William E. Borah, insurgent Republican, of Idaho. A provision which would have included handlers of eggs and live and dressed poultry, not included in the Senate bill, was stricken from the House bill before passage.

Supporters of the bill contended it would serve to eliminate handlers unfair to farmers by refusal of a license for unfair business practices. Farm organizations supported the measure, and it is estimated that approximately 40,000 commission merchants will be affected, providing the bill becomes law. The bill was passed on a viva voce vote after a motion to recommit it to the Committee on Agriculture was defeated, 223 to 64.

National Livestock Marketing Association Incorporated Under Delaware Laws.

The following is from the Chicago "Tribune" of May 13.

Incorporation of the \$1,000,000 National Livestock Marketing Association under Delaware law was announced yesterday by representatives of four co-operative marketing associations meeting here to perfect the organization sponsored last week by the Federal Farm Board.

E. A. Beamer, Blissfield, Mich., was named temporary President and Dr. O. O. Wolf, Kansas City, temporary Secretary, during formative sessions where Farm Board attorneys explained the provisions of the constitution and by-laws. C. G. Randall, livestock specialist of the Farm Board, represented the Board.

Chicago advices, May 6, regarding the organization of the Association are taken from the New York "Times."

The fourth national commodity marketing organization of the Federal Farm Board was approved by live stock producers in Chicago to-day. Steps taken during the day ironed out differences between existing co-operatives sufficiently that the \$1,000,000 corporation will be incorporated immediately, it was announced. Chairman Alexander Legge and Vice-Chairman James C. Stone of the Farm Board attended the meeting of representatives of 17 livestock co-operative marketing associations, Mr. Stone presiding during the morning sessions.

During the session two large farmer's livestock agencies withdrew from the meeting, declining to join the new corporation. They are the Farmers' Union and the Central Livestock Producers' Association.

The incorporating co-operatives signing up for stock are expected to handle about 52% of the co-operative live stock business. Incorporation will be made under Delaware laws this week. E. A. Beamer of Blissfield, Mich.; J. R. Fulkerson of St. Louis, and O. O. Wolf of Kansas City are the incorporating producers.

Livestock Co-operatives Name Advisory Commodity Committee.

The Federal Farm Board stated May 13 that it had been advised by the livestock co-operatives that they, on invitation of the Farm Board as provided by the Agricultural Marketing Act, have selected the following to be members of the Livestock Advisory Commodity Committee:

R. M. Gunn, Buckingham, Iowa, member board of directors, National Livestock and Meat Board, member Marketing Committee Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, and livestock feeder and breeder. T. C. Halley, Scottsbluff, Neb., lamb feeder. C. A. Ewing, Decatur, Ill., livestock feeder, and member of board of directors Chicago Producers Commission Association. H. L. Kokernot, San Antonio, Texas, cattle ranchman; President, Texas Livestock Marketing Association, and member executive committee American National Livestock Association. Thomas E. Wilson, Chicago, Ill., President, Wilson & Co.; Vice-Chairman, National Livestock and Meat Board, and Chairman, American Institute of Meat Packers Committee to confer with livestock producers. R. M. Hagen, San Francisco, Calif., managing director, Western Cattle Marketing Association and Secretary, California Cattlemen's Association.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Hagen were certified as "processors or handlers." The seventh member of the committee will be selected later. The committee held its first meeting in Chicago on May 14.

Real Estate Financing Reported as Over Billion Dollars Year By T. F. Clark of Mortgage Bankers' Association.

More than a billion dollars a year—without pause through the past three-year period—is the record of real estate financing reported by Thomas F. Clark, Director of the Mortgage Bankers' Association of America, in an interview at the annual meeting of the United States Chamber of Commerce, held in Washington the first week in May. Mr. Clark said:

"Such colossal figures, based upon a country-wide survey just made among members of the Mortgage Bankers' Association come as a surprise to the man on the street who has attributed lessened real estate and building activity to a curtailment of loans by mortgage bankers. Due to the fact that the survey was confined to the conservative institutions that have qualified under the strict membership standards of the Association, we can infer from the figures that companies of this type have regularly supplied mortgage money for sound projects even during this last three-year period when real estate activity as a whole has been at a low ebb. Forty per cent. of the reporting members actually showed an increased business in 1929 over 1928."

Two hundred leading members of the Association, located in practically every State of the Union, submitted figures in the survey showing sales of mortgages and bonds secured by city real estate to the extent of 676 millions in 1927, 727 millions in 1928, and 691 millions in 1929. An estimate of from a billion to a billion and a half dollars annual volume could be assumed on the basis of a full report from all of the Association's members. Building and loan associations, private investors, insurance companies, trust companies and savings banks negotiating directly with borrowers, rather than through mortgage bankers, are not included in the survey. Mr. Clark further observed:

"It must be remembered that in the last two or three years we have seen the gradual withdrawal or failure of many so-called 'high-pressure' real estate security houses whose loans were, through intention or lack of experience, made along speculative lines. As such houses are gradually being eliminated from the field it is only natural that builders and developers should feel the shortage of funds from those sources.

"While one section of the general public is bewailing the supposed 'tightness' of mortgage money another section is bound to feel satisfaction over the present conservative trend of mortgage banking, and in the knowledge developed by these statistics, that sound mortgage institutions are furnishing an uninterrupted service to borrowers and investors.

"Judging from the figures shown, high grade real estate securities are still being sold and being accorded their rightful honored place in the investment field. Such securities must not be made the tool of the wildcat promoter—the speculator unwilling to risk his own funds. Level-headed home-owners, realtors and builders who are more concerned with sound development than temporary profits will find mortgage funds as plentiful as ever in 1930."

Sixty members making farm loans in all of the principal agricultural States were shown to have varied their annual volume less than 3% over the three-year period. Total farm mortgages sold were 84 millions in 1927, 86 millions in 1928, and 87 millions in 1929. A full report from all members making such loans would probably show an annual total of between 100 millions and 150 millions. The survey did not include Federal and Joint Stock Land Banks, nor private investors, insurance companies, trust companies and savings banks negotiating directly with borrowers.

New Rules Adopted by New York Stock Exchange Governing Customers' Men—Experience Required and Employment in Any Other Capacity Restricted.

The rules governing Customers' men, adopted May 7 by the Committee on Quotations and Commissions of the New York Stock Exchange were made public on May 12, the date when they became effective. In an item in our issue of May 10, page 3282, with respect to the report adopted May 7 limiting the powers of customers' men, it was noted that the latter are 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 powers over their accounts. The new rules, according to the "Journal of Commerce" are in furtherance of the efforts to eliminate undesirable conditions respecting the indiscriminate employment of customers' men by members of the Exchange. Secretary Green of the Exchange makes known the new rules as follows:

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Committee on Quotations and Commissions.
Supplementary Rules Governing Customers' Men.
Adopted May 7 1930.

1. *Customers' Men.*—The term "customers' men" shall be construed to include all employees who are regularly engaged in the solicitation of marginal business or the handling of customers' accounts, or who advise with customers about the purchase and sale of securities. All branch office managers, and also securities salesmen who more than occasionally advise customers in regard to the purchase and sale of securities on margin, or who handle marginal accounts, shall be considered as customers' men.

2. *Questionnaire to Be Executed by Customers' Men.*—Every applicant for employment as a customers' man, and all individuals at present so employed, must fill out a questionnaire in the form prescribed by the Committee on Quotations and Commissions.

3. *Experience of Customers' Men.*—Individuals without previous experience in the brokerage or financial business will not be approved for employment as customers' men. They may be employed, however, as clerks or in some such capacity at a salary commensurate with the position occupied in order to gain some experience and knowledge of the business, for from three to six months as the Committee may determine, as far as possible in the main office of the applying member. At the expiration of that time the Committee on Quotations and Commissions may approve them as customers' men, after giving consideration to their training and qualifications.

4. *Salaries of Customers' Men.*—When customers' men are employed by members, their salaries shall not be changed within six months after the date of their employment, and any subsequent changes in their salaries may not be permitted more frequently than every six months.

5. *Bonuses.*—The payment of bonuses at any time which adjust the compensation of customers' men may be considered by the Committee on Quotations and Commissions as a violation of Article XX of the Constitution. Members may adopt profit-sharing plans providing for proportionate participation in a fixed percentage of the profits by all employees based on salary and length of service, etc. This plan may be varied according to groups of employees, but not to fluctuate with individuals—all plans to be subject to the approval of the committee on Quotations and Commissions.

6. *Discretionary Accounts.*—Customers' men and all other employees are prohibited from handling discretionary accounts. Discretionary power in the handling of an account may be vested only in partners. A partner may delegate such discretionary power to a customers' man to a reasonable extent, provided the consent of the customer in writing is first obtained. Such delegation of discretionary power by a partner to a customers' man does not relieve the partner of responsibility.

7. *Customers' Men to Have No Other Employment.*—No customers' man, nor any other employee of a member, will be permitted to be employed by any other firm or individual, or to serve as an officer of a corporation without the prior written approval of the Committee on Quotations and Commissions.

8. Nothing contained in the foregoing rules shall be construed as superseding or modifying any of the provisions contained in the Constitution and the rules adopted by the Governing Committee, especially as contained in Chapter XVI of the Rules.

ASHBEL GREEN, Secretary.

Mr. Green, in a notice to members calling attention to the above rules, says:

With reference to paragraph No. 2, members are directed to make written application to the Committee on Quotations and Commissions for the number of questionnaires they will require.

Ruling of New York Stock Exchange Requires Collection of Buying and Selling Commission at Time Transfer Is Made of Securities Involving Change in Ownership.

The following notice has been issued to members of the New York Stock Exchange by Ashbel Green, Secretary of the Exchange:

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.
Committee on Quotations and Commissions.

May 10 1930.

To the Members of the Exchange:

I am directed to inform you that inasmuch as the Constitution of the Exchange provides that in any transaction in securities listed on this Exchange in which a change of ownership is involved, a buying and selling commission must be charged together with the necessary transfer tax, the Committee on Quotations and Commissions has ruled that such commissions must be charged and collected when listed securities are transferred from one customer to another customer of the same firm, or a change of ownership is otherwise effected.

ASHBEL GREEN, Secretary.

Richard Whitney Elected President of New York Stock Exchange—Allen L. Lindley Elected Vice-President—Other Officials Elected.

Richard Whitney was elected President of the New York Stock Exchange on May 12, succeeding E. H. H. Simmons, who retires from the presidency after a term of six consecutive years as head of the Exchange. Mr. Whitney, who is head of the firm of Richard Whitney & Co., had been Vice-President of the Exchange for the past two years. Mr. Simmons will continue as a Governor of the Exchange, having been elected May 12 to the Governing Committee for the term of four years.

Other officers of the Exchange elected May 12 were:

Warren B. Nash, Treasurer, for the term of one year.
James C. Auchincloss, Edward E. Bartlett Jr., Oliver C. Billings, Arthur F. Broderick, Jay F. Carlisle, George U. Harris, L. Martin Richmond, Charles S. Sargent, and Herbert G. Wellington, as members of the Governing Committee for the term of four years.

Raymond Sprague as a member of the Governing Committee for the term of two years.

Andrew Varick Stout Jr. and Robert W. Keelps as members of the Governing Committee for the term of one year.

Allen L. Lindley and E. H. H. Simmons were elected trustees of the Gratuity Fund for five and four years, respectively.

None of the candidates were opposed in the election. There were 596 ballots cast.

On May 13 Allen L. Lindley was elected Vice-President of the Stock Exchange at the organization meeting of the Governing Committee of the Exchange.

Mr. Lindley's first business association was with the Stock Exchange firm of Post & Flagg. He later became associated with the firm of Henderson, Lindley & Co., of which his father was a member. On Oct. 9 1902 Mr. Lindley pur-

chased a membership in the Stock Exchange, becoming a partner in the firm of Henderson, Lindley & Co. The name of this firm was changed to Lindley & Co. on July 29 1907. Mr. Lindley was elected a member of the Governing Committee of the Exchange in Dec. 1916, resigning in Oct. 1917 to join the Reserve Officers Training School where he was commissioned Captain and assigned to the 77th Division, the first combat unit of the National Army to set foot on French soil. He served over-seas as a Captain in the 308th Infantry returning in May 1918 with the commission of Major, attached to the same division. Following his return he was re-elected a Governor of the Exchange on July 2 1919.

Mr. Lindley has served on several standing committees of the Exchange, including the Committees of Admissions, Arbitration and Business Conduct. He was for several years a member of the Board of Trustees and of the Executive Committee of the New York Stock Exchange Building Company, and is a Trustee of the Stock Exchange Gratuity Fund. Mr. Lindley's grandfather, Cyrus W. Field, laid the first trans-Atlantic cable in 1866. His father, D. A. Lindley, was a member and a Governor of the Stock Exchange for many years, and his son, Daniel A. Lindley, Jr., has been a member since March 1 1929, making the third generation of the family to be represented in the membership of the Exchange.

New York Stock Exchange Issues Questionnaire Calling for Information as to Dealings by Members in Common Stocks of Celotex Co. and Manhattan Electrical Supply Co.

With regard to questionnaires issued this week by the New York Stock Exchange seeking information as to dealings by members in the common stocks of the Celotex Co. and the Manhattan Electrical Supply Co., the "Journal of Commerce" of May 15 said:

Steps to ascertain the facts behind the recent spectacular actions of the stock of the Celotex Co. and of the Manhattan Electric Supply Co., Inc., were taken yesterday by the Committee on Business Conduct of the New York Stock Exchange. This is the first inquiry made by the Exchange since the attempts to trace short sellers in last fall's break in the market.

The stock of the Manhattan company had risen steadily some 25 points to about 53 as a result, according to reports, of concentrated action by a pool operating in the issue. The stock failed to appear on the tape for almost a week, and when it did broke sharply to 14, a loss of 29 points. Celotex common stock broke suddenly from 43 to 20 on reports of an application for a receivership. The managements of both companies have issued statements, indicating that the positions of the companies did not warrant any such liquidation as had occurred.

Follows Legal Check.

The inquiry of the Stock Exchange seeks all details of transactions in both issues since May 7. Orders and actual purchases or sales, together with the names of the principals, are to be submitted to the committee by noon to-day in the Celotex incident, and by noon next Wednesday on dealing in the stock of the Manhattan company. This investigation closely follows announcements that the Deputy Attorney's office was making inquiries into the Manhattan company situation with a view to finding whether there were any illegal actions involved in the transactions in the stock.

The following is the information called for by the Exchange:

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE Office of the Secretary.

Ashbel Green, Secretary.

May 13 1930.

To Members of The Exchange:

The Committee on Business Conduct directs me to ask you to please supply it with the following information in regard to the securities named below, excluding odd lot positions, orders and transactions:

The Celotex Company Common Stock.

1. The long or short position of each person interested in this stock through your office at the close of business on Tuesday, May 6 1930.
2. A statement of all borrowings, and of whom, and of all loans, and to whom, outstanding in this stock at the same time.
3. A list of your open orders in this stock, and for whom, at the same time.
4. A list of all orders in this stock entered by you on Wednesday, May 7 1930, at what time, and for whom.
5. A list of all transactions had by you on May 7 1930, giving the volume, the prices, the names of the members or firms with whom the transactions were made and of the persons for whom you acted.

Manhattan Electrical Supply Co., Inc., Common Stock.

1. A list of all transactions had by you between March 1 and May 7 1930, inclusive, giving the volume, the prices, the names of the members or firms with whom the transactions were made and of the persons for whom you acted. Kindly use trade dates and not blotter dates.
2. A statement of all borrowings, and of whom, and of all loans, and to whom, outstanding in this stock at the close of business on each day during this period.
3. The long and short position of each person interested in the stock at the close of business on each day during this period.

The committee desires the information regarding the Celotex Co. common stock submitted to it at Room 609 by noon on Thursday, May 15 1930, and that concerning the Manhattan Electrical Supply Co., Inc. common stock at the same hour on Wednesday, May 21 1930.

Respectfully yours,

ASHBEL GREEN, Secretary.

An investigation into the market situation of the Celotex Co. by the New York Deputy Attorney-General was referred to in our issue of May 10, page 3284.

With regard to the receivership proceedings, a dispatch yesterday (May 16) from Wilmington, Del., to the New York "Evening Post" said:

The application of David Adler for a receiver pendente lite for the Celotex Co., which caused a sensational decline in Celotex common shares on the New York Stock Exchange a week ago, was dismissed to-day in Chancery Court.

The motion for dismissal was made by counsel for Adler over the protest of counsel for the Celotex Co., S. Randolph Hicks, who contended the action had been filed for ulterior purposes. Celotex he said, was anxious for an immediate hearing on the application.

Mr. Hicks declared that the 50 shares of stock owned by Adler were transferred to him from another party some time after March 20 and that the information upon which the receivership action is founded was contained in a financial report made available to stockholders on Feb. 3. The Chancellor said that under the rules of the court he could do nothing other than grant the motion for dismissal of the application.

The chancellor said whether the bill was filled with an ulterior design and to alter the market in the stock, he did not know. He added he read the papers and he knew stockholders had been hurt by the decline in the stock.

After the motion was granted, the chancellor asked both sides to agree on a date for a hearing on the application for a permanent receiver. Celotex said it was ready for an immediate hearing, but would agree on an early date fixed by Adler. The chancellor said that if counsel did not agree he would entertain a motion for the expediting of the case. Adler was to have filed affidavits May 14 supporting his application for a temporary receiver, but failed to do so.

Real Estate Exchange Reported as Meeting Public Demand For Barometer on This Type of Securities.

"The increasing interest of the investing public in real estate securities during the last few years, and the large scale building developments which have taken the place of small property transactions, have created the definite need for a ready market for the buying and selling of this type of security," a review in booklet form, issued by the New York Real Estate Securities Exchange, states. The economic reasons which have brought about the need for an established, permanent market for real estate securities—the organization of the Real Estate Securities Exchange—its purpose, operation, structure, and services are outlined in this survey. The Exchange is seen as meeting the very definite demand of the public for a barometer to establish just what the prices and yields of American real estate securities should be. The point is stressed that the Exchange is organized, operated and financed upon a basis of permanence and now includes in its operations real estate securities based upon real estate located in every section of the country. Under the heading "The World's First," the review comments as follows:

"More than a decade ago some of the leading minds in the real estate world were working on the problems surrounding real estate securities. Here, from the viewpoint of the investing public, was a sound investment. Yet it had no active market. It had no stabilized collateral value. It lacked the liquidity which every investor desires for his investments. What could be done to give investors in real estate securities the same facilities for buying and selling and the liquidity that is enjoyed by other types of securities listed on established exchanges? What could be done to assist in the distribution of sound real estate securities upon a more economical basis so that future issues be marketed with greater ease?"

"The answer to these questions was found in the inauguration of the world's first Real Estate Securities Exchange on Dec. 16 1929.

"To-day, for the first time in the history of the world, here is an authoritative public source of information as to the character of real estate securities. Here is an established place in which investors may buy and sell with confidence. Here is a market in which prices are established and real estate securities are made more acceptable to banks for collateral on a no less favorable basis than other high-class securities. And, of inestimable value to both investor and operator, the ten billion dollars of real estate securities sold annually may here be made as liquid as the most marketable securities."

W. D. Gradison Elected President of Cincinnati Stock Exchange.

Willis D. Gradison, of W. D. Gradison and Company, was elected President of the Cincinnati Stock Exchange at a meeting of the Board of Trustees May 12. We quote from the Cincinnati "Enquirer" which said:

Mr. Gradison succeeds L. R. Ballinger, whose term as President and member of the Board of Trustees has expired. Mr. Gradison was formerly Vice-President of the Exchange. He is one of the younger members of the Exchange.

George W. Beiser, of the Weil, Roth and Irving Company, was chosen to fill the vacancy on the Board at the annual election preceding the Board meeting. Mr. Beiser, the floor trader for his firm, has been Treasurer of the company for 20 years. He is a member of the Cincinnati Chapter, American Institute of Banking.

Other officers elected at the meeting of the Board were John L. Barth, Vice-President; Joseph B. Reynolds, Treasurer, and Richard Seving, re-elected Secretary.

Creditors of Mandeville, Brooks & Chaffee (Providence, R. I.), Accept Composition Offer—M-B-C Corporation Formed to Carry on the Firm's Business.

Incident to the affairs of the failed brokerage firm of Mandeville, Brooks & Chaffee of Providence, R. I., the suspension of which on Nov. 18, 1929, was noted in our issue of Nov. 23, page 3252, unanimous approval of an offer of composition presented to the creditors on April 25 by the firm, was announced by United States Referee in

Bankruptcy, George J. Sheehan in the Federal Court, Providence, R. I., on May 8, according to the Providence "Journal" of May 9, from which we quote further as follows:

The announcement, which was made before an official tabulation of the number of acceptances and the amount of funds involved, came after a hearing on the composition offer, which was given over principally to examination of claims and acceptances.

Referee Sheehan stated that an application will be filed shortly in Federal Court for confirmation of the approval, after which a date will be set for hearing upon the confirmation.

The M-B-C Corporation, which under the plan of composition will take over the assets and business of Mandeville, Brooks & Chaffee, will begin business operations as soon as possible after confirmation has been obtained from the Federal Court, according to Alexander Hindmarsh, partner of the brokerage firm. He said that not only was the company legally bound to open its offices as soon as the composition plan becomes operative, but that members of the firm were desirous of an early reopening.

Acceptance of the composition offer, as determined by Referee Sheehan yesterday, not only means that the plan will become operative upon Federal Court confirmation, but that the duties of the Federal receiver who was appointed Wednesday (May 7) will terminate following such confirmation.

Yesterday's hearing before Referee Sheehan followed entry of a decree in Superior Court by Judge Hugh B. Baker allowing the three State receivers, Frank H. Swan, Patrick H. Quinn and Everett L. Walling, \$22,500 each for their service since December 19, 1930.

The same decree awarded counsel fees as follows: Herbert M. Sherwood, \$17,500; Daniel H. Morrissey, \$7,500; Greenough, Lyman & Cross, \$5,000 and Alfred G. Chaffee, \$5,000. The three State receivers reported to the Superior Court that they had delivered assets of the firm to John H. Slattery, the newly appointed Federal receiver.

The hearing before Referee Sheehan opened with a statement by Ernest A. Berg, auditor, of a list of assets and liabilities of the brokerage firm based upon market values of securities held November 18, 1929; Mr. Berg placed total assets, as of that date, at \$4,030,552.32 and net total liabilities at \$3,357,896.66, leaving an equity of \$672,655.66.

Questioned by Isadore S. Horenstein of counsel for certain creditors Mr. Berg said that he could give no idea of the present market value of the securities held by the brokerage concern, but added that there probably had been an increase of from \$250,000 to \$300,000 in total values.

A short recess was taken at this point for examination of the statement of assets and liabilities and also for an examination of the acceptances of the brokerage firm's offer of composition to its creditors.

Following the recess, announcement was made regarding the acceptance of the composition plan by creditors and the partners of the brokerage firm were asked to take oath as to the correctness of assets and liabilities as previously listed.

The hearing was attended by a large number of creditors.

In its issue of May 8 the Providence "Journal" stated that John H. Slattery of the Providence law firm of McGovern & Slattery the previous day was appointed Federal receiver for the failed brokerage house by United States Referee in Bankruptcy George J. Sheehan. Announcement of the passing of the jurisdiction of the case from State to Federal hands was made by Mr. Sheehan after a conference with attorneys representing the Mandeville creditors. The "Journal" furthermore said in part:

A decree winding up the State court receivership will be entered in Superior Court this morning. Herbert M. Sherwood of Sherwood, Helzten & Clifford, counsel for the three receivers, Frank H. Swan, Everett L. Walling and Patrick H. Quinn, was in conference with Judge Baker last evening until nearly 5:30 o'clock. Mr. Sherwood said the decree providing for the removal of the assets of the firm from the State to the Federal court will be entered this morning, prior to the hearing on the composition offer in the Federal court.

Appointment of a Federal receiver will not in any way hinder a judgment on the amended plan of composition of creditors' claims presented by the firm to the Referee in Bankruptcy on April 25, according to Mr. Sheehan, who added that the duties of the Federal receiver would not terminate at least until confirmation of the offer of composition.

Market Value of Shares Listed on New York Stock Exchange \$75,304,607,812 May 1, Compared with \$76,075,447,459 on April 1—Classification of Listed Stocks.

As of May 1 1930 there were 1,322 stock issues, aggregating 1,199,303,428 shares, listed on the New York Stock Exchange, with a total market value of \$75,304,607,812. This compares with 1,316 stock issues aggregating 1,178,736,324 shares listed April 1 on the New York Stock Exchange, with a total market value of \$76,075,447,459. In making public the May figures the Exchange said:

As of May 1 1930 New York Stock Exchange member borrowings on security collateral amounted to \$5,063,131,359. The ratio of security loans to market values of all listed stocks on this date was therefore 6.72%.

As of April 1 1930 New York Stock Exchange member borrowings on security collateral amounted to \$4,656,302,339. The ratio of security loans to market values of all listed stocks on that date was 6.12%. In the following table, covering the nine months, listed stocks are classified by leading industrial groups, with the aggregate market value and average share price for each. It will be seen that the market value of these listed stocks on Sept. 1 was \$89,668,276,854 as compared with \$75,304,607,812.

Table with 12 columns: Industry, May 1 1930 (Market Value, Ave. Price), April 1 1930 (Market Value, Ave. Price), March 1 1930 (Market Value, Ave. Price), Feb. 1 1930 (Market Value, Ave. Price), Jan. 2 1930 (Market Value, Ave. Price), Dec. 2 1929 (Market Value, Ave. Price), Nov. 1 1929 (Market Value, Ave. Price), Oct. 1 1929 (Market Value, Ave. Price), Sept. 1 1929 (Market Value, Ave. Price).

Temporary Injunction Issued Against General Industrial Bancshares Corp.

An order temporarily restraining the General Industrial Bancshares Corp. of 67 Wall St., this city, and three of its officers from dealing in securities, was issued by Justice Mitchell May in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, on May 10. The order was given on motion of Mackey Rackow a Deputy Attorney General attached to the Bureau of Statistics, and is returnable on May 20. The officers of the corporation enjoined were Julius H. Reiter, of the Pickwick Hotel, Greenwich, Conn., listed as Manager; Herbert Boyce, 143 West 96th St., New York, Treas., and Bertha Jacobs, 3456 73rd St., Jackson Heights, Queens, Asst. Sec. The New York "Herald Tribune" of May 11, from which the above information has been obtained, went on to say:

In addressing the court, Mr. Rackow accused the firm of bucketing and "falsely representing itself as an investment trust." He declared that under these representations \$307,000 worth of stock was sold to the public, chiefly to subscribers of small means.

He also charged that the firm, in addition to selling its own stock, ran a department for purchase of securities on a part payment plan and, he said, in the majority of instances they merely sold these stocks short.

The General Industrial Bancshares Co. was incorporated in Maryland with 350,000 shares of class A stock and 150,000 shares of class B stock, of no par value. The class A stock was sold under the representation that the corporation was an investment trust "dealing in stocks of well established, reliable corporations, as well as government, state and municipal bonds, shares of banks, trust companies, insurance companies and railroads," said Mr. Rackow. This stock was sold from \$18.50 to \$21.50 a share, with commissions ranging from \$1 to \$3 a share, he added.

In an examination of the company's books, said the attorney, it was revealed that the company owned no stocks of this caliber and that it held only low priced stocks, such as Ford of England, and these were on margin.

"Bulk of the corporation's funds was used in their partial payment department," declared Mr. Rackow yesterday. "In reality, this was nothing but a bucketshop. They also maintained their own stock would be listed on an exchange in New York City when, in reality, no preparations for such a course had been made. There was no market for their stock but, when some of their customers became irate, they would loan money against the shares to pacify these objectors.

"In this department they sold low-priced securities on the partial payment plan but the prices charged usually exceeded the market value from \$1 to \$3. The customer paid a deposit of 25% and weekly or monthly payment thereafter.

"If he defaulted in payments, he was closed out at the market price and charged 6% on the unpaid balance. He often lost his deposit and what-over payments had been made."

Officers of the corporation could not be reached yesterday for a statement. The corporation has a bank account at the Empire Trust Co. and, it was said at the Bureau of Securities, margin accounts with two brokerage houses with memberships on the New York Stock Exchange.

The order of Judge May is said to have tied up approximately \$50,000 of the company's funds.

Kempner Bros., Chicago, Temporarily Suspended From Chicago Stock and Curb Exchanges—Action of the Father, Adolph Kempner.

In addition to being suspended from the Chicago Stock Exchange for a period of five days last week, as indicated in our issue of May 10, page 3284, the brokerage firm of Kempner Bros., was also suspended from the Chicago Curb Exchange for a period of ten days, according to the following contained in a dispatch from Chicago on May 9 to the New York "Times":

Chicago financial circles turned today from cold and unsentimental figures and percentages to tell how Adolph Kempner, president of the Chicago Curb Exchange, played the role of the Spartan father in compelling the temporary suspension of the brokerage firm of Kempner Brothers, owned by his sons, Ralph and Gene.

When the firm, with which he had no business connection, appeared in shaky condition early this week, the elder Kempner summoned a conference of the Curb business conduct committee. A decision reached, Mr. Kempner called his son Ralph, who was on the Curb floor, and informed him he had been suspended for ten days.

Mr. Kempner next telephoned to his other son, Gene, who was on the Stock Exchange floor. He ordered Gene to go at once to the business conduct committee of the Exchange and report his firm's financial condition. Gene did so, and the Exchange imposed a five-day suspension.

W. H. Young & Bros., Inc., (St. Louis) Failure—Audit Shows Losses to Creditors and Stockholders Will Exceed \$2,000,000

The following summary of the audit of the bankrupt firm of W. H. Young & Co., Inc., of St. Louis, which failed the latter part of March 1930, appeared in the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" of May 10:

Certified accountants from Price, Waterhouse & Co. found that \$1,703,350 of the now valueless stock of W. H. Young & Bros., Inc., and its subsidiaries is held by the public of Missouri and other states. They also report:

Losses to creditors and stockholders will aggregate more than \$2,000,000, the exact amount not being determinable before claims are presented.

Money for the huge drawing account of officials, to cover losses in operation, and meet other expense was derived almost entirely from the sale of preferred stock of W. H. Young & Bros., Inc., and stocks and notes of subsidiaries; from cash received to pay for securities which were never delivered to the purchaser, from sale of securities

deposited as collateral on loans, and from sale of customers' securities, the proceeds of which were not accounted for to the customers.

Accountants found the records were so incomplete and confused it was impossible to determine the condition of the company.

Many of the accounts receivable can never be collected.

The books showed W. H. Young & Bros. owed H. J. Kattelman Company, a brokerage house in the Central National Bank Building, \$134,801.20, while that company's books shows the liability to be only \$27,316.30.

H. J. Kattelman, head of the Kattelman Company, which, according to the audit, has a credit balance of \$134,023.74 with Youngs, said last night he did not care to make any statement without consulting his own records. He said his records showed the Youngs owed his company something like \$30,000.

"I have no idea how the Youngs kept their books," Kattelman said. "I cannot explain the item showing they owe me \$134,000. We had an open brokerage account with the Youngs, and they cleared securities through us just as many other brokerage firms did."

The books showed \$45,258.76 due from officers of W. H. Young & Bros. when the failure occurred.

The company's own books showed a deficit of \$205,455.07 on March 22, 1930. That was just two days before the company failed and only a few days after it sought the registration of its preferred stock by notification.

The failure of this firm was noted in the "Chronicle" of March 29, page 2126 and our last reference to its affairs appeared in our issue of April 12, page 2511.

George W. Egbert Appointed New York State Deputy Superintendent of Banks—Additional Deputies Named in Accordance with New Law.

The appointment of George W. Egbert as Deputy Superintendent of Banks, effective May 1, was announced by the New York State Banking Department April 30. At the same time J. A. Broderick, Superintendent of Banks, stated:

Mr. Egbert has been connected with the State Banking Department since 1910 serving in various important capacities, and since 1924 has been the chief examiner of the department. He will be in charge of the general administration work of the New York office, have supervision of all examination work and continue his present duties as chief examiner.

Under the recent law, the department is to have five deputies, the numerical designation being discontinued. For your information, the official staff of the department is as follows:

New York Office, 51 Chambers Street.		
Deputy Superintendents—	Division—	
George W. Egbert	General administration and supervision of examination work.	
August Ihlefeld Jr.	Investigations, investments and small loan companies.	
Reginald W. Pawling	Bank relations and reports.	
Opinion Clerk—		
James T. Hennehan	Law and opinion	
Albany Office.		
Deputy Superintendant—	Administration	
George A. Coleman	Senior Examiners.	
New York District:		
H. S. Andrews	G. M. Aldrich	S. I. Chittenden
F. G. Crane	L. H. Geser	E. W. Irving
J. S. Love	C. E. Nathaway	F. W. Piderit
Rochester District:		
J. H. Zweeres, examiner in charge, 149 Milton St., Rochester, N. Y.		
Buffalo District:		
E. J. Bangert, examiner in charge, 35 Woodette Place, Buffalo, N. Y.		
Syracuse District:		
H. J. Young, examiner in charge, 203 W. Beard Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.		
Albany District:		
W. D. Navin, examiner in charge, 1052 Waverly Place, Schenectady, N. Y.		

Findings of Committee Which Investigated Mississippi Banking Department—Work of Department Held Constructive.

Jackson (Miss.) advices May 13 to the "United States Daily" state:

The committee, appointed by the Mississippi House of Representatives to investigate the State Banking Department, has reported that their inquiry "did not disclose any fraud, corruption or wrongdoing on the part of the State Banking Department or its Superintendent, Mr. J. S. Love." Viewing the matter as a whole, the committee continues, "in our opinion, the work of the department has been constructive."

More rigid examinations were urged by the committee, and strict compliance with the law which requires that each bank be examined at least twice a year.

Reporting on the method of selection of the Banking Superintendent, the committee stated that there had been criticism of the banks being permitted to select the person who is to supervise and regulate them. Under present law, it was added, "the qualifications of the Superintendent are such that only a first-class bank executive can hold the office." The committee made the recommendation that after the expiration of the term of office of the present incumbent, "the executive committee of the Mississippi Bankers Association submit a list of five names, from which the Governor, Secretary of State and the Auditor select the Superintendent."

State Banking Head Indicted in Kentucky—Accused of Failing to Take Effective Action in Insolvencies.

According to Associated Press advices from Frankfort, Ky., O. S. Denny, State Banking Commissioner of Kentucky, was on April 25 indicted by the Franklin County Grand Jury on two counts of "failure to take charge of a bank promptly and effectively after having knowledge of the bank's insolvency or unsafe condition." These advices appeared in the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat," which further said:

The indictments resulted from his action in connection with the Hargis State Bank at Jackson and the Grayson County Bank at Leitchfield, which recently failed.

Denny, who is a Republican, is from Marion, Ky., and was appointed State Banking Commissioner in 1928 by Governor Flem D. Sampson. The indictment was the sixth brought against State officials or former officials in the last two years in a series of Grand Jury investigations of charges of criminal offense. Governor Sampson was indicted last summer on charges of accepting gifts of sample text-books from publishers. He was cleared on instructions from the presiding judge. The others were acquitted or charges dropped, save for James A. Wallace, former Treasurer, charged with altering primary returns, who will be tried May 5.

G. E. Roberts of National City Bank Tells City College Audience Business Declines Are Inevitable—Sees Gains in Corrections—"Delusive" to Curb Repression—Reduction of Hours of Labor Fallacy.

Business depression and business booms merely reflect the instability inherent in human nature, and the theory that industry and trade may be so regulated as to do away with them is a delusive idea, George E. Roberts, Vice-President of the National City Bank, said in a talk on May 15 before the College of the City of New York on "Business Cycles." The New York "Times" in indicating this, added:

Mr. Roberts quoted authorities to the effect that there have been in the United States since 1800 fifteen crisis years, no two precisely alike, yet all marked by an indefinite resemblance indicating that they are a more or less inevitable feature of business life.

"It is characteristic of good times," said Mr. Roberts, "that a great body of indebtedness is created to be paid in the future. The expenditure of these capital sums is one of the factors of good times, but if the investments prove unprofitable the pace of expenditures cannot be maintained and reaction follows.

"A boom period commits errors which have to be corrected and paid for and the period of recession that follows is a period of readjustment and reorganization. This country is passing through that process at the present time.

"It is not at all certain that if all the irregularities of industry and business were smoothed out and all uncertainties were removed, that we would be, on the whole, any better off or any happier. There is reason to believe that there are gains not only from periods of elation when all energies are turned loose and tend to run wild, but also from corrective periods.

"The changes that are incidental to progress and whatever temporary costs they involve must be accepted for the benefits that result, and since the benefits are shared by all, all should be prepared to share their part of the risks and costs as an unavoidable charge."

Reduction of working hours so that labor may be distributed among more people is a fallacious idea, Mr. Roberts declared, and he maintained that the theory that people need more leisure to find ways of spending their income likewise is false, because the growth of instalment selling indicates that the opportunities for spending are well ahead of the average income.

Representative Sabath Urges Action to Stop Short Selling of Securities—Stock Speculators Declared to Be Responsible for Failure of Efforts to Revive Business.

Representative Sabath (Dem.), of Chicago, in a speech in the House May 6, advocating enactment of a bill (H. R. 12171) he has introduced to prohibit short selling on stock exchanges, said the country is looking to Congress to prevent future manipulations of that character. Advice to this effect appeared in the *United States Daily* of May 8, which went on to say—

The House took no action, the Illinois Member being granted permission to extend and revise his remarks in the Congressional Record. The speech was made under the latitude of general debate on the legislative appropriation bill (H. R. 11965).

Formerly Sought Tax Levy

"Some months ago," Mr. Sabath told the House, "I introduced in the House a bill placing a tax of 5% on all short sales on the stock exchanges. Failing to secure consideration, I again yesterday introduced a bill (H. R. 12171) prohibiting short selling on stock exchanges.

"I am of the opinion that it is manifestly unjustifiable for us and for the Nation to permit a few gamblers, safety gamblers, to bring destruction to the business of the Nation. No one who is familiar with conditions and knows anything about the present situation, can deny the fact that the short selling on the stock exchange brought about the damage created by the crash last November, because within a few days after the stock exchange sent word to its members to temporarily desist, conditions improved.

"Now, again, the gamblers, feeling themselves secure and when the country has started rehabilitating itself and with conditions righting themselves, within the last few days, have again started a crusade, undoing all the good that honest financiers and honest business men of the Nation have tried to bring about.

Termed Unjustifiable Gambling

"I feel that it is the duty of the House to see that short selling, this unjustifiable gambling, should cease. We have it in our power to bring this about.

"Are we going to be courageous enough to legislate against the few gamblers in the interest of the Nation, to bring about prosperity and confidence in the Nation, or are the gamblers powerful enough to stop any action on our part?

"The country is looking to the House for action. I feel that legislation should be enacted which will preclude or prevent in the future these unjustifiable, yes, criminal manipulations on the part of a few men against the interests of the entire Nation."

The text of the Sabath bill was given in our issue of May 10, page 3288.

Bankers Acceptances Decline \$125,568,520 in Month—Total Volume Now \$1,413,717,278, Reduction of 18% Since Jan. 1.

The volume of outstanding bankers acceptances, which has been declining since the first of January, reached a new low for the year of \$1,413,717,278 on April 30, according to the American Acceptance Council in its survey report released May 15. The reduction for the month of April was \$125,568,520 or only about 8%, which was considerably less than had been anticipated in some quarters where the scarcity of bills seemed to indicate a record reduction.

Robert H. Bean, Executive Secretary of the American Acceptance Council, in reviewing the month's developments, further comments as follows:

Since Dec. 31 the volume of dollar acceptances has declined \$318,719,000 or 18% against a reduction of 13 1/2% for the same period a year ago. The present volume of bills is, however, \$302,875,796 in excess of the total outstanding on April 30 1929.

There is much satisfaction in such a substantial and orderly retirement of domestic and foreign trade indebtedness in this quarter of the year. This is the pay season for acceptance credits and the extent to which the obligations of four or six months ago are met by the liquidation of the credits at this time shows the care with which these credits have been selected and is furthermore an indication of the clean, self-liquidating character of the bankers acceptance. It is certain that in another two months a strong demand will again appear as new crop financing is announced and the seasonal upward swing in volume will then continue through the fall and early winter.

On the basis of the present total of retired bills per month it is not now expected that the low volume for the year will be below \$1,250,000,000, which would be a very satisfactory amount with which to begin a new season.

The current survey of the Council shows the volume created for the purpose of financing goods stored abroad or shipped between foreign countries, to be greater than for any of the other purposes, taking up 31% of the total outstanding volume of bills.

This type of acceptance fell off \$24,000,000 in the month, imports went off \$18,000,000, exports went off \$36,000,000, while domestic warehouse credits declined \$48,000,000. Since Jan. 1 more than \$114,000,000 of warehouse acceptance credits have been liquidated.

As in the previous month, the greatest reduction was in the New York Federal Reserve District, which total dropped \$91,000,000 from \$1,121,000,000 at the end of March to \$1,030,000,000 on April 30. This is a reduction of \$246,000,000 for New York City banks since the first of January out of a total decline of \$319,000,000 for all banks.

The reduction in the volume of available bills has had a direct effect on the bill market, where, notwithstanding the low yield rate, the demand for bills has been remarkably good throughout the month.

The bill portfolios are now considerably below the volume held two months ago, while the Federal holdings of bills for their own account have declined to \$175,000,000 which demonstrates the extent of outside buying of bills even in a period of 2 1/2% yield.

There is nothing in sight at this time to encourage the belief in higher bill rates for some weeks; on the contrary, with the promise of continued ease in general rates for money and credit, it is not unlikely that still lower levels in bill rates may be reached before July 1.

Should this condition prevail, history would be repeating itself, as a similar situation occurred in the summer of 1924 when bill rates dropped to a yield of 1 1/2% on 30-day bills and 2% on bills of 60 and 90-day maturity. Since 1924 rates have never been as low as at present.

The survey for the month is made available as follows by Mr. Bean:

TOTAL OF BANKERS' DOLLAR ACCEPTANCES OUTSTANDING FOR ENTIRE COUNTRY BY FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICTS.

Federal Reserve District.	April 30 1930.	Mar. 31 1930.	April 30 1929.
1.....	\$144,514,108	\$151,069,262	\$123,240,076
2.....	1,030,282,719	1,121,040,708	835,775,806
3.....	22,208,331	23,930,082	11,049,397
4.....	27,520,618	29,227,725	14,270,274
5.....	9,067,078	10,483,703	8,466,368
6.....	17,243,408	17,553,193	13,540,595
7.....	84,316,711	95,196,215	53,100,511
8.....	1,636,736	2,098,474	849,132
9.....	5,600,995	7,324,281	1,894,742
10.....	1,636,736	1,028,058	383,343
11.....	3,758,915	4,902,613	5,191,799
12.....	67,567,659	75,431,484	43,079,439
Grand total.....	\$1,413,717,278	\$1,539,285,798	\$1,110,841,482
Decrease.....	-----	\$125,568,520	-----
Increase.....	-----	-----	\$302,875,796

CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO NATURE OF CREDIT.

	April 30 1930.	Mar. 31 1930.	April 30 1929.
Imports.....	\$295,685,571	\$313,674,496	\$324,090,639
Exports.....	429,191,029	465,533,358	376,864,088
Domestic shipments.....	18,139,204	15,087,946	16,159,905
Dollar exchange.....	170,865,700	219,496,816	99,461,661
Based on goods stored in or shipped between foreign countries.....	443,272,279	467,336,726	249,214,018

AVERAGE MARKET QUOTATIONS ON PRIME BANKERS' ACCEPTANCES APRIL 14 TO MAY 14.

Days—	Dealers' Buying Rate.	Dealers' Selling Rate.	Days—	Dealers' Buying Rate.	Dealers' Selling Rate.
30.....	2.935	2.810	120.....	2.967	2.842
60.....	2.935	2.810	150.....	3.125	3.000
90.....	2.913	2.788	180.....	3.125	3.000

Governor Horton of Tennessee Appoints D. D. Robinson as State Bank Superintendent.

Governor Horton on April 21 named D. D. Robinson of Memphis, former bank examiner under Superintendent S. S. McConnell, as State Bank Superintendent, succeeding Homer L. Grigsby of Dickson, who was appointed to the position July 6 1927 to fill out the unexpired term of Mr.

McConnell. The Nashville "Banner" states that Mr Grigsby's term expired Jan. 1 1930, but he had continued to act pending decision by the Governor on his successor. The same paper said:

Mr. Robertson is a member of the firm of Robertson & Co., Memphis stock and bond dealers. He was active in the organization of the Madison Bank in Memphis, shortly after leaving the employ of the banking division as an examiner. His appointment, which became effective immediately, is for a four-year term. He is 37 years old, and is a former Vice-President and Cashier of the Fidelity Bank & Trust Co. at Memphis.

Selection of a State Bank Superintendent is made from a list of five names submitted to the Governor by the Tennessee State Bankers Association, and Mr. Robertson's name was selected from such a list.

W. C. Durant Renews Attacks on Federal Reserve Board—Charges its Policies Brought About Trade Depression.

William C. Durant, spectacular bull market operator, who is a frequent critic of the Federal Reserve Board, renewed his attack on May 6 in cablegrams from Paris, applauding the news that Congress will investigate the Federal Reserve Board. We quote from the New York "Herald-Tribune" of May 7, from which the following is also taken:

Mr. Durant one night last year called on President Hoover at the White House to advise him that the Federal Reserve Board's policy would destroy the values of stocks. He advised that the deflated stocks of well managed companies could now be bought for investment.

Mr. Durant's statement follows:

"I notice by the morning dispatches that Congress has voted to investigate the Federal Reserve Board, which by its unwise and unwarranted policies forced the retirement of constructive leadership and turned the security market over to the wreckers of values and the gamblers of Wall Street, resulting in the greatest financial panic in history.

"Hopeful that the investigation, for which I have for many months been earnestly working, will result in a most needed correction of the present deplorable situation and that investors and business interests will be afforded the protection to which they are entitled, I propose to immediately organize a constructive group for the purpose of offering a measure of relief and a reasonable market control. I now wish to go on record that stocks of well managed companies of recognized value, regardless of the temporary business depression brought about by ill advised Federal Reserve policies, can now be purchased for investment."

Bill Passed by Senate Amending Federal Reserve Act Would Clarify Election of Reserve Directors.

A bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act to clarify the method of counting ballots in elections of class A and class B directors of Federal Reserve banks was passed on May 12 by the Senate and sent to the House. This is reported in a Washington dispatch to the New York "Journal of Commerce" which added:

The measure amends the 28th paragraph of Section 4 of the act to read as follows:

Any candidate having a majority of all votes cast in the column of first choice shall be declared elected. If no candidate have a majority of all the votes in the first column, then there shall be added together the votes cast by the electors for such candidates in the second column and the votes cast for the several candidates in the first column.

The candidate then having a majority of the electors voting and the highest number of combined votes shall be declared elected. If no candidate have a majority of electors voting and the highest number of votes when the first and second choices shall have been added, then the votes cast in the third column for other choices shall be added together in like manner, and the candidate then having the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. An immediate report of election shall be declared."

Such textual changes were considered urgent in a view of one of the unsuccessful candidates for office contending that he had been improperly deprived of election because of highly technical considerations in existing law.

Analysis of Proposed Plans to Share Earnings of Federal Reserve Banks—Study of Senate Bills Providing Extra Dividends for Member Banks Based on Past Results.

From the "United States Daily" of April 27 we take the following Richmond advices:

The practical results of current proposals, if adopted, for sharing with member banks the earnings of Federal Reserve Banks, are the subject of analysis by the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. The study applies the provisions of the bills introduced into the Senate by Senators Fletcher, of Florida, and Glass, of Virginia, to the earnings of the last six years, and the forecast earnings of the years 1930-1935.

The study of the Richmond Bank follows in full text:

For some time there has been a growing sentiment that the present method of disposing of the net profits of Federal Reserve Banks after the payment of dividends should be altered, to the end that member banks may enjoy a larger share. This is proposed partly in the interest of equity and partly for the avowed purpose of "making membership in the system more attractive."

A number of different proposals have been made and several bills dealing with the subject have been introduced into Congress, but as far as we know no attempt has been made to ascertain or to estimate what the practical results would be, and this study has been made for the purpose of making such an estimate.

Analysis Based On Past Results.

The general plan of the study is by an examination of the results obtained in a number of past years to forecast the probable results for the next few years, and the first step was, of course, to determine what past years should be taken as a basis of the estimate.

To this end a table was prepared for each Federal Reserve Bank, showing the following figures for each of the years 1917 to 1929, inclusive: Capital Jan. 1; surplus Jan. 1; gross earnings; expenses, including depreciation and other chargeoffs; net earnings; dividends paid; remainder;

portion of the remainder applied to surplus; balance of the remainder paid as franchise tax. From these 12 tables (one for each bank) a recapitulation sheet, representing the entire system, was prepared, and a study of these tables furnishes some interesting information.

The following tabulations show the amount of franchise tax paid by each Federal Reserve Bank and the amount paid for each year during the 13 years under review, which constitutes the total amount of franchise taxes paid, none having been paid prior to 1917:

Amount Paid by Each Federal Reserve Bank for the Years 1917 to 1919, Inclusive.	Amount Paid for Each Year by All Federal Reserve Banks.
Boston.....	1917—Boston.....
New York.....	1918—New York.....
Philadelphia.....	1919—Philadelphia.....
Cleveland.....	1920—Cleveland.....
Richmond.....	1921—Richmond.....
Atlanta.....	1922—Atlanta.....
Chicago.....	1923—Chicago.....
St. Louis.....	1924—St. Louis.....
Minneapolis.....	1925—Minneapolis.....
Kansas City.....	1926—Kansas City.....
Dallas.....	1927—Dallas.....
San Francisco.....	1928—San Francisco.....
	1929.....
Total.....	Total.....

This tabulation shows that of the above total amount paid, \$124,099,270 was paid for the two years 1929 and 1921. For the two following years, 1922 and 1923, the total franchise taxes paid were \$11,063,599, indicating that the effects of 1920 and 1921 extended over into the two following years. Since \$135,162,869, or 92% of total franchise taxes was paid during the four abnormal years 1920-1923, it was felt that a more accurate estimate of the future could be obtained by basing our calculation on the results of the last six years from 1924 to 1929, inclusive.

For each Federal Reserve Bank the following calculations were made: First, the average increase or decrease in capital during the six-year period. Second, the average amount of net earnings after the payment of net earnings after the payment of expenses, &c., but before the payment of dividends. Then a new table was made for each Federal Reserve Bank similar to those already described but forecasting the six years 1930 to 1935, inclusive.

The capital stock as of Jan. 1 1930 was taken as a beginning, and each year increased or decreased by the average increase or decrease for the previous six-year period. The surplus as of Jan. 1 1930 was taken at the exact figures on Dec. 31 1929. In the column headed "net earnings"—that is, earnings after expenses, &c., had been deducted—the average net earnings for the previous six years were taken as the probable net earnings for each of the subsequent six years.

Dividends paid were calculated on the basis of capital on Jan. 1 of each year, and the remainder to be disposed of was obtained by deducting the dividend paid each year from the net earnings figured as has already been described.

Two of Distribution Plans Were Used.

Two of the proposed plans of distribution of the remainder were used. No. 1 is the distribution proposed in Senate Bill 3564, introduced by Mr. Fletcher of the Banking and Currency Committee on Jan. 6 1930. This bill provides that after the regular 6% dividends have been paid by a Federal Reserve Bank the amount remaining, if any, shall be added to the surplus fund of the bank until that fund amounts to 100 per centum of the subscribed capital of the bank, and thereafter 10 per centum shall be added to the surplus and the balance distributed among the stockholders.

In this study we have ignored the additional 10% to be added to surplus and have based our calculations upon the division among the stockholders of all that remains after the surplus reaches 100% of subscribed capital or 200% of paid-in capital.

Distribution scheme No. 2 is that embodied in Senate Bill 5723, introduced by Mr. Glass of the Banking and Currency Committee on Feb. 4 1929. This bill provides that after regular 6% dividends have been paid, one-half of the remainder shall be paid to the member banks as an extra dividend, one-fourth of the remainder paid to the Government as a franchise tax, and the remaining fourth divided as follows: First, by addition to surplus of the bank until such surplus reaches 100% of subscribed capital, or 200% of paid-in capital, and the balance as an additional franchise tax to the Government.

Neither of the two bills makes it at all clear whether the extra dividends are to be paid by each Federal Reserve Bank to its own member banks or are to be put into a common fund for distribution among the members of all Federal Reserve Banks. Consequently, we have endeavored in this study to show the effect of both methods of distribution.

After arriving at results for each of the 12 Federal Reserve Banks under the method described for the six years from 1930 to 1935, inclusive, the columns were added and divided by six to obtain an average, and these averages were tabulated and added for the purpose of obtaining a picture of the results for the system as a whole, which would fairly represent an average year of the next six years under each of the proposed plans of distribution.

Under plan No. 1, as modified in this study—that is, the payment of regular dividends, the application of the remainder to surplus until that fund amounts to 100% of subscribed capital, and then the payment of the balance as extra dividends to stockholders within the district—it is found that there would be no extra dividends in the following districts: Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Chicago, and San Francisco; while the remaining six Federal Reserve Banks would be able to pay to their members extra dividends at the following rates: Richmond, 6.08%; Atlanta, 4.09%; St. Louis, 3.50%; Minneapolis, 9.51%; Kansas City, 5.48%, and Dallas, 4.83%.

If the net earnings available for extra dividends are pooled and paid out uniformly to all members in all districts, members would receive an extra dividend of .78%, or about three-fourths of 1%.

Second Plan Provides Larger Dividends.

Under plan No. 2—that is, the payment of regular dividends and the division of the remainder, one-half as extra dividends, one-fourth as a franchise tax, and the division of the remaining one-fourth between surplus and franchise tax—the extra dividends paid in each Federal Reserve District would be as follows: Boston, 2.51%; New York, 48%; Philadelphia, 2.05%; Cleveland, 2.09%; Richmond, 3.26%; Atlanta, 4.67%; Chicago, 3.20%; St. Louis, 2.02%; Minneapolis, 4.75%; Kansas City, 2.74%; Dallas, 3.31%, and San Francisco, 1.87%.

If all amounts available for extra dividends are pooled and distributed as an extra dividend uniformly to all member banks in all Federal Reserve Districts, the result would be an extra dividend of 1.73%.

Considering the system as a whole, under plan No. 1 no franchise tax would be paid, \$5,252,255 would be added to surplus each year, and extra dividends amounting to \$1,527,333 per annum would be paid. Under

plan No. 2 the system would pay a franchise tax of \$1,941,996 per annum, would add to surplus \$1,432,323 per annum, and declare extra dividends amounting to \$3,405,269 per annum.

In order to check these conclusions a similar analysis was made to ascertain what the results would have been in the last six years—1924 to 1929, inclusive—had either of the two plans been in operation. The period, of course, was started with the capital of each Federal Reserve Bank as of Jan. 1 1924, and the actual capital on Jan. 1 in each subsequent year was used. The actual net earnings in each of the six years was used; dividends actually paid were used; and the remainder disposed of according to the provisions of each plan.

Under plan No. 1 no extra dividend would have been paid in the following districts: New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, and San Francisco. The remaining eight Federal Reserve Banks would have paid extra dividends averaging the following per annum: Boston, .09%; Richmond, 4.99%; Atlanta, 5.77%; Chicago, .66%; St. Louis, 1.94%; Minneapolis, 8.43%; Kansas City, 7.22%; and Dallas, 2.25%; or, if these extra dividends had been put into a common fund and paid to all member banks, the extra dividend would have been 1.14%.

Under plan No. 2 the extra dividends each year would have averaged the following: Boston, 4.95%; New York, 4.43%; Philadelphia, 4.61%; Cleveland, 4.05%; Richmond, 3.37%; Atlanta, 6.36%; Chicago, 5.03%; St. Louis, 2.95%; Minneapolis, 4.22%; Kansas City, 3.61%; Dallas, 3.71%, and San Francisco, 4.01%; or, if these extra dividends had been put into a common fund and paid to all member banks, they would have been 4.40%.

Present Law Provided 6% Dividends.

Under the practice provided in the present law all member banks received dividends of 6%. The system as a whole paid to the Government franchise taxes averaging \$1,351,429 per annum, and added to surplus an average of a little more than \$10,000,000 per annum. Had the earnings been distributed under plan No. 1, no franchise tax would have been paid, the additions to surplus would have averaged \$9,290,033 per annum, and extra dividends amounting to \$1,481,211 per annum would have been paid.

If paid uniformly to all member banks, the extra dividends would have been 1.14% per annum. Under plan No. 2 an average franchise tax of \$3,023,217 per annum would have been paid, additions to surplus would have been \$2,035,994 per annum, and extra dividends amounting to \$5,712,033 per annum would have been paid. If paid uniformly to all member banks, the extra dividends would have amounted to 4.40% per annum.

The reason that the figures are uniformly smaller for the next six years than for the last six is due to the fact that the last six years started with a paid-in capital of \$110,145,000 and ended with a paid-in capital of \$170,973,000, while the next six years start with the latter figure and increase at the same rate as in the previous six years.

The difference in the amounts distributed in the two periods will be represented by the difference in the amount of the regular (6%) dividends paid due to differences in capital in the two periods.

In deciding whether or not a more generous distribution of earnings among member banks would make the system more attractive, the following facts should not be lost sight of: If a member bank has deposits of a \$1,000,000 and capital and surplus of \$200,000, it holds stock in the Federal Reserve Bank (based on capital and surplus) amounting to \$6,000.

On this it receives an annual 6% dividend amounting to \$360. Therefore, the addition of each 1% to the Federal Reserve dividend rate would mean an additional income of \$60 per year to such a bank.

Offering of \$100,000,000 of 90-Day Treasury Bills. Tenders of \$275,674,000 Received—Bids of \$104,600,000 Accepted—Average Price 99.356.

Tenders for a new issue of 90-day Treasury bills, to the amount of \$100,000,000, or thereabouts, were invited this week by the Treasury Department, bids therefor having been received at the Federal Reserve Banks and their branches up to 2 p. m., Eastern Standard time, Thursday, May 15. Acting Secretary of the Treasury, Ogden L. Mills, announced May 15 that bids totaling \$275,674,000 were received in response to the offering, and that applications for \$104,600,000 at an average price of 99.356 had been accepted. The announcement follows:

Acting Secretary Mills announces that the tenders for \$100,000,000, or thereabouts, of Treasury bills dated May 19 and maturing Aug. 18, which were offered on May 12, were opened May 15. The total amount applied for was \$275,674,000. The highest bid made was 99.400, equivalent to an interest rate of about 2 3/4%, on an annual basis. The lowest bid accepted was 99.331, equivalent to an interest rate of about 2 1/2%, on an annual basis. The average price of Treasury bills to be issued is 99.356, and the average rate on a bank discount basis is about 2.54%. The total amount of bids accepted was \$104,600,000.

Since the original issuance of these 90-day bills last December there have been in all, including the present offering, four issues put out by the Treasury Department. Secretary Mellon's announcement of the latest offering was issued May 11. These bills, as we have heretofore indicated, are issued under the authority of the amendment to the Third Liberty Loan Act, signed by President Hoover June 17 1929. The bills bear no interest and are sold on a discount basis to the highest bidder. They are issued in bearer form only, and in denominations of \$1,000, \$10,000, and \$100,000. The present issue will be dated May 19 1930, and will mature Aug. 18 1930. No tender for an amount less than \$1,000 will be considered, says the Treasury announcement, which likewise states: "Each tender must be in multiples of \$1,000. The price offered must be expressed on the basis of 100, with not more than three decimal places (e.g., 99.125). Fractions must not be used." The following is Secretary Mellon's announcement:

The Secretary of the Treasury gives notice that tenders are invited for Treasury bills to the amount of \$100,000,000, or thereabouts. The Treasury bills will be sold on a discount basis to the highest bidders. Tenders will be received at the Federal Reserve Banks, or the branches thereof, up to 2 o'clock p. m., Eastern Standard time, on May 15 1930. Tenders will not be received at the Treasury Department, Washington.

The Treasury bills will be dated May 19 1930, and will mature on Aug. 18 1930, and on the maturity date the face amount will be payable without interest. They will be issued in bearer form only, and in amounts or denominations of \$1,000, \$10,000, and \$100,000 (maturity value).

It is urged that tenders be made on the printed forms and forwarded in the special envelopes which will be supplied by the Federal Reserve Banks or branches upon application therefor.

No tender for an amount less than \$1,000 will be considered. Each tender must be in multiples of \$1,000. The price offered must be expressed on the basis of 100, with not more than three decimal places, e.g., 99.125. Fractions must not be used.

Tenders will be accepted without cash deposit from incorporated banks and trust companies and from responsible and recognized dealers in investment securities. Tenders from others must be accompanied by a deposit of 10% of the face amount of Treasury bills applied for, unless the tenders are accompanied by an express guarantee of payment by an incorporated bank or trust company.

Immediately after the closing hour for receipt of tenders on May 15 1930, all tenders received at the Federal Reserve Banks or branches thereof up to the closing hour will be opened and public announcement of the acceptable prices will follow as soon as possible thereafter, probably on the following morning. The Secretary of the Treasury expressly reserves the right to reject any or all tenders or parts of tenders, and to allot less than the amount applied for, and his action in any such respect shall be final. Those submitting tenders will be advised of the acceptance or rejection thereof. Payment at the price offered for Treasury bills allotted must be made at the Federal Reserve Banks in cash or other immediately available funds on May 19 1930.

The Treasury bills will be exempt, both as to principal and interest (discount), from all taxation, except estate and inheritance taxes. The amount of discount at which the Treasury bills are originally sold by the United States shall be considered as interest for tax exemption purposes.

Department Circular No. 418, dated Nov. 22 1929, and this notice as issued by the Secretary of the Treasury, prescribe the terms of the Treasury bills and govern the conditions of their issue. Copies of the circular may be obtained from any Federal Reserve Bank or branch thereof.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York, in its notice regarding the offering, calls attention to the fact that payment for Treasury bills cannot be made by credit through the War Loan Deposit Account. Payment must be made in cash or immediately available funds. Treasury Department Circular No. 418, referred to in Secretary Mellon's announcement, was published in our issue of Nov. 30, page 3410. The bills issued in December of last year were referred to in these columns Dec. 14, page 3733 and Dec. 21, page 3902; the bills issued in February were referred to in our issues of Feb. 15, page 1061, and Feb. 22, page 1210, while those put out in April were noted in our April 19 issue, page 2701.

U. S. Senate Passes Bill to Change Composition of Federal Power Commission—Measure Replaces Cabinet Officers With Three Commissioners.

A reorganization of the Federal Power Commission is authorized in a bill which was adopted by the Senate on May 12 without debate. A dispatch from Washington to the New York "Times" regarding the new legislation said:

It was proposed by Senator Couzens of Michigan and will provide, if adopted by the House, for replacing the three Cabinet officers who now automatically hold office in it, with three full-time commissioners devoting all their efforts to problems in connection with the leasing and maintenance of power sites.

The Commission is composed now of the Secretaries of the Interior, of War and of Agriculture, but a Senate committee designated to consider the new measure reported that they are so burdened with the tasks of their immediate departments that they have not had the time necessary for the work of the commission.

Thus it was found that the Executive Secretary of the Commission had almost sole responsibility and "regardless of what the causes of the present conditions are, the facts are that the present conditions are very bad." The report continued:

"Serious charges were made before your committee against the Executive Secretary by employees of the Commission and counter charges were made by the Executive Secretary. No one can doubt after hearing the evidence that a lack of harmony exists within the Commission and the work has suffered thereby. These charges have induced an atmosphere of suspicion until has become imperative that Congress act to appoint a full time Commission which will have the opportunity and the authority to right the existing situation and to permit the carrying out of the water power act. Once the full time Commission is appointed, responsibility can be placed upon its members and there can be no reason for failure to act."

Under the bill the three Commissioners who will be appointed by the President will receive \$10,000 salary each a year and traveling expenses.

Conferees on Tariff Bill Deadlocked—Senator Smoot Introduces Resolution Seeking to Relieve Senate Conferees from Promise Not to Drop Debiture and Flexible Tariff Provisions.

A deadlock has existed this week between the conferees on the tariff bill; in indicating their attitude on May 10, special advices that day from Washington to the New York "Times" said:

The Republican conferees on the tariff bill are still at odds over the Senate amendment providing a change in the flexible policy that

would take from the President the power to change rates upon report by the Federal Tariff Commission.

The House conferees takes the position that the flexible amendment, the amendment relating to debenture payments and all other items now in dispute should be voted upon en bloc by the Senate.

Chairman Smoot of the Finance Committee refused today to recede from the position that the Senate conferees are committed to make a report that will give the Senate opportunity to vote separately on the provisions in controversy. He also declined to agree to a proposal by the House conferees that the Senate be asked to release its delegates on the flexible clause and debenture.

The conferees expect to straighten out the tangle next week. They adjourned subject to call by Senator Smoot, who plans to assemble the committee on Tuesday or Wednesday. Indications are that Mr. Smoot's view that the Senate shall be permitted separate votes will prevail.

Debate in the Senate on the conference report probably will run at least a week. With the approach of midsummer weather, the leaders do not believe that the Senate will consent to give any more time to the tariff.

The principal attempt in conference during the day was to reach a compromise on the flexible provision, but it did not meet with any success. None of the rate issues was discussed; but on the question of the Tariff Commission organization, Mr. Smoot said opinion tended toward the Senate's plan for a bi-partisan commission of six, as at present, instead of the House's seven-commissioner proposal.

With the deadlock continuing all week, a resolution asking the Senate to relieve its conferees from promises not to abandon the debenture and legislative flexible provision was introduced yesterday (May 16) by Senator Smoot (Rep.) Utah, Chairman of the Senate conferees. He said he would bring it up on Monday. The Associated Press accounts from Washington (yesterday) indicating this continued:

Senator Smoot proposed the resolution after Democrats had contended that House Republican conferees had no desire to see the bill pass.

Democrats and Republican independents are prepared to fight the Smoot proposal. If it fails, party leaders agree that the tariff bill will die in conference.

A charge that the House Republican conferees "do not care to have the tariff bill passed" was made in the Senate later by Senator Simmons, a Democratic conferee.

Senator Smoot was being questioned at the time as to how and when the bill was to be reported back to the Senate. Mr. Smoot said the bill probably would be brought up in the Senate on Monday, that the House conferees had refused to negotiate further until the Senate freed its conferees of pledges not to abandon the debenture and legislative flexible provisions, and that it remained for the Senate conferees to decide the method of reporting back.

Senator Harrison, Democrat, Mississippi, also charged that "certain Republicans who were enthusiastic for this bill have heard from the country and now are trying to kill it."

Senator Smoot said after the conference that the question still to be decided was how the bill could be returned to the Senate for action without forcing another House vote on provisions in disagreement.

A statement to the effect that there would be no further conference between the House and Senate on the tariff bill until the Senate passes upon the flexible clause withdrawing the President's power to change rates as well as the debenture provisions, put in the bill by the Senate and rejected by the House was contained in a dispatch May 14 to the "Times" which added:

Such was the ultimatum delivered to the Senate Conferees today, and as a result Senator Smoot on Friday will report to the Senate the disagreement on the two subjects and ask to be relieved of the promise to insist in conference on the Senate position. There is an absolute deadlock between the conferees which, it is said, can be broken only if the Senate permits its conferees to negotiate for a compromise.

Our last reference to the bill appeared in the Chronicle May 10, page 3290.

Senate Passes Bill Restricting Immigration of Mexicans to U. S.

Regarding the bill passed by the U. S. Senate on May 13 restricting immigration from Mexico to the United States, a Washington dispatch that date to the New York "Herald-Tribune" said:

By an unexpected maneuver, the Senate today was forced to take up again the Harris Mexican immigration bill and to pass it in modified form. As passed, it would apply the quota to Mexico. In its original form, it would have applied the quota to all Latin American nations. The bill will meet opposition in the House, and is not expected to become law. The Administration is thought to be opposed to it.

Some days ago, after long debate, the bill was recommitted to the Immigration Committee. Senator Royal S. Copeland, Democrat, of New York, filed a motion to reconsider. Today he called up this motion and the Senate voted by 46 to 27 to take it up. The motion to reconsider was then passed.

Senator William J. Harris, Democrat, of Georgia, author of the bill, then proposed a substitute for his original measure and explained that it would apply the quota to Mexico alone. He declared it would reduce Mexican immigration from 58,000 a year to 1,200 or to 1,900. He further explained it was important, in view of labor conditions, and unemployment, that it be passed. Senator William E. Borah, insurgent Republican, of Idaho, and chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, said that while he sympathized with the purpose, he was not willing to single out Mexico alone for action. He thought the effect would be bad.

With only brief debate, the Senate then voted, 51 to 16, to substitute the new proposal by Senator Harris for the original bill. It was then passed without a record vote.

Only 540 immigration visas were issued to natives by Mexico during April, 1930, the State Department announced today, citing a decrease of 76.7% in immigration from that country since March, 1929, as the result of stricter measures for administration of the immigration laws. In contrast to the 540 visas issued last month, the number for April of 1929 was 6,334. Last month's figure, when added to the number of visas permitted in the nine previous months, shows that only 11,023 Mexicans have emigrated to the United States during that period.

Problem of Tariff Never Before So Serious and Dangerous to U. S. According to P. M. Mazur, of Lehman Brothers.

"Never before in the history of the country has the problem of tariff been so serious, even dangerous to the well being of the United States," Paul M. Mazur, author, economist, and partner in Lehman Brothers, New York bankers, told an audience in Boston, of New England business men interested in exporting, on May 14. Mr. Mazur was a speaker on the evening program of the first All-New England Export Conference, held under auspices of the New England Council and 28 co-sponsoring organizations. The speaker said:

"Common sense demands the transference of tariff from the realm of politics into the hands of a body of business-economists who will study the subject from the point of view of national well-being and not from that of compromising sectional interests for the immediate advantage of a few but the eventual harm of all.

"America has become a creditor nation—a creditor that counts the obligations due it by tens of billions and the annual interest charges owing to it in billions. America possesses half the gold supply of the world. Foreign nations can purchase goods from the United States only through loans or the sale of their own products. Loans can not continue at a sufficiently rapid rate to offset the inevitably increasing interest charge. Finally, therefore, America can sell abroad only if she buys from abroad.

"Every dollar by which the imports of America are reduced means a dollar decrease in exports.

"For ten years we have maintained a surplus of exports because we were willing to finance that surplus through foreign loans. That formula is fast growing obsolete. In the future, imports will govern exports.

"Those who live in hope that America can exclude foreign goods through prohibitive tariff and maintain an export surplus through skill in production and zeal in selling, live in a false paradise. To them a rude awakening is coming.

"Those who believe that domestic markets can be protected for home industry through prohibitive tariffs dwell in ignorance of the inter-relationship between the consumers of the products of industries serving home markets and the producers of products of industries supplying foreign markets.

"We have just seen a decade of marvelous business prosperity come to end in ruins of a stock market crash. We have lived for seven months in a period of serious business recession. We are entering a new decade without the full benefit of many of the factors that contributed so greatly to the past ten years.

"Two possibilities stand in relief. One, the solution of the Farm Problem, and two, the potentialities available in world trade. Both of these are great, but world trade is the greater.

"The possibilities—even the probabilities of world trade are tremendous. Our participation in those possibilities is directly dependent upon our treatment of the tariff problem.

"Both the farm and tariff problems are within the control of official Washington. Never before has American business been so closely interlocked with the decisions and acts of the government. It is essential for both business and Washington to understand the essence of the problems and the validity of the solutions suggested. Tariff is a two-edged sword and must be handled gingerly. Though framed to keep foreign goods out of America, it can be equally effective in keeping American goods out of foreign lands. A weapon that cuts both ways should not be forged upon an anvil of compromise or bickering, nor can it be safely tossed from hand to hand. It is an industrial instrument and should be built and used by those who know its economic possibilities.

"We have been the possessors of a tariff barrier and an export surplus for 75 years. But then we were a debtor nation. Now we are a creditor nation of huge amounts. That represents not evolution but revolution. We can not with safety use precedent as a basis for future conduct. Export surpluses and tariff barriers take upon themselves new aspects. The walls of tariff protection can wall us in just as well as wall the others out. The attempt to maintain an export surplus can mean the loss of participation in world growth.

"It is a critical period in American industrial history. It is a time for the destruction of opportunism and haphazard thinking, and for the adoption of careful analysis and well considered acts."

Australia Ends Prohibition of Imports of Ales, Spirits, Tobacco and Matches.

Canadian press advices from Canberra, Australia, May 14 to the New York "Times" said:

The Government of Australia today announced many articles had been exempted from the long list of prohibitions announced along with drastic increases in the customs duties some weeks ago.

The prohibition of importation of ale, spirits, manufactured tobacco and matches is rescinded. These classes of imports, however, will be rationed to the extent of 50% of the normal importations.

Spanish Producers Protest Against U. S. Cork Tariff—Want Favored Nation Treaty Abrogated.

According to Madrid advices to the New York "Times" the President of the Cork Association on May 10 called on the Duke of Alba, the Minister of State, to inform him that a crisis existed in the cork industry because of the

high United States tariff and asked that the present favored-nation treaty with the United States be terminated. The message to the "Times" went on to say:

The Council of Ministers several weeks ago voted to take up other items in the tariff with the United States through the Ambassador at Washington, threatening reprisals if no results were obtained.

Greece Increases Tariff On Wheat and Wheat Flour.

Under date of May 14 a dispatch from Washington to the New York "Journal of Commerce" stated:

Tariff rates on wheat and wheat flour imported into Greece were increased May 10, according to a radiogram to the Department of Commerce today from Commercial Attache Frederick B. Lyon, at Athens, wheat from the United States now being subject to a rate of six metallic drachmas per 100 kilos, against the former rate of 4.30 drachmas. Wheat flour is dutiable at 10.70 drachmas per 100 kilos, against 8.82 drachmas. A surtax equal to 75% of the import duties is added to the tariff.

Cuba Raises Meat Tariff—President Machado Acts in Response to Plea of Cattle Men.

Havana advices, May 13, to the New York "Times" state:

Cattle men of Camaguey and Oriente Provinces won a victory this morning when President Machado, upon recommendation of the Secretary of Agriculture, signed a decree increasing the import duties on foreign meats and by-products.

For some time the cattle men of Cuba have been facing competition from the import of dried beef, which has been sent to Cuba in large quantities from Spain and Argentina.

Protest United States Tariff—Thirty-three Foreign Governments Take Exception to Proposed Levies.

United Press advices in the "Wall Street Journal" of May 15 state:

Thirty-three foreign Governments have protested to the United States over provisions in the Hawley-Smoot tariff bill, it was learned at the State Department. The protests are still coming in.

Within the last two weeks three protests have been received from France on separate items of the bill, three from Switzerland and one each from Germany, Spain, Czechoslovakia and Egypt.

Counting the separate protests on individual items from individual nations, the number of protests total nearly 100.

Europe Again Hints at a Tariff War—Economic Writers Revive Idea of Conference to Decide on Combative Measures—President Hoover Called Only Hope.

In a cablegram from its Paris correspondent, May 9, the New York "Times" said:

As the moment approaches for the final adoption of the Hawley-Smoot tariff bill in the United States, European business opinion is concerning itself more and more with the effect of the new duties upon exports and the means which the Continent should take to "defend itself" against the menace of American protectionism.

In France, where agitation against the American tariff builders has been almost continuous from the day the new measure was introduced in Congress, economic writers in the daily press again are openly discussing the probability of a bitter tariff war between the Old World and the New. The idea of a European tariff conference to consider ways and means of combating American protection has been revived, and the response to the suggestion has been especially enthusiastic in those countries which feel they will be hard hit by the new American rates.

Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, France and half a dozen other countries appear to welcome consultation on the question of defensive action, and it will be very surprising if such a meeting does not materialize after the new duties become law.

In the minds of some commentators, President Hoover stands forth as "the sole hope" of Europe, since in the Chief Executive they see one big man in American public life who is sufficiently acquainted with the European mentality to anticipate the dangers which the new tariff holds for American trade abroad.

"La Journee Industrielle," leading organ of French business, comments to-day on "the apathy" of Congress in the face of European protests. Its members, the paper observes, do not seem afraid of reprisals, which are sure to follow, especially in the case of American automobiles, but, on the contrary, seem to feel that the menace is added reason for standing firm for the new tariff. Those who are responsible for the new rates must come up for re-election in November, the newspaper goes on to say, and they are convinced the electors will be more favorably disposed if they do not weaken before European criticism.

"Members of Congress know well that the masses of American workmen, reinforced by the troops of disappointed speculators, are strongly in favor of protectionism," concludes the paper. "Decidedly, Mr. Hoover is the only hope of Europe."

In a leading editorial in "Le Quotidien," entitled, "Can Mr. Hoover Limit the Catastrophe which the American Protectionists Are Preparing?" the writer concludes with this warning:

"If the Yankees, abusing their strength and present wealth, apply integrally their program of protectionism, there will be nothing for us to do but resort to reprisals, and that would mean war."

Germany to Adopt New Tariff Policy—Will Abandon Most-Favored Nation Plan in 1935, When Treaty With Us Expires—Freedom of Action Is Aim.

Germany will abandon her present system of most-favored nation commercial treaties and tariff policy after Oct. 1 1935, when the existing trade pact with the United States will officially expire. According to Berlin advices May 9 to the New York "Times," which said:

A declaration to this effect was communicated to-day to the Reichstag's Budget Committee by Dr. Hermann R. Dietrich, the Minister of Economy, who announced that no change in the existing practice could be made until the treaty between the United States and Germany expires in 1935, after which Germany will be forced to adopt a procedure which will insure her a free hand. This official declaration was made in the course of a debate by the Budget Committee over the Government's industrial and foreign trade policies.

Others Expected to Follow Suit.

In view of the altered German attitude as now predicated by Dr. Dietrich, it is assumed in industrial and export circles that the pre-war principle of most-favored nation treatment will be abandoned by other Powers also, as no longer meeting the requirements of modern reciprocal trade relations between exporting nations.

During to-day's committee debate Dr. von Raumer, a leading member of the People's Party and former Minister of Economy, said: "Our commercial policy has demonstrated that we can make no progress with pre-war methods. The orthodox system of most-favored nation treatment can be carried out in a practical manner only when it is supplemented by contingent agreements in the nature of monopoly laws. Under these conditions it will not be possible for us to adapt ourselves to the tariff truce program initiated at Geneva."

A Nationalist member of the committee declared Germany could not participate in a tariff truce because her existing economic depression could be relieved only if Germany retains freedom of action in her commercial policies.

Referring to the Government's program for promoting export, Dr. Dietrich stated that the system of export guarantees by which the Government agrees to protect exporters against financial risks would be continued in connection with German trade in the Near East and that the German Government would seek to enter into closer commercial relations with the Succession States, especially Poland and Rumania. As for overseas export markets, he believed these would have to be exploited through active promotional campaigns.

Calls Idleness the Crux.

The question of unemployment he believed constituted the crux of the existing crisis in the German industrial situation.

"It is an intolerable state of affairs," he said, "when we continue to pay out 1,000,000,000 marks annually for doles with the sole effect that the recipients only become still more dependent."

He also opposed governmental subsidies to ailing industrial plants, which he branded as a species of corruption destined to affect adversely the prosperous concerns with which those subsidized are placed in competition.

In the course of the committee's deliberations, which touched on all aspects of the existing economic situation in Germany, Dr. Reichert, a leading Nationalist Deputy, declared one of the chief causes of the current depressions is forcibly reflected in the fact that 12,000,000 persons, one-fifth of the nation's population, now are receiving annually moneys out of the Reich's exchequer to the total of 13,900,000,000 marks or \$3,310,000,000 under various relief categories comprising unemployment doles, sick and social welfare benefits, provident funds, war and civil pensions and disability annuities.

Tariff Reprisal Urged—Uruguayan Paper Seeks International Boycott of United States Goods.

A cablegram from Montevideo (Uruguay) May 14 to the New York "Times" reports that the newspaper "La Manana" is conducting an active editorial campaign for the formation of an international economic bloc to boycott imports from the United States until such time as the United States tariff is modified to permit easier entrance of foreign products. The cablegram adds:

The Uruguayan Rural Federation is studying what steps it might be advisable to take in Uruguay, but "La Manana" argues that the United States tariff is aimed at the commerce of the whole world and that reprisals would be ineffective unless taken in unison.

"Only by means of an international combination will it be possible to halt the advance of the northern Republic's economic imperialism," says the newspaper. "We must oppose the ultra-nationalism of the United States with the co-operative formula of 'Buy our goods' if you expect us to buy yours."

The newspaper urges that steps be taken to form a combination of neighboring South American republics as a first move toward its proposed international combination.

Teapot Dome Settlement of \$2,906,484 Approved by President Hoover.

Final settlement of the case of the United States against the Sinclair Crude Oil Purchasing Co. now pending in the Federal District Court for the District of Delaware for the sum of \$2,906,484.32 is provided for in a joint resolution passed by Congress and approved by President Hoover on May 14. Noting this, a dispatch from Washington to the New York "Journal of Commerce" stated:

This was a suit brought by the Government to recover from the Sinclair Crude Oil Purchasing Co. for oil taken from Teapot Dome and the amount for which settlement is to be made represents a compromise.

The \$2,906,484.32 had been deposited in escrow pending approval by Congress of the settlement. Former Senator Atlee Pomerene of Ohio, and Owen J. Roberts, recently nominated by President Hoover to be an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, special counsel for the Government in the prosecution of the naval oil cases, are authorized by the resolution signed today to settle the case.

34 Industrial Companies Having Aggregate of \$2,601,054,600 Net Worth Report 21.6% Increase in First Quarter Earnings According to Clark, Dodge & Co.

Thirty-four industrial companies engaged in lines of business which have not been seriously affected by trade depression have been grouped together in an analysis prepared by Clark, Dodge & Co. for the purpose of illustrating

that the units which have resisted the downward trend of trade represent a large earning power. These 34 companies report for the first quarter of 1930 net earnings available for the stock of \$92,021,000, as compared with \$75,699,000 for the first quarter of 1929, an increase of 21.6%. These companies at the end of 1929 had a net worth of \$2,601,054,000.

The analysis made public May 12 shows that specialty companies, rather than those operating in basic industries, are the ones which have been able to make the most favorable showings. It reveals further that a few companies as a result of new policies or expanding lines of business have been able to show greater progress than older established units in the same group. The average percentage of earnings to net worth of the companies under consideration, which many regard as the true measure of earning power, it is noted, increased from 3.4% in the first quarter of 1929 to 3.5% in 1930, or at the annual rate of 13.6% and 14% respectively.

Sees Wages Rising As Prices go Down—C. G. Stoll of Western Electric Says Company Pay Has Advanced 115% Since 1914—Puts Price Gain at 20%.

A rising wage scale while prices are being lowered in the Western Electric Company, the manufacturing subsidiary of the Bell Telephone System, was reported on May 14 by C. G. Stoll, Vice-President in charge of operations of the subsidiary, who spoke at the closing session of the annual Spring convention of the American Management Association in the Hotel Astor, New York. The foregoing is from the New York "Times", which likewise stated:

Mr. Stoll said that wages in the Western Electric Company were at present 215%, considering the 1914 wage scale at 100%. Prices on the products of the company, he said, are only 20% higher than in 1914.

"Economic conditions account for part of this desirable condition," he said, "but a contributing factor has been the fact that the Western Electric Company is organized for progress in management. The only way to achieve progress is to organize for it. The question is, 'Is there a better way?' is constantly being applied to all operations in all departments in this company, which does a business well in excess of a million dollars a day.

"Not only are studies looking toward the discovery of a 'better way' made in the manufacturing, installation, merchandise and distributing departments but in the so-called 'white collar' groups as well. During the past year 248 clerical, accounting and office methods cases were studied with changes in methods brought about as a result which made possible a saving of almost \$1,500,000."

Mr. Stoll showed graphically that the savings resulting from development work in the manufacturing department during 1929 were in one year double the cost of development.

Book and Magazine References to Investment Trusts Compiled By Newark Public Library.

Books on investment trusts and magazine references to the subject have been compiled by the Business Branch of the Newark Public Library, which makes available a list of the same.

Financial Group of National Special Libraries Association Plans Diversified Program at Association's Annual Convention in San Francisco June 18-21.

Leading bank and investment librarians, members of the Financial Group of the National Special Libraries Association, have planned a diversified program of activities for the twenty-second annual convention of that organization to be held in San Francisco, June 18th to 21st. The Financial Group is well known to commercial and investment bankers through its annual display of a "model financial library" at the American Bankers Association and Investment Bankers Association Convention, and through its distribution at these conventions of literature on the formation and selection of books for bank and investment libraries. A feature of the Financial Group session on Wednesday afternoon, June 18th will be an address by Howard Whipple, California banker and author of magazine articles on banking subjects. Another speaker at the same meeting will discuss aids in investment research with particular emphasis on Western sources of research material.

The second group meeting will be confined to a study of the everyday problems of financial libraries. A review will be made of magazine articles and books in the field of finance, appearing during the past year. Other subjects which the group will consider are handling of newspaper clippings and placing of magazine subscriptions. Plans for the group program are in the hands of Miss Dorothy Watson, Bankers Trust Company, New York, who is being

assisted in arrangements by Miss Eleanor Cavanaugh, Standard Statistics Company, New York, Miss Ethel Baxter, American Bankers Association, New York, Miss Marguerite Burnett, Federal Reserve Bank of New York and Miss K. Dorothy Ferguson, Bank of Italy, NT & SA, San Francisco.

C. G. Shull, Oklahoma Bank Commissioner, Advocates Unit Banking Methods Before House Committee Inquiring Into Chain and Branch Banking—Cites Advantages Over Branch System—Losses From Failures of Financial Institutions Exaggerated, He Asserts.

The unit banking system has not broken down in the United States and it is not in the process of breaking down, but, on the contrary, is making great strides in the direction of better management and improved service, as well as in volume of resources, according to C. G. Shull, State Banking Commissioner of Oklahoma, who appeared May 13 before the House Banking and Currency Committee in its hearings on branch, group, and chain banking. Information to this effect is contained in the "United States Daily" of May 14, which further reports, as follows, Mr. Shull's statements before the Committee:

Nation-Wide Branch System.

The question before the Committee, in the opinion of the witness, is whether this country is to have branch banking or unit banking. If branch banking is permitted, all banks will ultimately convert to that type, he predicted, and, moreover, the system will be nation-wide in its scope.

He disagreed with the Comptroller of the Currency, J. W. Pole, whose testimony before the Committee has been to the effect that branch banking in trade areas is necessary to conserve the national banking system and to furnish rural communities with adequate banking facilities.

Banking is the safest business from the standpoint of creditors of any that the United States has, Mr. Shull stated. Risk cannot be entirely eliminated from any business, he pointed out.

Small Losses From Failures.

The figures on numbers of banks failing in recent years and deposits involved, furnished by the Comptroller of the Currency, were used by Mr. Shull to substantiate his statement that the average deposits of the 7,000,000 depositors in the 5,000 banks that have failed in the last 10 years was approximately \$234, and that nearly 80% of that had been recovered through liquidation proceedings.

"The losses resulting from bank failures have been exaggerated," he asserted. "The American people have lost more money in land and in stocks than they have in bank failures."

He referred also to the fact that many persons had suffered losses on Liberty bond purchases.

Ninety-five per cent. of the bank failures of the past 10 years, Mr. Shull asserted, have been due to the abnormal inflation and deflation during the war years and after. The banks that are now failing and those that will fail for some years yet to come can trace their difficulties directly to war causes, in his opinion.

The banks which have organized since 1920 in Oklahoma show a small percentage of failures, he stated. Many of those which were organized earlier and have failed were in better shape at the time they failed, he said, than at any other time in the last 10 years.

There are advantages to unit banking which offset any possible greater safety of branch banking, even admitting that there is any greater safety in that type of organization, Mr. Shull contended. The one big reason, in his opinion, why there might be greater safety in a branch system is that the banks would then be such colossal institutions that the Federal Government could not let them fail, and would come to their support if difficulties arose.

"That way lies paternalism," he said, "and around the corner is socialism."

Diversification, which he said is claimed as an advantage in chain and group banking, is now being achieved by the unit country banker in his bond account.

Increase in Resources of State Banks Explained.

Increase of the resources of State banks at a greater rate than those of National banks was ascribed by Mr. Shull to the conversion of large city banks from National to State charter. That movement, he declared, is spasmodic, and cannot be expected to continue.

The Federal Reserve System has not been involved, he said, because the banks have remained members. The resources of the system have shown a healthy growth.

There is little real distinction between National and State banks, in the opinion of Mr. Shull. Both are owned by the citizens of the State. The Federal Government can depend upon the State banks in time of war or other emergency to as full an extent as they can upon the National banks.

The Federal Reserve Banks, he said, are the real fiscal agents of the Federal Government, and not the National banks.

"It is clear from the previous testimony before these hearings," Mr. Shull said, "that there are those who believe in one banking system, and that under the supervision of the Federal Government," in his opinion, both systems are needed.

He compared the dual system to our dual system of State and Federal Government, saying that, as in government, so in banking, one served as a check on the other. The State banks have the advantage, he declared, of having a more personal understanding type of supervisory relationship, while the National system has the advantage of unity and uniformity.

The Federal Reserve System has raised the standards of all banks, both State and National, in Mr. Shull's opinion. The competition of State banks has had the salutary effect of keeping banking closer to the people, he stated. State banks have prevented National banks from becoming too autocratic, while National banks have kept State banks from too loose methods of operation.

Improvement in Methods of Banking Desirable.

Earnings of unit banks in Oklahoma have been good, Mr. Shull declared. In 1929 the average net earnings on capital stock of State banks in

Oklahoma were 16.6%. Based on capital stock and surplus they were 12.6%.

Dividends paid on capital averaged 11.2%. Ability to pay dividends in his State, just as bank failures, he declared to be chargeable to war conditions and not to management or local conditions.

"What is needed is not a change in the system of banking," Mr. Shull said, "but an improvement in present banking methods."

Branch banking would not stop bank failures, he continued. The weak banks would not be taken over as branches, and the failure of some would result from the institution of branch banking. Others would be driven out by competition of branches of large city banks.

The people do not want either branch or group banking, Mr. Shull declared. The unit banks are more responsive to the needs of both borrowers and depositors, he said, as they encourage local independence and self-development. The establishment of branch banking would bring about a great concentration of money and credit, in his opinion, and would be the greatest stride that could be taken toward the elimination of the middle class from this country.

If branch banking were to be established, according to Mr. Shull, it would be more logical to set it up on a nation-wide basis than within trade areas. There would be greater diversification and greater safety in the nation-wide system, he continued. Attempting to define trade areas would lead to much conflict and confusion, in his opinion.

If Congress permits branch banking beyond State lines, Mr. Shull believes the State will follow suit on some basis of reciprocity, one State permitting the banks of another State to establish branches within its boundaries for a reciprocal privilege.

Misleading Statistics on Branch Banking Resources.

In referring to the figures which have been furnished to the Committee showing the volume of banking resources that are now included in branch systems, Mr. Shull stated that they were somewhat misleading. Great New York City banks that operate branches within that city are in reality unit banks, he stated. They are serving one community, and the same community that they have always served.

That is not the type of branch banking which is under consideration, he said. Some of the banks in the chains, he added, are in reality unit banks and operated as such.

In response to questions from Representative Luce (Rep.), of Waltham, Mass., Mr. Shull stated that the Federal Reserve System could hardly be expected to bring about a uniformity of rates on loans throughout the country. They have, he continued, lowered the rate somewhat, and have made Eastern capital more available to the West.

Representative Pratt (Rep.), of New York City, asked Mr. Shull if he thought trade area branch banking would result in a decentralization of credit. He stated that he doubted it. That has been done now by the Federal Reserve System about as far as it is possible or necessary," he said.

"It is inevitable in every country that there shall be one important financial center," he said.

In response to a query from Representative Brand (Dem.), of Athens, Ga., Mr. Shull told the Committee that he thought branch banking would tend to monopolize the money and credits of the country. Whether or not that monopoly would become absolute is difficult to say, he added.

Unit Banking System Said Not to Have Failed.

Nation-wide branch banking would make the Federal Reserve System less and less important, Mr. Shull told Representative Dunbar (Rep.), of Indiana. Eventually, he stated, we will not have any more Federal Reserve System than they have in England and other branch banking countries.

The unit banking system has not failed, Mr. Shull reiterated. There are strong, safe, and profitable banks, he asserted, in towns in Oklahoma of only 300 or 400 population.

M. A. Graettinger of Illinois Bankers' Association Proposes That Unit System of Banking be Maintained Through a Co-operative Banking Union.

According to M. A. Graettinger, Secretary of the Illinois Banking Association, "there is only one way to meet the entry of group or branch banking in Illinois." That is, he says, "to put the banks in such a position that they themselves will render remote the possibility of bank failures, by solidifying their ranks, by young forces, and forming compact organizations for mutual helpfulness through wise and intelligent co-operation." In the May issue of the Illinois Bankers' Association "Bulletin," Mr. Graettinger, who stated that "the proponents of branch and group banking are making use of the mortality among the small banks as material for their propaganda," said that unit banking can "provide a safe and sound system if its adherents will apply modern business principles, and also cut along the pattern of successful clearing house form." He went on to say:

This is proposing a so-called Regional Clearing House Association with all that the name implies, but since that presupposes the clearing of checks, which is not practical in the organization in mind, I would avoid that reference in its title, and "Co-operative Banking Union" is suggested, instead, as more indicative of its purpose. With proper rules and regulations, with mutual supervision and examinations, correct policies and practices would be enforced for the promotion of sane and safe banking and for the protection of depositors and stockholders. Membership should be composed of banks within the territory of one or more adjacent counties and comprise from 50 to 75 banks. The administration should be in the hands of a board of nine directors, elected from the membership, which should be divided into three classes according to amounts of resources. Officers would be elected by the board, and it would also appoint a manager. He would have direct charge of the operation of the organization, assisted by such other employees as may be found necessary. The board of directors would provide for examinations of member banks by the manager or under his supervision.

In the event of an unfavorable report on the examination of a bank, the board would act within its power to correct the situation.

The expense would be pro-rated among the members and the cost of examinations would be assessed against each bank proportionately.

These examinations would supplement those of the State and Federal Banking Departments, and the organization examiners would be authorized to co-operate and confer with the examiners of these departments on matters of mutual interest.

In the examinations the operations would be similar to that of city clearing house association examinations which have proven to be of such great value to the safety of banks and the protection of depositors, that the Chicago Clearing House Association, for one, points with much pride to the fact that for more than 20 years no depositor has lost any money by reason of the suspension of any of its members.

It may be said that city bank methods can not be applied to the country banks. Why not? With the entry of the chain store in the smaller communities the independent merchant has learned his lesson. He now adapts the best features of the chain store to his own business and allies himself with others of his kind to form his own chain, and at the same time retains his individuality. Surely the banks can profit by the independent merchant's experience.

Banks, generally speaking, may at first react unfavorably to the plan of organization and mutual examinations because of additional expense, but the expenditure of money to insure a sound banking structure is an investment which is returned many times, not only in safeguarding deposits, but in increased profits and compensating dividends to the stockholders with the added security of their holdings and an increased confidence of the public.

I have the highest regard for those having charge of the bank supervising departments, both National and State, but it appears that the system of examinations, as provided by law, is not sufficiently efficient to ward off bank failures. It is up to the bankers, themselves, by means of independent examinations to provide the stabilizing influence necessary to a good banking situation. In such an organization as proposed there may be occasions when the condition of a member may become precarious, but because of the knowledge and information previously obtained by the mutual supervision, action can be taken to tide over the temporary trouble or liquidation or consolidation can be brought about, either of which courses will prevent loss to the depositors and disturbance to the community. That has been the experience in a number of instances in city clearing house associations.

In organizing, every bank in the territory should be required to submit to an examination before being admitted to membership, and if any can not pass muster they of necessity should be given a period of six, eight or 12 months, whichever is deemed proper, to so readjust their affairs that they may be eligible for admission later. It should be the effort of the organization to assist such banks to that end. At the end of the probationary period, the purpose of the organization would be given publicity with a list of the member banks.

Within the manager's office extensive facilities favorable to all members could be installed. Credit information and investment data could be gathered for the use of those desiring it. Purchases for secondary reserves could be more advantageously made through the central office and with the knowledge of security values thus obtained the members could profit by safely supplying the investment needs of their customers.

There will also be the advantage of co-operative buying of equipment and supplies, collective advertising and the establishment of a research department. Many other uses will probably be found, once such an organization is thoroughly functioning.

Again, it should be quite obvious that with all of these advantages, which can be likened to the mass production of the modern manufacturing concern and the consequent reduction in costs, the investment represented by membership in such a federation would return handsome profits.

The unit banking system can be preserved and maintained by applying to the smaller banks the same remedy that has made city banking practically safe. I realize that it may be a difficult task to induce those in charge of many of the smaller banks to forget differences and competitions that have caused hesitation and delay in bringing about co-operation so necessary to the adoption of the reforms and practices which stand for sound banking. But does it not seem to be worth all the trouble?

The public has suffered greatly in the numerous bank failures of the past and is beginning to wonder where it is to end. Once it begins to understand that in most instances these failures are avoidable, it will take a hand by legislative measures to apply the remedy.

Group banking is a development of the clearing house idea over a wider territory through stockholding and control by a central organization to which every member bank sells its proprietary rights. The plan of "co-operative banking union," as I have tried to explain, is a development of the clearing house idea over a smaller and contiguous territory without the surrender of stockholdings, without sacrifice of local enterprise and control, but with voluntary affiliation and co-operation.

Looking to the future, with the adoption of this plan throughout the State I see an increased public confidence, increased deposits, increased earnings and the ascendancy of the unit banking system. The time is here, the opportunity is at hand. It is up to the independent banks to determine what use they will make of it. Are they to be forced out of business or absorbed by branch or group systems, or are they to remain independent through co-operation and unity of action in alliance for a just and noble cause and for self-preservation?

President Hoguet of National Association of Mutual Savings Banks at Atlantic City Convention Tells Mutual Executives They Must Meet Increased Competition—Cites Growth of Trusts—Suggests Forming an Association Similar to Federal Reserve System.

"Latest reports available seem to indicate that an increasingly large part of the savings of the country is taken by institutions other than mutual savings banks," Robert L. Hoguet, President of the National Association of Mutual Savings Banks, told 200 bankers at the opening of the association's convention at Atlantic City, May 14. The staff correspondent of the New York "Times" thus quoted Mr. Hoguet, and made known his further comments as follows:

"During the past few years our banks have been confronted with a new form of competition," he declared.

"The investment trust idea was imported from England and offered to our people in diverse aspects and forms," he pointed out. "Many of the great commercial institutions of the country are appealing to the

public generally to contribute their savings to composite funds and other devices for pooling savings. One of these institutions the other day was bold enough to make the statement that very little, if anything, had ever been done in the United States for the \$5,000 a year man.

"The early mutual savings banks were philanthropic institutions, conceived as a charity to assist the provident poor whose savings were apparently beneath the notice of any then existing form of commercial enterprise. Today human ingenuity is constantly devising ways and means of making a profit out of the savings of the multitude, and what once could not be started except as a pure philanthropy has become an extremely profitable business.

Stresses Sharing of Profits.

"It stands to reason that a mutual savings bank in which all of the earnings belong to the depositors is, or should be, more profitable for such depositors than a commercial banking institution in which some of the earnings of the funds are paid to the depositors and the balance goes to stockholders in the form of dividends."

Mr. Hoguet considered the possibility of recovering for the mutual savings banks their past share of the savings of the nation. He did not, however, make a definite proposal to the convention.

"Mutual savings banks did nothing but a savings business in the beginning," he said, "and that is substantially what they still do.

"It may be that they are not economically run. I believe this can be relatively easily remedied if the mutuals will have the courage to establish branches and to embark in other forms of banking. If we look at the commercial banks we cannot fail to be impressed by the fact that there has been a continuing diversification of function on the part of such institutions—discounts, trusts, mortgages, safe deposit, investments—until today the banks of the country are running what Charles E. Mitchell once characterized as financial department stores.

"Finally, and not of the least importance, is the fact that the mutual savings banks do not belong to the American banking family as it is now organized. The passage of the Federal Reserve act in 1913 brought the great bulk of American banking institutions into one organization. No method has yet been devised for bringing the mutual savings banks into this picture.

"It has been suggested that the savings banks could set up a co-operative clearing house similar to the Federal Reserve Board, but joining the existing system would simplify these solutions. Events of last Fall have shown that the Board is the best banking device ever created to bring about stability. Without the Board we might have had a panic last October unequaled in the financial history of the United States. The steadying influence of the Federal organization saved the situation."

The idea of a savings bank organization similar to the Federal Reserve appeared again later in the report of a committee appointed to consider how much surplus in addition to deposits should be kept undisturbed in order to safeguard the deposits. After two hours' discussion of the ratio of surplus proposed, the convention decided it could not agree and that the savings bankers must proceed for another year according to their best undivided judgment.

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A council resolution, ratified during the day by the convention, asked Congress to write into the Federal banking law a prohibition against the use of the word "savings" in any advertising in States where such use was forbidden.

Mr. Hoguet likewise said "it also should be made possible for savings banks to combine at will, as other banks combine. Increasing competition from commercial institutions has gravely hampered some of our smaller banks." This is noted in the "Herald-Tribune" account which also reported Mr. Hoguet as saying:

"I recently suggested to the savings banks in one state that all of them should be merged into a big bank, which would maintain branches where the small banks now operate. This suggestion was regarded as radical by many of those concerned, but it was merely in line with the practices of commercial banks.

"Another urgent need is the right to open branches as required. In most cases, the privilege is restricted to one or two branches, while commercial banks may have ten or a hundred.

"All of these things place us at a disadvantage, but despite such handicaps, we have more than 12,000,000 depositors and about \$9,000,000,000 of deposits. And it is for our depositors that we speak in seeking an extension of our usefulness."

Savings Banks No Longer Paying Out Money to Depositors to Protect Margins in Stock Dealings According to Robert Hoguet of National Association of Mutual Savings Banks—Deposits in New York Increasing.

"The savings banks have stopped paying out money to protect margin accounts and deposits are on the increase," said Robert L. Hoguet, President of the National Association of Mutual Savings Banks, on leaving New York May 13 for the tenth annual gathering of that organization in Atlantic City, which opened on May 14. Mr. Hoguet stated:

"If it is true that we are not likely to see another great bull market in the near future, it also is true that the period of liquidation following the break seems to have reached a normal end. For a while the mutual savings banks, with their 12,000,000 depositors, were called upon to shoulder a heavy part of the burden. But we see signs, day by day, that the burden grows lighter. For the first four months of 1930 the savings banks in the state of New York have increased their deposits by \$77,500,000. A similar gain has been made in other states. The rate of increase is higher than last year at this season, and sound and satisfying in the face of conditions.

"The public is returning to a conception of saving that almost disappeared in the boom period. The proposition that wealth results from thrift regularly practiced is more convincing in the spring of 1930. A year ago stocks could be bought at random, to yield 5 to 10% a month. The rates paid by savings institutions became unattractive to many persons of small capital. Since it was easier to buy stocks upon margin than to pay for them outright, and always with the chance of

rapid appreciation, savings accounts were drawn upon to finance stock purchases.

"We saw the tendency before the break. When the inevitable happened, our banks were the immediate source of funds to carry on. During October and November we paid out millions every day for this purpose, but December saw a change that is continuing steadily. It has been a principle in our institution that savings increase when times are hard. These are not exactly hard times, but there has been a pinch and we see the principle justified. I believe that business is well on the way to normal and look for a substantial increase in savings accounts this year."

Mr. Hoguet is Vice-President of the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank in New York. The mutual institutions, like mutual insurance companies, are operated for the benefit of depositors. Mr. Hoguet pointed out that the assets of these institutions, amounting to more than \$10,000,000,000, make up the largest accumulation of small capital ever gathered together by one class of banks. These \$10,000,000,000 of assets and 12,000,000 depositors are about equal to the population and national wealth of the country when the first of the banks was established a century ago. Mr. Hoguet said that the psychology of the American people had altered greatly since the savings bankers met last year, stating:

"The over-optimism of the spring of 1929 has passed, and with it has gone the extreme pessimism observed in certain quarters last fall. Now we have reached a basis of sound thinking. We are not spending so freely and look more to the necessity of a cash reserve. Reports from our banks show that unemployment is not gaining but decreasing in centers where it had been extensive. The advent of spring and naturally increased activity should see an end of any idleness that endures. I believe that we can put a red mark on the calendar for 1930 and call it a good year."

Report of Economic Policy Commission of A. B. A. Sees Serious Disadvantages In Proposal to Broaden Rules for Rediscouting Borrowing at Federal Reserve Banks.

Contraction and uneven distribution in paper eligible at the Federal Reserve Banks has produced a demand for liberalizing the present rules, says the Economic Policy Commission of the American Bankers Association, but following a detailed analysis of the facts and economic factors involved the Commission has prepared a report declaring that "we question whether the sound remedy is to be found in easier eligibility."

In its report presented to the Executive Council of the Association, the Commission says:

We do not mean to minimize the seriousness of this problem nor the disadvantages under which it has placed many banks, especially in the country districts, but we do feel that there are serious disadvantages involved in the proposal to set up an easier basis of access to Federal Reserve Bank credit. We believe such action at this time would be hasty and that time should be allowed to show whether natural forces are not at work which will within a reasonably short time correct the present situation. We are not prepared to recommend that the Council go on record against broadening the rules for rediscout, but we do suggest that the subject be given further study before any stand is taken.

The members of the Commission are:

- Rudolf S. Hecht, President Hibernia Bank and Trust Co., New Orleans, La., Chairman.
- George E. Roberts, Vice-President National City Bank, N. Y. City, Vice-Chairman.
- Nathan Adams, President First National Bank, Dallas, Tex.
- Leonard P. Ayres, Vice-President Cleveland Trust Co., Cleveland, Ohio.
- Frank Blair, Chairman of Board Union Trust Co., Detroit, Mich.
- Walter W. Head, President Foreman-State National Bank, Chicago, Ill.
- W. D. Longyear, Vice-President Security-First National Bank, Los Angeles, Calif.
- Walter S. McClucas, Chairman of Board Commerce Trust Co., Kansas City, Mo.
- Max B. Nahm, Vice-President Citizens National Bank, Bowling Green, Kentucky.
- Melvin A. Traylor, President First National Bank, Chicago, Ill.
- Paul M. Warburg, Chairman of Board International Acceptance Bank, N. Y. City.
- O. Howard Wolfe, Cashier Philadelphia National Bank, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Guorden Edwards, American Bankers Association, N. Y. City, Secretary.

In addition to the paragraph quoted above, the report submitted at the meeting of the Executive Council at Old Point Comfort, Va., May 5-8, said:

There has been referred to the Economic Policy Commission of the American Bankers Association the question raised by various proposals aiming toward liberalizing the rules governing the eligibility of paper for rediscout or borrowing at the Federal Reserve Banks so as to include other types of paper than those recognized by the present rules.

The basic source of these proposals is the marked shrinkage that has taken place in recent years in the volume of the various classes of paper now eligible. A few fundamental facts will illustrate this.

Sound Federal debt retirement policies have resulted in a contraction in the United States Government securities at the rate of almost a billion dollars a share. In 1924 the volume of Federals was \$21,000,000,000. In 1929 it was down to \$16,600,000,000. This is a shrinkage of \$4,400,000,000 in five years or almost 21%.

As to open market commercial paper there has also been a great contraction. In 1924 there was outstanding in the New York market, which represents about 90% of the national total, \$925,000,000 in commercial paper. In Sept. 1929 it was down to \$265,000,000. Here is a shrinkage in five years of \$660,000,000 or over 71%.

As to eligible paper in the hands of Federal Reserve Bank members, in 1926, when their total loans stood at \$22,000,000,000, this was reported at

\$4,900,000,000. That is, about 22% of their loan portfolio was composed of eligible paper. Last December when their total loans stood at about \$26,200,000,000, eligible paper amounted to only \$4,400,000,000 or about 16.7%. Here was a drop of half a billion dollars, or 10% in the volume and over five points, or 24%, in the ratio.

These changes in commercial credit instruments reflect in part at least the driving out by chain store and other direct merchandising methods of large numbers of middlemen, who formerly created considerable volumes of commercial paper; and also the rise of the practice of large corporate units to replace bank loans with security issues.

The only class of eligible paper that has shown an expansion in this period has been bankers' acceptances. In Dec. 1924 the volume outstanding was reported at \$821,000,000. In Dec. 1929 it reached a point of \$1,730,000,000, an increase of nearly a billion. However, due to the low rate of yield this form of paper has not been expedient for banks to carry in any great volume. The total bills and acceptances held by the member banks in Dec. 1929 amounted to only about \$290,000,000. This, therefore, has not materially helped the situation.

There is no question, therefore, that there has been a very serious contraction in available instruments eligible for rediscount or borrowing at the Federal Reserve Banks. On the other hand there has been considerable expansion in this period in the volume of non-eligible credit instruments.

It has been estimated that the volume of finance company paper arising from installment selling now in the hands of the banks is more than \$1,000,000,000. During the past four years also there has been an annual output of municipal issues in excess of \$2,000,000,000 annually and a large increase in the volume of this class of security in the hands of the banks has been noted. In 1925 member banks held about \$1,030,000,000 in city, county and municipal bonds, and last December they were reported as holding \$1,220,000,000 in these issues. Also there has been a very large increase in recent years in collateral loans by member banks. In 1925 this item aggregated \$6,720,000,000 and last December it stood at about \$10,150,000,000, an increase of \$3,430,000,000 or 51%.

So, all in all, there have been these distinct changes in the field of banking credit which have led some to feel strongly that a change in the eligibility rules was called for.

There is still another aspect of this subject that we have subjected to analysis with interesting results and that is the actual use of eligible paper for rediscounting and borrowing by the member banks. In December all member banks held loans eligible for rediscount to the amount of \$4,397,000,000, United States Government securities to the amount of \$3,863,000,000 and municipal warrants to the amount of \$169,000,000, or a total of \$8,429,000,000 in eligible instruments. However only about \$879,000,000 or not much more than one-tenth was being used at the Federal Reserve Banks.

As a general proposition, therefore, it would appear at first blush that the banks as a whole have no need for an enlarged supply of eligible paper since they are now using so small a proportion of what they have at the Federal Reserve banks. There seems to be ample leeway in case of need. These general figures, however, are deceptive since they do not reveal the important fact that these ample supplies are not at all evenly distributed among the banks. It is an abundance, in other words, that is not enjoyed by all.

Due to general economic conditions that obtain in the rural districts, the country State banks appear to be especially deficient in eligible paper. Federal Reserve reports show that country State bank members of the Federal Reserve System in December held almost 9% of the total loans of all member banks but they held less than 6% of the eligible paper. Only about 11% of their loans were of this class. The city State bank members representing about 33% of the total loans of member banks held almost 27% of the eligible paper. Over 13% of their loans were of this class. The National banks as a whole are in better position in this respect than State banks. The Nationals held about 58% of the total loans and over 67% of the eligible paper. The proportion of National bank loans classed as eligible was 19.5%.

This is a spotty condition that is further accentuated in respect to many particular localities and individual banks. The gradual disappearance of the middleman has been especially marked in some places. Also the extension of chain store systems into hundreds of small towns has transferred large volumes of the financing of commercial business away from them to the larger cities of the head offices of these systems, and there it is like as not done by the flotation of new securities instead of bank loans. The city bank often has had to keep its money busy in investments or collateral loans. These are conditions over which the banker has no control but from which he has suffered severely.

The facts seem to indicate, therefore, that while member banks as a whole appear to have an ample volume of eligible paper and securities, an uneven distribution has been created, and while the stronger banks have an excess supply many banks, especially in the country but sometimes in the cities as well, are in a much weaker position in this respect.

The foregoing facts, we believe, indicate the source of the demand for broadening the eligibility rules and also present a large measure of justification for this demand. However we question whether the sound remedy is to be found in easier eligibility.

Specifically it has been suggested that the rules be broadened to include such other credit instruments as finance company paper arising from installment selling, municipal securities and railroad bonds, so that banks shall have wider avenues of access to the Federal Reserve banks from which many of them are almost disfranchised by the present restrictions.

The argument made in favor of railroad bonds and municipal issues is that they are almost as good as Federals from the point of view of security. For finance company paper it is argued that this reflects a large volume of actual trade evidenced by the underlying installment notes and that the endorsements of sound, well-managed, discriminating finance corporations specializing in this type of business insure the safety of this class of paper.

In this connection it is pertinent to consider for a moment the economic theory back of the present rules of eligibility. The theory is that the paper of the designated character is fundamentally sound since it is created by responsible bank customers engaged in productive enterprise and is further reinforced by a bank's endorsement; that the volume of this type of paper rises and falls in accordance with seasonal changes in business and with the longer business cycles; and that it is inherently liquid both in respect to maturity and to the self-liquidating character of the transactions underlying it, since these involve the production and distribution of goods, the proceeds of whose sale at each turnover supply the funds to pay off the original notes. Eligible paper, therefore, so far as it serves member banks to obtain currency or to expand deposits created by commercial loans to customers tends to keep the expansion and contraction of credit and currency in step with the rise and fall of current business activities.

Neither railroad bonds, municipal issues, nor finance company installment paper quite qualify under this theory as classes of credit instruments suitable for eligibility.

As to railroad bonds and municipal issues it may be true that, as collateral security, they are almost as good as Federals, but Federal securities themselves are distinctly an anomaly as a basis for loans at the Federal Reserve

Banks. They were admitted only as a war finance measure. They do not tend to keep member borrowing coordinated with the expansion and contraction of trade.

As to installment paper it must be remembered that it represents consumer credit that is not based on productive transactions, but is wholly dependent upon extraneous factors for its liquidation, such as the ability of the purchaser of the goods involved to hold his job and make his payments out of wages. The value of the underlying goods themselves rapidly disappears through consumption or depreciation. This is in distinct contrast with the notes covered by the present rules for eligibility which represent producer, not consumer, credit and are strictly self-liquidating out of the increased value produced by the underlying commodities and transactions.

Our feeling therefore in respect to these proposals for admitting certain other types to eligibility is that such action may tend to make our reserve credit structure less liquid, throw its workings out of step with fundamental business changes, and also increase the task of preventing the Federal Reserve System from being employed as a facility to inflation.

We believe this latter point is especially important. The increase in credit which these added instruments would facilitate would not necessarily reflect and respond to the enlarged productive requirements of commerce and industry for supplies of currency and credit at going price levels. They would rather be liable to tend to create easy money in advance of those requirements and thus stimulate over-trading, rising prices and finally over-production. They would tend to create a volume of credit that would not be automatically extinguished after it had served its designated function. We feel that the original impulse for credit expansion should come not from easy money but from actual increased consumer demand which is the channel along which the present rules tend to guide our credit economy.

We feel also that there are important changes developing in credit conditions which will increase the supply of paper eligible under the present rules. For instance, we cited that in September 1929 the volume of open market commercial paper outstanding in New York had fallen to only \$265,000,000. Since then there has been a steady improvement in the commercial paper market and in March the supply was reported at \$529,000,000, a gain of \$264,000,000 or virtually 100% in only 6 months. We find indications also that many corporations are returning to the practice of financing their current operations by means of bank loans instead of by the issue of securities.

C. B. Hazlewood, Former President of American Bankers Association at Executive Council Meeting Proposes That Holding Companies of Banks be Made Subject to Examination by Banking Authorities—Resolution Approved by Council.

Craig B. Hazlewood, former President of the American Bankers' Association, at the Executive Council meeting at Old Point Comfort, last week, called attention to the question whether companies affiliated with banks should be made subject to examination by the constituted banking authorities. This, he said, was a fundamental matter that would probably be dealt with sooner or later in Federal legislation, and he suggested that the Council go on record as approving such examination, "so that the public might see that we have nothing to hide, and we believe that such examination would be proper and right." He then offered as a resolution "that the Council approve and favor examination by the constituted authorities of all investment, security and holding companies in which member banks' capital or deposit funds are invested." This resolution was passed without dissenting voice by the Council.

Report of Economic Policy Commission of American Bankers' Association Takes No Definite Stand on Question of Distribution of Excess Earnings of Federal Reserve Banks—Recommends Further Study of Subject—Other Proposals Considered by Commission.

At the meeting of the Executive Council of the American Bankers' Association, at Old Point Comfort, Va., May 5-8, R. S. Hecht, Chairman of the Economic Policy Commission, reported on the following subjects assigned to the Commission: The development of group, chain and branch banking; proposals for distributing a larger share of Federal Reserve Bank earnings for member banks; the question of liberalizing the rules governing eligibility of paper for rediscount at the Federal Reserve Banks. He said that the Commission had gathered information indicating 269 groups or chain systems, comprising 1,922 banks and \$15,285,000,000 in aggregate resources, pointing out that the failure of several small groups and consolidations among other groups had slightly reduced the number of banks in this field as reported in the previous compilation of the Commission, although the total banking resources comprised in group or chain banking have considerably increased. The Commission, he said, is now studying the operating, administrative and economic factors involved in this type of banking organization.

As to Federal Reserve earnings, Mr. Hecht's report said the argument against a larger distribution to Federal Reserve member banks was that there is considerable danger lurking in any proposition that tends to turn the Federal Reserve Banks into institutions conducted in any sense with

the idea of profit in view, declaring that if "the principle is set up of making an attractive rate of return on the stock a lure for membership, we might give room for the temptation to conduct the banks with their policies conceivably tinged with motives other than those of pure Reserve banking functions." The present distribution of earnings, it was declared, was designed for the very purpose of removing the profit-making motive from Federal Reserve policy. The report agreed with the proposition that only 25% of earnings, after provisions for present dividends and additions to surplus have been taken care of, should be paid to the Government, instead of the whole excess after these allocations, but the Commission was not prepared yet, due to difference of opinion among bankers which it had found, to make a recommendation as to the distribution of the excess earnings. It recommended further study of this subject before the Association adopted any definite attitude. As to the rules governing eligibility of paper for rediscount, the Commission also recommended that this subject be given further study before any stand is taken by the Association, expressing merely the opinion that natural economic forces appeared to be working toward a correction of the shortage in paper eligible under the present rules which now exist.

Over 2,000 National Banks Possess Trust Powers, According to J. W. Barton, President of National Bank Division of A. B. A.—Council Approves Proposal that Study of Change Confronting Banks Be Undertaken by Economic Policy Commission.

President John W. Barton, National Bank Division, reported at the annual meeting of the Executive Council of the American Bankers' Association at Old Point Comfort, Va., May 5-8, that more than 2,400 National banks now hold trust powers and the assets under administration by these banks show an increase of \$1,000,000,000 in a year, and the division was promoting the development among its members of the technique of trust department management. Referring to the fact that the loss of resources to the National Bank system has been marked in recent years, he reported that a special committee appointed to study the causes had gathered and analyzed material which will be presented with definite recommendations for constructive legislative proposals at the convention of the Association in the fall. The division heartily supports, he said, the measure prepared by the Special Committee on Section 5219, U. S. Revised Statutes, enlarging somewhat the latitude the States now have in taxing National banks, which seems necessary under modern conditions, with limitations safeguarding the interests of the banks and preventing the extension of unfair taxation. He also said that the banking business is subject to laws from 49 jurisdictions—the Federal Government and the 48 States, "creating a lack of uniformity and many elements of conflict. We are in an era of profound banking change. Is it not the time to consider a fundamental attack on this situation in the interest of economic efficiency and sound banking uniformity which possibly involves the question of bringing all banking under a single jurisdiction?" He proposed that this question be referred to the Economic Policy Commission for study and report, and this action was voted by the Council.

Membership of American Bankers' Association 19,564, According to Report of Membership Committee at Executive Council Meeting.

At the annual meeting of the Executive Council of the American Bankers' Association, held May 5-8 at Old Point Comfort, Va., Chairman C. E. McCutchen, of the Membership Committee, reported that the total Association membership stood at 19,564, a slight decrease, but at a less rate than the decrease in the total number of banking institutions in the country. A year ago, he said, the total non-members numbered 8,535, and at present they number 7,925, adding that the "reduction in prospects continues to make it extremely difficult to secure new members." Three jurisdictions, namely, Arizona, District of Columbia, and New Mexico, have a 100% membership, while Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming each have only one non-member. Twelve other States have a membership between 90 and 100%; New York leads in numbers, with 1,520 members, Pennsylvania next with 1,355, Illinois third with 1,098, California fourth with 1,096, and Texas fifth with 1,007.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, &c.

Arrangements were reported made this week for the transfer of a New York Stock Exchange membership for \$465,000, a decrease of \$14,000 from the last preceding sale.

The New York Cotton Exchange membership of Leon B. Lowenstein was reported sold this week to Pierre J. La Condury for \$20,000. The last preceding sale was at the same figure.

Arrangements were reported made this week for the sale of a Chicago Stock Exchange membership for \$37,000. The last preceding sale was for \$36,000.

Two Chicago Board of Trade memberships were reported sold this week for \$18,800 and \$20,000, respectively. The last preceding sale was for \$17,500.

The Chemical Bank & Trust Co. of New York, one of the oldest financial institutions in New York and the first bank on Broadway, opens its thirteenth branch at University Place and Ninth St. May 15. Founded in 1824, the Chemical Bank's first home was at 216 Broadway, opposite St. Paul's Church. When it began business the population of New York City was 124,000. A statement published by the Chemical in 1829 showed total assets of \$922,394. The statement of Jan. 1 1930 shows assets of over \$423,000,000. Percy H. Johnston, President, was elected in January 1920 and is the ninth President of the bank. The history of the Chemical is romantic and colorful. For years it was affectionately dubbed "Old Bullion," deriving its nickname from the fact that during all periods of financial stress it was the only bank that never suspended specie payment. On May 3 1929 the name was changed from Chemical National Bank to Chemical Bank & Trust Co. On June 29 1929 the Chemical merged with the United States Mortgage & Trust Co. The Chemical's main office is at 165 Broadway.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Chemical Bank & Trust Co. on May 15 Arthur W. Loasby was elected a director.

The offices of Roosevelt & Son, private bankers at 30 Pine St., will be closed to-day (May 17) out of respect to the memory of W. Emler Roosevelt, a partner in the firm since 1878 who died in his sleep at his home, this city, on May 15. Mr. Roosevelt was 73 years of age. He was a cousin of the late President Roosevelt. Mr. Roosevelt was active years ago in building up the Mexican Telegraph Co. and the Central and South American Telegraph Co., which later were merged into the All America Cables, Inc., of whose board Mr. Roosevelt was Chairman. In 1927 he participated in the merging of All America Cables with the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. Mr. Roosevelt was a member of the board of the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Co. and the Bank of New York & Trust Co. He was a trustee of the Union Square Savings Bank. He was Chairman of the board of the All America Cables Co., and a director of the International Telephone & Telegraph Co., the Mobile & Ohio Railroad, the Third Avenue Railway and the Fidelity and Casualty Co.

Detroit advices May 14 to the New York "Journal of Commerce," said:

Reports that the Fords have recently increased their interest in the National City Bank of New York were denied to-day in a statement issued from the Ford offices at Dearborn. It was denied that either Henry Ford or Edsel Ford have been acquiring such stock.

"We rarely deny rumors and we do not intend to begin the practice now," it was declared, "but this report was disseminated so widely as to call for denial. The Fords are not buying any bank stock anywhere."

Jules E. Brulatour, President, Treasurer, and director of J. E. Brulatour, Inc., has been elected a member of the advisory board of the 44th Street & Broadway office of the Chemical Bank & Trust Co. Mr. Brulatour is also a director of the Paramount Famous Lasky Corp.

The Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. of New York will open a new office in the near future in the new Chrysler Building. A lease has been signed for space on the 43d St. and Lexington Ave. corner, 6,300 feet to be occupied on the first floor; 3,700 feet in the basement and 3,000 feet on the second floor. Equipment will include a safe deposit department and the office will provide complete banking and trust services.

Completion of the steel work of the Irving Trust Co.'s building at 1 Wall Street was celebrated May 12, when steelworkers performed the ancient ceremony of "Planting

the bush" on the topmost column of the new structure more than 50 stories above Broadway. According to Dan Webster, of Marc Eidlitz & Son, general contractors for the building, the custom of planting a bush at the top of a new house or building, dates back to prehistoric days and is part of the folk-lore of many countries. "As far as we know," said Mr. Webster, "the custom is oldest in those Northern European countries where Woden was the supreme deity. Originally, a sheaf of corn was attached to the top of a new house as a feast offering to Woden's horse. In some countries the occasion was marked by the solemn pouring out of a libation to the horse or to Woden himself. As time passed, the sheaf of corn gave way to the bush and the bush to the flag pole of to-day." Mr. Webster said the steel work had been erected without the loss of a single life and without a serious accident of any kind. It is expected that the building will be ready for occupancy early in 1931.

The Irving Trust Co. of New York, opened on May 12, its sixth banking office in Brooklyn, at 681 Nostrand Ave. This office, which will be known as the Nostrand Avenue office, is in the heart of the Bedford section. It will be under the supervision of H. A. Mathews, Vice-President, and Stanley T. Wratten, Assistant Vice-President, with Charles W. Kittelberger in direct charge. It was announced May 13, that the Irving Trust Co. has received permission from the State Banking Department to open a banking office at 311 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, in a growing business and residential section. The work of remodeling the premises has already been started, and the office will be opened about May 26. It will be under the supervision of H. A. Mathews, Vice-President and Stanley T. Wratten, Assistant Vice-President, with John D. Newhouse in immediate charge. When the office is opened, the Irving will have seven banking offices in Brooklyn, four of which will have been established in the last two months. The other offices are at Court and Livingston Streets, Flatbush Ave. at Linden Blvd., New Utrecht Ave. at 53d Street; 444 86th Street, 27-28 Newkirk Plaza and 681 Nostrand Avenue.

The Irving Trust Co. on May 15 announced the appointment of Dr. John J. Hogan of 15 West 23rd St., as a member of the advisory board of its lower midtown group of banking offices. Dr. Hogan is President of the John J. Hogan Optical Co., a member of the Central Merchants Association and Merchants Association of New York, and also a member of the executive and legislative committees of the Optometrical Societies of the City and State of New York.

The Fitrust Corp., affiliated with the Fidelity Trust Co. of New York, has devised and copyrighted a common stock price indication chart which is being mailed monthly to customers. The chart is in three sections, one listing 25 leading industrials, the second, ten leading railroads, and the third, ten public utilities. Opposite each listing is shown the dividend rate and the current price. A percentage chart shows graphically the ratio of dividends to price and the ratio of earnings to price. The indicator will be revised monthly.

Winfield R. Sheehan, Vice-President, General Manager and Director of the Fox Film and Fox Theatres Corp., for many years directing head of the Fox production forces, was elected a director of the Harriman National Bank & Trust Co. of New York, at a meeting on May 13. Mr. Sheehan will continue his activities in the development and expansion of the Fox interests. At the same meeting, J. Fletcher Farrell, Vice-President, Treasurer and Director of Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corp. and Vice-President, Chairman of Finance Committee and director of Venezuelan Petroleum Co., was also elected a director of the bank. Mr. Farrell is also a director of the Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co., Chicago; Importers & Exporters Insurance Co. of New York; Mohawk Fire Insurance Co.; William H. Wise & Co., Merchants & Manufacturers Securities Co. of Chicago; Real Silk Hosiery Mills, Inc., and other corporations.

Buffalo advices on Thursday of this week, May 15, to the New York "Times" reported that the Marine Midland Corporation that day appointed as directors Frederick Beers, President of the National Biscuit Co., James G. Blaine, President of the Fidelity Trust Co., New York, and David G. Wakeman, Vice-President of Crum & Forster, New York. Recently Mr. Beers was made a director of the Fidelity Trust Co. of New York. The dispatch furthermore stated that stockholders of the Marine Midland Corporation now total more than 20,000.

The Supreme Court for the State of New Hampshire on May 14 approved the merger of the Second National Bank of Nashua and the Old Guaranty Savings Bank of that city, according to Associated Press advices from Concord, N. H., on that date, printed in the New York "Herald Tribune" of the next day. The merger, the dispatch said, will be the first of a National and a savings bank in New Hampshire, and will result, it is claimed, in the largest bank in the State. The dispatch furthermore said that an opinion on the consolidation had been asked by Arthur E. Dole, Bank Commissioner for New Hampshire.

That controlling interest in the Chapman Bank & Trust Co. of Portland, Me., one of the largest banks in that city, with resources of \$9,000,000, has been obtained by Leonard F. Timberlake of the investment banking firm of Timberlake, Estes & Co., Portland, and a group of associates, was reported in advices by the Associated Press from Portland on May 13, printed in the Boston "Transcript" of the same date. Mr. Timberlake has been appointed President of the acquired institution to succeed Philip F. Chapman, who issued a formal statement announcing the disposal of his interest in the bank. Bay E. Estes and Vernon F. West have been made Vice-Presidents.

The proposed consolidation of the three Newark, N. J., banks—the Fidelity Union Trust Co., the North Ward National Bank and the Equitable Trust Co. (the last two affiliated institutions)—was ratified by the stockholders of the first named bank on May 14, according to the New York "Herald Tribune" of the next day. Shareholders of the other two banks had already approved the merger. Uzal H. McCarter, President of the Fidelity Union Trust Co., announced that officers of the North Ward National Bank and the Equitable Trust Co. would be appointed officials of the enlarged Fidelity Union Trust Co. at a meeting of the directors on May 19, and that the union of the institutions would become effective at the close of business May 20. The combined resources of the three institutions, as shown by their statements as of March 27, aggregate \$162,270,978 and their deposits \$143,690,281. The approaching union of these banks was noted in our issue of Dec. 21, 1929, page 3908.

Cyrus Baldwin Crane, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Citizens' National Bank & Trust Co. of Caldwell, N. J., died on May 12 at the age of 86. Mr. Crane, who was one of the founders of the Citizens' National Bank & Trust Co., became President of the institution in 1913 and held that office until Jan. 1 of this year, when he was made Chairman of the Board. For six years he was President of the Essex County Board of Agriculture. He was also a member of the Board of Managers of the Montclair Savings Bank, Montclair, N. J.

The Bankers' Trust Co. of Philadelphia is using electric bookkeeping machines. A communication in the matter received this week from the bank says:

A battery of electric bookkeepers—almost human in their operation—is being installed by Bankers' Trust Co. in its 11 offices.

This is the largest installation of machines of this type in Philadelphia, and the first time that automatic posting machines will be used on both savings and Christmas Club accounts.

Three records are made automatically, and at one time by this machine—in the depositor's pass book, on the bank's ledger card, and on the audit sheet. All misunderstandings, misread figures and mistakes such as are frequent with pen and ink figures, are done away with, and the printed figures in the pass book provide unchangeable receipts. This also means quicker service for the depositor and much saving in bookkeeping for the bank.

Although 90% of the New York banks have already installed these machines, Bankers' Trust Co. is one of the first in Philadelphia to have this service. The number of machines arranged for by Bankers' Trust Co. equals nearly one-third the total number of machines in the entire Philadelphia area.

The first machines installed are in the main offices at Walnut and Juniper Streets, and at 713 Chestnut Street. Other offices will be equipped as rapidly as the machines can be delivered.

Melville G. Baker, President of the Penn National Bank of Philadelphia, and a well known banker of that city, died of heart disease at his home in Germantown on May 3 after a few hours' illness. Mr. Baker, who was 54 years of age, was born in Philadelphia. He entered the employ of the Penn National Bank as an office boy during a school vacation and liked the banking business so well that upon his graduation from the Central High School he decided to forego a college course at the University of Pennsylvania for which he had won a scholarship and continue with the bank instead. He was rapidly advanced from one position

to another during the years until 1919, when he was appointed President of the institution, the office he held at his death. In 1928 Mr. Baker was elected Chairman of Group Q of the Pennsylvania Bankers' Association. For years he had been active in the affairs of the Union League Club of Philadelphia, and last December was elected President. Mr. Baker was also at the time of his death Treasurer of Senator Joseph R. Grundy's Campaign Committee.

With reference to the proposed merger of the Kensington Trust Co. of Philadelphia and the National Security Bank & Trust Co. of that city, indicated in our issue of Apr. 5, page 2334, the respective stockholders of the institutions will vote on the consolidation on June 29 next, and if approved, the union will go into effect June 30. The new organization will be known as the Kensington Security Bank & Trust Co.

According to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of yesterday May 16, Charles L. Gilliland, Treasurer of the Aberfoyle Manufacturing Co. and President of the Cotton Products Co., has been made a director of the Commercial National Bank & Trust Co. of Philadelphia.

The Farmers' National Bank of New Holland, Pa., on May 10 changed its title to the Farmers' National Bank & Trust Co.

Supplementing our item of April 26, page 2905, with reference to the closing, on April 22, of the People's Bank Co. of Alliance, Ohio, and the arrest of W. A. Thompson and his son, A. D. Thompson, Cashier and Vice-President, respectively, of the institution, advices by the Associated Press from Canton, Ohio, on May 12, appearing in the Boston "Herald" of the next day, reported that a Stark County grand jury had indicted both men on May 12 for the alleged embezzlement of \$93,500 of the bank's funds. The dispatch furthermore said:

Bank examiners charged that the two men covered the shortages through forged notes. They said the defalcations started Nov. 1 1929.

Immediately after the shortages were discovered recently, State bank officials took charge of the institution, which is still closed.

The Central Trust Co. of Cincinnati, Ohio, announces the appointment of Alfred M. Cressler as Vice-President and Investment Officer.

Three banks joined the BancOhio Corp. of Columbus, Ohio, recently. According to the "Ohio State Journal" of May 9, announcement was made on May 8 that the First National Bank of Chillicothe and the Valley Savings Bank & Trust Co. of that city had become affiliated with the banking group. Addition of the resources of these banks to the BancOhio Corp. gives the latter total resources aggregating more than \$90,000,000. No change in the directors or officials, it was announced, would be made at either bank. Julius F. Stone, President of the BancOhio Corp., in commenting on the acquisition of the Chillicothe banks, said:

Banking in the economic area of which Columbus is the centre is in line with the highest development of banking trend, which has its best expression in a group of banks large enough and strong enough to facilitate the growing business activities of this area.

Acquisition by the holding company of the third institution—the Columbus Morris Plan Bank, Columbus, with resources of over \$1,000,000—was announced on May 10, according to the "Ohio State Journal" of the next day. The affiliation of this bank makes eight institutions composing the BancOhio Corp. at present. In commenting on the acquisition of this institution, John A. Kelley, Executive Vice-President of the holding company, was reported as saying:

Banks associated in BancOhio feel it is their duty to the community to provide loaning facilities to thousands of our worthy citizens whose assets are not of a strictly commercial, bankable type, but who constitute the best of moral risks. It is contemplated that all the banks in Columbus associated in BancOhio, including their branches, will serve the Morris Plan Bank by taking applications for their loans and receiving payments on their loans in order to bring the service of the Morris Plan Bank as near to the people in their respective neighborhoods as possible.

O. C. Gray, State Superintendent of Banks for Ohio, on May 12 took over the affairs of the Ohio State Bank at Washington Court House, O., which was closed at noon on that day after depositors had made heavy withdrawals, according to Associated Press advices from Washington Court House on the same date, appearing in the New York "Times" of May 13. The closed institution was headed by M. S. Daugherty, brother of the former United States Attorney-General, Harry Daugherty, and was formed three years ago by the consolidation of the Fayette County Bank, the Midland National Bank and the Commercial Bank, the

latter two concerns being also headed by M. S. Daugherty. We quote furthermore from the dispatch as follows:

Superintendent Gray ordered the closing of the bank which had capital stock of \$200,000 and on March 27 reported resources of \$2,626,890.

The Midland National Bank was prominently mentioned in connection with the Government inquiry into the Teapot Dome and Elk Hills oil reserve leases which were made by the Harding Administration at a time when Harry Daugherty was Attorney-General. Part of the lease funds was alleged to have been deposited in the Midland Bank here.

A charter was issued on May 6 by the Comptroller of the Currency for the First National Bank & Trust Co. in Alton, Ill. The new organization is capitalized at \$500,000. C. A. Caldwell is President, and E. W. Joesting, Cashier.

Stockholders of the Midland National Bank of Chicago at a special meeting on May 12 approved a proposed reduction in the par value of the bank's shares from \$100 to \$20 a share, according to the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" on May 13. The stockholders also voted to increase the capital by an additional 2,500 shares of the par value of \$20 a share (\$50,000), all of which has been subscribed for at the price of \$60 a share, it was stated.

A meeting of the shareholders of the Ogden National Bank of Chicago has been called for May 21 to vote on a proposed five-for-one split-up of the bank's shares (reducing the par value from \$100 to \$20 a share), according to an announcement by C. R. Corbet, Vice-President of the institution, reported in the Chicago "Post" of May 13.

Fred A. Allwardt, a Vice-President of the City National Bank & Trust Co. of Battle Creek, Mich., and a pioneer resident of that city, died on May 10 after a prolonged illness. Mr. Allwardt was born in Germany 78 years ago and came to this country when 6 years old. His banking connections extended over a period of 59 years.

Further referring to the new Northwestern National Bank Building of Minneapolis, the completion of which was noted in our May 10th issue, page 3298, the following comes to us this week from the Northwestern Bancorporation:

Work on the new building, which is the largest financial structure north or west of Chicago, has been in progress for a year. The building is 16 stories above the street level, and is conspicuous for its massive character rather than for height, the ground covered being 330 by 132 feet. The frontage covers an entire block from Sixth Street to Seventh Street on Marquette Avenue.

Above the building proper and in the rear is a pent house of unusual size or equal to a building of four full stories.

To the right of the Northwestern Bank Building is the Rand Tower, one of the new tall buildings of 26 stories, and in the extreme right of the picture are two buildings of five stories and three stories that are now in the process of being torn down to make way for the new building of the Northwestern Bell Telephone Co., which will be 24 stories in height.

The banking room in the new Northwestern Bank Building is the longest in the entire country, and five feet longer than the largest in Chicago, extending 305 feet from end to end.

On April 14 the National City Bank of St. Louis, St. Louis, Mo., capitalized at \$1,000,000, was placed in voluntary liquidation. As indicated in the "Chronicle" of April 19, page 2714, the institution was merged with the Franklin-American Trust Co. of St. Louis.

From the Milwaukee "Sentinel" of May 9 it is learned that the Potosi State Bank, Potosi, Grant Co., Wis., has decided to join the Wisconsin Bankshares Corporation, Milwaukee, making the fifth within a week and bringing the total number in the group to 31. The four other banks which had joined previously within the week were given as the First National Bank and its affiliate, the Central Wisconsin Trust Co., of Madison, Wis., the First National Bank of Portage, Wis., and the Black Earth State Bank, Black Earth, Wis. The Potosi State Bank, which was founded in 1904, is capitalized at \$50,000, with surplus and undivided profits of \$23,429, and deposits of \$594,457. Adam Schumacher is President, Andrew Bode, Vice-President, C. J. Ragatz, Cashier, and W. A. Schumacher, Assistant Cashier. Leo T. Crowley, President of the State Bank of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis., and representative of the Wisconsin Bankshares Corp. in that area, was reported as saying:

"Patrons of the Potosi State Bank may well feel gratified at the results of the audit which qualified this bank for membership in the Wisconsin Bankshares, and which revealed the bank to be in excellent condition and a worthwhile member of the group."

The Commercial National Bank of Corydon, Iowa, with capital of \$40,000, was placed in voluntary liquidation on Feb. 24. It was absorbed by the Corydon State Bank.

A final dividend totaling \$29,838.93 was forwarded on May 10 to depositors of the defunct Douglas County State

Bank of Alexandria, Minn., by A. J. Veigel, State Commissioner of Banks, according to the St. Paul "Pioneer Press" of May 12. The dividend amounted to 7.25% bringing the total realized by the depositors to 87.25%. Four previous dividends were paid. The bank closed May 21, 1926.

As an aftermath to the recent closing of several Nebraska banks forming part of a chain of banks in which F. J. Kirchman, Sr., held the controlling interest, the banker named on May 3 in the District Court at Wahoo, Neb., before Judge L. S. Hastings pleaded "guilty" to 11 counts of an indictment charging misappropriation of funds and was immediately sentenced by the Court to five years on each count of the first 10 counts and ten years on the last count (the sentences to run consecutively), or an aggregate of sixty years, in the Nebraska State Prison, according to Associated Press advices from Wahoo on May 3, appearing in the Omaha "Bee" of the following day. The former banker, it was said, the previous week had given a \$5,000 bond on Federal charges growing out of the closing of the Saunders County National Bank, Wahoo, the key bank of his group. In the Federal Court he was charged with false entry and misapplication of \$48,800 of the bank's resources. We quote further from the dispatch as follows:

According to Deputy Attorney General Irvin Stalmaster of Omaha, who with County Attorney Galloway drafted the complaint, the Kirchman bank mess is the worst he has ever witnessed.

"It seems incredible," said Mr. Stalmaster, "that such large sums could disappear in such short time.

"We have only scratched the surface back to last October. In that time we found that the banker sold mortgages to private parties, giving receipts for the cash but holding the mortgages in the bank for safe keeping.

"Then the mortgages were sent to large city banks as collateral for loans, and have now been seized by the city banks as collateral. The persons who bought the mortgages have nothing but their receipts.

"We found where thousands of dollars of notes and mortgages, long satisfied, and recorded as satisfied on court files, were still listed in the bank as assets.

"Of course, these deals may all have been used to cover up shortages dating farther back, and cancel earlier like arrangements. Only a deeper search of the bank records will show."

W. H. Kirchman, cashier of the Nebraska State Savings bank and nephew of F. J. Kirchman, sr., was accused in the same complaints. He is ill in a hospital.

Kirchman's attorney, A. Z. Donato, pleaded for leniency because of Kirchman's age.

Kirchman said he will do all he can to help depositors get their money.

The judge said the pardon board might consider modification of the sentence if restitution is made.

Reference was made to the closing of the Kirchman banks in our issues of Apr. 19 and 26, pages 2714 and 2906, respectively.

As of April 30 last, the First National Bank of Chinook, Mont., capitalized at \$80,000, went into voluntary liquidation. The institution was taken over by the Farmers' National Bank of the same place.

That the Sullivan County Bank, Milan, Mo., was closed on May 12 by its directors and turned over to the State Finance Department, was announced by S. L. Cantley, State Finance Commissioner, according to a Jefferson City dispatch by the Associated Press on that day, printed in the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" of May 13. The failed bank had total resources of \$220,800. The dispatch went on to say:

No reason for the closing was given, but Cantley said slow loans and frozen assets probably were the cause.

The bank's last statement showed it has \$20,000 capital, \$10,000 surplus, \$140,870 deposits, \$164,144 loans and \$44,000 bills payable.

F. A. Gules, State Bank Examiner, has been directed to take charge.

Incident to the acquisition of control of the Union Planters' National Bank & Trust Co. of Memphis, Tenn., and the Manhattan Savings Bank & Trust Co. of the same city (an institution under joint management with the former) by the Fourth & First Banks, Inc., of Nashville, Tenn., the Nashville "Banner" of May 7 stated that James E. Caldwell, President of the Fourth & First Banks, Inc., had announced that actual control of the Memphis institutions would pass to his organization within the next week or 10 days. The paper mentioned went on to say:

Preliminary legal formalities have been completed, he (Mr. Caldwell) said, and only clerical details remain to be worked out and deliveries of stock made.

Stockholders have approved the recent action of the board of directors recommending the acquisition of control of the two Memphis institutions. Securities will be exchanged on the basis of approximately one share of Fourth & First stock for three of the Union Planters, which controls the Manhattan bank.

Mr. Caldwell said the deal was a \$6,000,000 transaction. Acquisition of control of the Memphis banks will give the Fourth & First Banks, Inc., additional deposits of approximately \$40,000,000, and additional resources of around \$50,000,000, making total deposits of the holding company about \$100,000,000 and total resources \$150,000,000.

The proposed acquisition of control of these Memphis banks by the Fourth & First Banks, Inc., was noted in our issue of April 19, page 2710.

The Merchants' Bank & Trust Co. of Jackson, Miss., has increased its capital from \$600,000 to \$750,000 through the sale of 1,500 shares of new stock, par value \$100 a share, at the price of \$275 a share. The capital resources of the bank are now as follows: Capital, \$750,000; surplus, \$82,500, and undivided profits (approximately), \$300,000.

On May 9 the Comptroller of the Currency approved an application to convert the Citizens' Bank, Marietta, Ga., into a National institution under the title of the First National Bank in Marietta. The bank is capitalized at \$100,000.

The First National Bank of Minden, La., was placed in voluntary liquidation on April 29. The institution was absorbed by the Bank of Webster, Minden.

Albert S. May, a Vice-President of the California National Bank of Sacramento, Calif., committed suicide on May 9 while suffering from acute melancholia due to a nervous breakdown. Mr. May went to the bank building early in the morning and shot himself, dying six hours later in the Sutter hospital while doctors were performing an emergency operation to save his life. His accounts were found to be in excellent condition. The deceased banker was 45 years of age.

At the close of the directors' meeting Friday, May 9, Herbert D. Ivey, President of the Citizens National Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, announced the appointment of Frank R. Alvord as Vice-President-Cashier, and of Val J. Grund and Horace Dunbar as Vice-Presidents. Mr. Alvord, who has been with the Citizens since 1906, advancing through the various ranks to the position of Vice-President in January 1929, is promoted to increased responsibility in taking over the additional duties of Cashier. He is well known among bankers throughout the West, having been in charge of correspondent relations for the Citizens. Mr. Grund joined the institution as comptroller in 1925, going from the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Tex., of which he had been Deputy Governor. Since January 1929 he has been Cashier and Vice-President, and now assumes duties as a senior loan officer. Mr. Dunbar joined the Citizens recently, taking charge of the department of business development.

Effective May 3, the Reardan National Bank, Reardan, Wash., capitalized at \$50,000, was placed in voluntary liquidation on May 3. The institution has been succeeded by the First National Bank of Reardan.

Ross H. McMaster, President of the Steel Co. of Canada, Ltd., was made a director of the Bank of Montreal on May 9 to fill the vacancy on the Board created by the death of his father, the late William McMaster, according to the Montreal "Gazette" of May 10. Other organizations in which Mr. McMaster is a director include the following: Canadian Pacific Railway Co., Canadian Industries, Ltd., Northern Electric Co., Dominion Rubber Co., Canadian Bronze Co., the Royal Trust Co., Dominion Glass Co., and Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada.

Sir Henry W. Thornton, President of the Canadian National Railways, has been made a director of the Union Guardian Trust Co. of Detroit, according to advices from that city on May 14 to the "Wall Street Journal."

A booklet showing in an interesting form some historical and pictorial details of the old business of Cox and Co. of London, and their successors has been issued, and copies may be had by intending travellers upon application to J. H. Fea, at 67 Wall St., New York representative of Lloyds Bank, Ltd. of London. During the World War the old firm of private Bankers, Cox & Co., acted as agents for many officers of the American Expeditionary Force and it is stated, numerous contracts thus made have been continued. In 1923 Cox & Co. was merged into the Lloyds Bank and their office is now known as Lloyds Bank, Ltd., 6, Pall Mall, S. W. 1. In recent years the Pall Mall branch has served an increasing number of visitors from this country to London, and it has made available for visitors use convenient waiting and writing rooms. At the same place Travellers Cheques can be exchanged and drafts under Letters of Credit issued by most of the leading American banks may be cashed.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The New York stock market has been generally unsettled during the most of the present week and though the tendency has been toward lower levels there have been several upward reactions during which the trading was fairly strong. On Saturday, and again on Wednesday, the market moved briskly upward under the leadership of the public utilities. Profit taking, and short selling had a depressing effect on the trading on Monday and for a short time the market drifted into the doldrums. On Thursday the movement was to lower levels, while on Friday prices showed little change. Public utilities have been in fair demand at slightly higher prices and during the early part of the week copper stocks were moderately strong. The weekly report of the Federal Reserve Bank, made public after the close of business on Thursday, showed a further reduction of \$67,000,000 in brokers' loans, bringing the total down \$267,000,000 in the past 10 days. Call money renewed at 3% on Monday, continued unchanged at that rate on each and every day during the week.

The market was strong and active during the abbreviated session on Saturday, public utilities, steel stocks and copper shares moving briskly upward to higher levels, followed by a goodly number of the more active shares in various divisions of the list. United States Steel surged forward 3 points and crossed 172, while Bethlehem Steel and many of the independent issues moved forward somewhat more sedately. Public utilities bounded forward under the guidance of Electric Power & Light which scored a gain of 6 points as it topped 90, closely followed by American & Foreign Power which ran upward 3 points and closed at 81. Other strong stocks in this division were American Power & Light which improved 4 points, Standard Gas & Electric which closed at 117½ with a gain of 2½ points, Consolidated Gas which closed at 127½ with a gain of 2 points, Brooklyn Union Gas Co. which advanced to 152½ with a jump of 2½ points and Pacific Gas & Electric which moved up nearly 2 points at the close. United Aircraft scored a sharp advance of about 6 points to 70, Radio Corp. had plenty of strength and activity and closed above 50 with a gain of 4 points. The copper group developed considerable strength and such stocks as Anaconda, Kennecott, Calumet & Arizona and Inspiration Copper displayed gains of from 1 to 3 or more points.

Short selling and more or less profit taking accounted in a measure for the unsettled condition of the trading on Monday, nevertheless the general tone of the market was strong and some good gains were recorded in the early transactions. The strong stocks of the day were the motor shares and accessories, with General Motors leading the advance and crossing 49 at its top for the day. Chrysler improved 1½ points and Hupp, Hudson, Packard and Pierce-Arrow were fractionally higher at the close. Copper shares were stronger with Anaconda 2 points up as it closed for the day. Amusement shares were moderately strong in the morning but sold down as the day advanced. Quiet strength was the chief characteristic of the stock market on Tuesday, most of the representative market leaders displaying moderate gains at the close. United States Steel closed at 173½ with a gain of over two points, though most of the independents such as Bethlehem, and Republic Iron & Steel were inclined to heaviness and closed somewhat below the preceding day. The bright spot of the public utility group was Columbia Gas & Electric which gained about 4 points and crossed 85. Other strong stocks in the utilities were American & Foreign Power, American Power & Light, Electric Power & Light and Consolidated Gas of New York, all of which closed with substantial gains. Standard Oil of N. J. moved up 4 points to above 80 following rumors that a stock dividend would be voted in the near future. Montgomery Ward improved about 2 points to 44 and Sears, Roebuck crossed 84 with a gain of 2 points, and substantial gains were made by Allied Chemical & Dye, International Harvester and Warner Bros.

Public utility issues were the principal attractions in the greater part of the session on Wednesday and advances ranging from 2 to 3 or more points were recorded in many active stocks before the session closed. American & Foreign Power for instance, gained 2¼ points and closed at 83, Consolidated Gas Co. was also in demand and touched 127,

closing at 121 with a gain of nearly 3 points, Electric Power & Light was up over a point and Standard Gas & Electric improved 3¼ to 118½. American Can gained more than 2 points as it closed at 145½ and General Electric, Westinghouse and Radio Corp. each gained about a point. Vanadium Steel rushed up about 10 points to 115 or better and an advance of 4 points was recorded by United Aircraft.

The market turned downward on Thursday, the volume of trading sinking to the lowest level touched in two months. Prices were under considerable pressure, particularly in the late trading and sharp declines were recorded throughout the list. There were, however, a few issues that stood out against the trend, Columbia Gas, for instance, displayed considerable strength and reached its top price at 86½ with a gain of 3 points. Radio-Keith-Orpheum closed at 45½ with a net gain of 1½ points. United States Steel, Amer. Tel. & Tel., Consolidated Gas and numerous other active speculative stocks were under pressure and dipped from 2 to 4 points. Motor shares were weak and there was little activity apparent in the railroad stock, copper shares or oils. The stock market continued quiet on Friday, in fact so much so that at times the tickers were at a standstill. Prices were mixed, though the tone of the market was steady. Some of the more active speculative issues displayed moderate strength and while gains ranging from one to three points were recorded in various parts of the list, the bulk of the advances were confined to fractions. Some good buying was apparent among the so-called specialties like J. I. Case, Coca Cola and Vanadium Steel. United Aircraft closed at 71 with a gain of 2½ points. The final tone was weak.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week Ended May 16.	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad, &c., Bonds.	State, Municipal & For'n Bonds.	United States Bonds.	Total Bond Sales.
Saturday-----	1,880,450	\$3,629,000	\$1,950,000	\$52,000	\$5,631,000
Monday-----	3,020,890	5,376,000	2,134,000	164,000	7,674,000
Tuesday-----	2,697,290	5,932,700	2,007,000	173,000	8,132,700
Wednesday-----	3,179,950	8,242,000	2,403,000	148,000	10,793,000
Thursday-----	2,675,470	6,947,000	2,033,000	200,000	9,180,000
Friday-----	2,086,800	5,786,000	1,158,000	160,000	7,104,000
Total-----	15,546,850	\$35,932,700	\$11,685,000	\$897,000	\$48,514,700

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended May 16.		Jan. 1 to May 16.	
	1930.	1929.	1930.	1929.
Stocks—No. of shares. Bonds.	15,546,850	20,367,020	392,892,870	431,144,530
Government bonds---	\$897,000	\$1,322,500	\$44,944,000	\$49,118,050
State & foreign bonds---	11,685,000	10,426,000	267,117,500	239,269,150
Railroad & misc. bonds---	35,932,700	35,103,000	844,577,100	679,174,500
Total bonds-----	\$48,514,700	\$46,851,500	\$1,156,638,600	\$967,561,700

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND
BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended May 16 1930.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday-----	*19,779	\$9,000	a118,060	\$1,000	b886	\$1,000
Monday-----	*40,329	14,000	a144,050	30,000	b2,443	4,500
Tuesday-----	*28,591	36,000	a 108,446	14,000	b2,830	14,600
Wednesday-----	*29,261	30,000	a126,017	9,500	b1,456	4,000
Thursday-----	*30,465	25,000	a153,946	14,000	b1,134	12,500
Friday-----	26,379	18,000	32,600	4,000	2,254	4,000
Total-----	174,800	\$132,000	682,819	\$72,500	11,003	\$40,600
Prev. week revised	326,769	\$128,000	1,182,632	\$89,600	18,071	\$178,000

* In addition, sales of rights were: Saturday, 1,188; Monday, 3,515; Tuesday, 4,977; Wednesday, 11,207; Thursday, 4,745.

a In addition, sales of rights were: Saturday, 3,300; Monday, 3,700; Tuesday, 4,700; Wednesday, 9,500; Thursday, 8,700.

b Sales of warrants were: Saturday, 1,200; Monday, 1,500; Tuesday, 1,000; Wednesday, 800; Thursday, 500.

δ In addition, sales of rights were: Saturday, 384; Monday, 1,987; Tuesday, 1,422; Wednesday, 359; Thursday, 921.

THE CURB EXCHANGE.

Dullness was the chief characteristic of Curb Exchange trading this week with prices following an irregular course and changes generally unimportant. Activity was confined to few issues. Electric Bond & Share, com. was conspicuous for an advance from 101¼ to 106 though it reacted and finished to-day at 104¼. Amer. & Foreign Power warrants advanced from 547½ to 62¾. Amer. Gas & Elec. com. sold up from 144 to 148½ and receded finally to 144½. Commonwealth Edison was up from 317¾ to 321¾, the final transaction being at 320¾. United Light & Power, com. A was active and rose from 47¾ to 547½. Oils show few changes of importance. Humble Oil & Ref. gained about 6 points to 108 but reacted finally to 105½. Cosden Oil from 50½ reached 58 and reacted finally to 56. Gulf Oil of Pa. sold up from 149¾ to 155½ and ends the week at 157. Industrials and miscellaneous show few changes of moment.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

Breadstuffs figures brought from page 3575.—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 with 7 columns: Receipts at—, Flour., Wheat., Corn., Oats., Barley., Rye. Rows include Chicago, Minneapolis, Duluth, Milwaukee, Toledo, Detroit, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Peoria, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Joseph, Wichita, Sioux City, and weekly/annual totals.

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, May 10, 1930 follow:

Table with 7 columns: Receipts at—, Flour., Wheat., Corn., Oats., Barley., Rye. Rows include New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk, New Orleans, Galveston, St. John, N.B., Boston, and weekly/annual totals.

* 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 10, 1930, are shown in the annexed statement:

Table with 7 columns: Exports from—, Wheat., Corn., Flour., Oats., Rye., Barley. Rows include New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk, New Orleans, Galveston, Montreal, St. John, N.B., Houston, and weekly/annual totals.

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1, 1929 is as below:

Table with 6 columns: Exports for Week and Since July 1 to—, Flour., Wheat., Corn., Rye., Barley. Rows include United Kingdom, Continent, So. & Cent. Amer., West Indies, Brit. No. Am. Col., Other countries, and weekly/annual totals.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, May 10, 1930 were as follows:

Table with 6 columns: GRAIN STOCKS. Rows include United States (Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley) and various international locations like Mexico, Cuba, Porto Rico, Haiti, Santo Domingo, Colombia, Venezuela, Peru, Ecuador, and Chile.

Table with 6 columns: Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley. Rows include On Lakes, On Canal, and Total for May 10 1930, May 3 1930, and May 11 1929. Includes a note about bonded grain and Canadian data.

The world's shipments of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, May 9, and since July 1 1929 and 1928, are shown in the following:

Table with 6 columns: Exports—, Wheat, Corn. Rows include North Amer., Black Sea, Argentina, Australia, India, Oth. countries, and weekly/annual totals.

Bank Notes—Changes in Totals of, and in Deposited Bonds, &c.

We give below tables which show all the monthly changes in national bank notes and in bonds and legal tenders on deposit therefor:

Table with 4 main columns: Amount Bonds on Deposit to Secure Circulation for National Bank Notes, National Bank Circulation Afloat on— (Bonds, Legal Tenders, Total). Rows list dates from April 30 1930 to Nov. 30 1927.

\$3,323,022 Federal Reserve bank notes outstanding May 1 1930, secured by lawful money, against \$3,711,131 on May 1 1929.

The following shows the amount of each class of United States bonds and certificates on deposit to secure Federal Reserve bank notes and National bank notes Apr. 30 1930:

Table with 4 columns: U. S. Bonds Held Mar. 31 1930 to Secure—, Bonds on Deposit May 1 1930, On Deposit to Secure Federal Reserve Bank Notes, On Deposit to Secure National Bank Notes, Total Held. Rows include U. S. Consols of 1930, U. S. Panama of 1936, U. S. Panama of 1938.

The following shows the amount of National bank notes afloat and the amount of legal tender deposits Apr. 1 1930 and May 1 1930 and their increase or decrease during the month of April:

Table with 2 columns: National Bank Notes—Total Afloat—, Amount afloat Apr 1 1930, Net increase during April. Rows include Amount of bank notes afloat on May 1, Legal Tender Notes, Amount on deposit to redeem National bank notes April 1, Net amount of bank notes issued in April, Amount on deposit to redeem National bank notes May 1 1930.

Foreign Trade of New York—Monthly Statement.

Table with columns for Month, Merchandise Movement at New York (Imports, Exports), and Customs Receipts at New York (1929, 1928).

Movement of gold and silver for the nine months:

Table with columns for Month, Gold Movement at New York (Imports, Exports), and Silver—New York (Imports, Exports).

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

(All prices dollars per share.)

Table listing New York City Banks and Trust Companies with columns for Bank Name, Par, Bids, and Ask prices.

National Banks.—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

APPLICATION TO CONVERT APPROVED. Capital. \$100,000 May 9—Citizens National Bank in Marietta, Ga. Conversion of the Citizens Bank, Marietta, Ga.

CHARTER ISSUED. \$500,000 May 6—First National Bank & Trust Co. in Alton, Ill. President, C. A. Caldwell; Cashier, E. W. Joesting.

CHANGE OF TITLE. May 10—The Farmers National Bank of New Holland, Pa., to "The Farmers National Bank & Trust Co. of New Holland."

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS. \$80,000 May 5—The First National Bank of Chinook, Mont. Effective April 30 1930. Liquidating Committee: Chris D. Miller, D. L. Blackstone and G. W. Roberts.

\$50,000 May 5—The First National Bank of Minden, La. Effective April 29 1930. Liquidating Agent: A. B. Soderberg, Madison, Minn.

\$25,000 May 6—The First National Bank of Madison, Minn. Effective April 28 1930. Liquidating Agent: N. F. Soderberg, Madison, Minn.

\$25,000 May 8—The First National Bank of Williamsburg, Ind. Effective May 6 1930. Liquidating Agent: The First National Bank of Greens Fork, Ind.

\$1,000,000 May 8—The National City Bank of St. Louis, Mo. Effective April 14 1930. Liquidating Agent: W. M. Stone, Care of Franklin-American Trust Co., St. Louis, Mo.

\$40,000 May 9—The Commercial National Bank of Corydon, Iowa. Effective Feb. 24 1930. Liquidating Agent: T. W. Miles, Corydon, Iowa.

\$50,000 May 9—The Reardan National Bank, Reardan, Wash. Effective May 3 1930. Liquidating Agent: Reardan Investment Co., Reardan, Wash.

BRANCHES AUTHORIZED UNDER ACT OF FEB. 25 1927.

May 7—Norfolk Nat'l Bk. of Commerce & Trusts, Norfolk, Va. Location of Branches: 201 Granby St.; 38th St. and Hampton Blvd.; 1-A View Ave. (All located in Norfolk, Va.)

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Buffalo on Wednesday of this week:

By Adrian H. Muller & Son, New York:

Shares. Stocks. \$ per Sh. 100 Library Sq. Rlty. Co., par \$5. \$500 lot 1,000 Gen. Silk Corp., 7% pref. 17 1/2 50 Association Realty Co. 36 lot 900 Gen. Silk Corp., 6% partic. pref 7 1/2

By R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Shares. Stocks. \$ per Sh. 31 First Nat. Bank, par \$20 119 25 First Nat. Bank, par \$20 119 15 Boston National Bank 153 8 United States Trust Co. 100 25 Beacon Trust Co., par \$20 53 5 U. S. Trust Co., par \$25 100 5 Bay State Nat. Bank, Lawrence 248 5 Farr Alpaca Co. 74 50 Arlington Mills 22 1/2 5 Ludlow Mfg. Associates 136 23 Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co. 84 3 Farr Alpaca Co. 73 1/2 31 Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co. 84-88 7 Greenfield Tap & Die Corp., 8% preferred 102 & div. 200 National Service Co., pref. 29-33 1 Collateral Loan Co. 160

By Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Shares. Stocks. \$ per Sh. 4 Exchange Trust Co. 220 10 Boston National Bank 153 50 Federal Nat. Bank, par \$20 100 20 Boston National Bank 153 15 First Nat. Bank, par \$20 119 98 Arlington Mills 23 1/2 10 Continental Mills 75 1/2 95 Arlington Mills 22 1/2 25 Pilgrim Mills 79 5 Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co. 88 11 Hamilton Mfg. Co. \$1 lot 66 Pepperell Mfg. Co. 94 8 Stevens Mfg. Co. 36 1/2 6 Indian Orchard Co. 20 1/2 3 Thompson's Spa, Inc., pref. 77 1/2 3 Thompson's Spa, Inc., com. 8 1/2 5 Greenfield Tap & Die Corp., 8% preferred 102 & div. 10 U. S. Envelope Co., pref. 114 1/2 1 Boston Athenaeum, par \$300 725 10 Hyannis Beach Association \$10 lot 3 8-5 Suburban Elec. Secur., 2d pf. 2 5 Cape Cod & New Bedford SS. Co. 3

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Shares. Stocks. \$ per Sh. 6 18-40 Amer. Commonwealth Pow. Corp., cl. A com., no par \$140 lot 5 Amer. Natural Gas Corp., \$7 pref., no par 89 16 1-10 Brooklyn & Queens Transit Corp., pref., no par \$825 lot 40 Brooklyn & Queens Transit Corp., common, no par \$425 lot 10 units Mason Tire & Rubber Corp. Unit consists of 1 pref., par \$100, and 2 common, no par \$1 lot 18 Metropolitan Tr. Co., par \$50 60 10 Central Trust & Savings Co., par \$10 25 1/2 10 Real Estate Land Title & Trust Co., par \$10 41 1/2 33 Northwestern Tr. Co., par \$10 195 150 Bankers Tr. Co., par \$50 70 5 United Security Life Ins. & Tr. Co. 250 20 Broadway Merchants Tr. Co., Camden, N. J., par \$20 58 10 Broadway Merchants Tr. Co., Camden, N. J., par \$20 55 10 Philadelphia Record, common 35 10 Philadelphia Record, common 34 80 Philadelphia Record, common 37 Ctf. of int. for 140-100 shares Mason Tire & Rub. Corp. com. \$1 lot Scrip ctf. 70-100 sh. Mason Tire & Rubber Corp., pr. \$1 lot 5 Michigan Electric Shares Corp., no par \$10 lot 10 20-40 Missouri-Kansas Pipeline Co., common, par \$5 \$320 lot 8 Oklahoma Natural Gas Corp., 6 1/2 % preferred 85 1/2 12 Olean Bradford & Salamanca Ry. common \$1 lot 5 Olean Bradford & Salamanca Ry. 7% pref. \$1 lot

By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo:

Shares. Stocks. \$ per Sh. 100 Thermodyne Radio Corp., no par \$2 lot 1,000 Bidgood Cons. Mines, par \$1 1c. 1,000 Area Mines, par \$1 6c.

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table, in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid.

The dividends announced this week are:

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive.

Table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes entries like Klelnert (I. B.) Rubber Co., Knox Hat, Lake of the Woods Milling, etc.

Table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes entries like Radio Corp. of Amer., Railroad Shares Corp., Ry. & Utilities Investing, etc.

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, May 15, 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 3460, 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 14 1929

Main table showing combined resources and liabilities of Federal Reserve banks from May 14 1930 to May 15 1929. Includes categories like RESOURCES (Gold, Reserves, Bills, Securities) and LIABILITIES (Deposits, Liabilities, etc.).

* Revised figures. NOTE.—Beginning with the statement of Oct. 7 1925, two new items were added in order to show separately the amount of balances held abroad and amounts due to foreign correspondents. In addition, the caption, "All other earning assets," previously made up of Foreign Intermediate Credit Bank debentures, was changed to "Other securities," and the caption, "Total earning assets" to "Total bills and securities." The latter item was adopted as a more accurate description of the total of the discounts, acceptances and securities acquired under the provision of Secs. 13 and 14 of the Federal Reserve Act, which, it was stated, are the only items included therein.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAY 14 1929

Table showing weekly statement of resources and liabilities for 12 Federal Reserve banks: Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran.

Table of Resources and Liabilities of Federal Reserve Agents at Close of Business May 14 1930. Columns include Total, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran. Rows include Other securities, Foreign loans on gold, Total bills and securities, etc.

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE ACCOUNTS OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAY 14 1930.

Table of Federal Reserve Note Accounts of Federal Reserve Agents at Close of Business May 14 1930. Columns include Total, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran. Rows include F.R. notes held by F.R. Agent, F.R. notes issued to F.R. Bank, etc.

Weekly Return for the Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System.

Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board, giving the principal items of the resources and liabilities of the reporting member banks from which weekly returns are obtained. These figures are always a week behind those for the Reserve banks themselves.

Beginning with the statement of Jan. 9 1929, the loan figures exclude "Acceptances of other banks and bills of exchange or drafts sold with endorsement, and include all real estate mortgages and mortgage loans held by the bank. Previously acceptances of other banks and bills sold with endorsement were included with loans, and some of the banks included mortgages in investments.

PRINCIPAL RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF ALL REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN EACH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT AS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAY 5 1930 (in millions of dollars).

Table of Principal Resources and Liabilities of All Reporting Member Banks in Each Federal Reserve District as at Close of Business May 5 1930. Columns include Total, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran. Rows include Loans and investments—total, Loans—total, Investments—total, etc.

Condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

The following shows the condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at the close of business May 14 1930 in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

Table of Condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Columns include May 14 1930, May 7 1930, May 15 1929. Rows include Resources (Gold held with Federal Reserve Agent, Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes, etc.), Liabilities (Fed'l Reserve notes in actual circulation, Deposits, etc.), and Total bills and securities.

NOTE.—Beginning with the statement of Oct. 7 1925, two new items were added in order to show separately the amount of balances held abroad and amounts due to foreign correspondents. In addition, the caption "All other earning assets," previously made up of Federal Intermediate Credit Bank debentures, was changed to "Other securities," and the caption "Total earning assets" to "Total bills and securities."

Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, May 16 1930.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—See page 3488.
Stock Exchange sales this week of shares not in detailed list:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week Ended May 16, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Rows include various stocks like Buff & Susq pref cfts., Canadian Pac new w l., etc.

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week Ended May 16, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Rows include Ind. & Misc. (Conc.) Par, Tri-Continental, etc.

United States Liberty Loan Bonds and Treasury Certificates on the New York Stock Exchange.—Below we furnish a daily record of the transactions in Liberty Loan bonds and Treasury certificates on the New York Stock Exchange. The transactions in registered bonds are given in a foot note at the end of the tabulation.

Table with columns: Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices, May 10, May 12, May 13, May 14, May 15, May 16. Rows include First Liberty Loan, Second converted 4 1/2% bonds, etc.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were:
6 1st 4 1/2% 101 1/2 to 101 1/2
19 4th 4 1/2% 101 1/2 to 101 1/2
15 Treasury 3 1/2% 105 1/2 to 105 1/2

New York City Realty and Surety Companies. (All prices dollars per share.)
Table with columns: Par, Bid, Ask, Par, Bid, Ask. Rows include Alliance Realty, Bond & Mtge Guar, etc.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.
Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked, Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked. Rows include June 15 1930, Sept 15 1930, Dec 15 1930.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.—p. 3492.

Foreign Exchange.—
Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked, Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked. Rows include Sterling Actual, Paris Bankers' Francs, etc.

The Curb Exchange.—The review of the Curb Exchange is given this week on page 3488.
A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 3519.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see second page preceding

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and price ranges for various stocks, including \$ per share and \$ per 100 shares.

Vertical column listing stock names and their corresponding share counts or prices.

Table with columns for 'NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE', 'Railroads (Con.)', and 'Par', listing various stock categories.

Table with columns for 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1', 'Lowest', and 'Highest', providing price movement data.

Table with columns for 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1929', 'Lowest', and 'Highest', providing historical price comparison data.

*Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. zEx-Dlv. yEx-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see third page preceding.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday to Friday), price ranges, and stock names. Includes sub-sections for 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-share lots.' and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1929.'.

* Bid and asked prices no sales on this day. s 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 to Friday), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1., and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1929. Lists various stocks like Crown Cork & Seal, Crown Zellerbach, etc.

* Bid and ask prices; no sales on this day. s Ex-dividend. d Ex-dividend ex-rights. / 3 additional shares for each share held.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see fifth page preceding

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1, PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1929. Rows include various stock symbols and company names like Grant (W T), Hercules Motors, and International Salt.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. v Ex-div.-Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see sixth page preceding

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday to Friday), sales for the week, stock names, and price ranges (Lowest, Highest). Includes various stock symbols and company names.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. b Ex-dividend and ex-rights. s Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see seventh page preceding

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday May 10 to Friday May 16), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1, and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1929. Lists various stocks like Indus. & Miscell., Phillips Petroleum, and others with their respective prices and shares.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day; † Ex-dividends; ‡ Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see eighth page preceding

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and price ranges for various stocks. Includes sub-headers for 'Saturday, May 10.', 'Monday, May 12.', etc.

Table with columns for 'Sales for the Week' and 'Shares'.

Table with columns for 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par'.

Table with columns for 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 On basis of 100-shares 1.18' and 'Lowest, Highest'.

Table with columns for 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1929' and 'Lowest, Highest'.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividends. y Ex-rights.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Price, Week's Range, and Range Since Jan 1. Includes sections for Foreign Govt. & Municipals, Railroad, and N. Y. Stock Exchange.

Cash sale

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price, Week's Range, Range Since Jan. 1, and various other details. The table is organized into two main sections: 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE'.

• Cash sale. • Due Feb

Main table containing bond listings for 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS'. Columns include issuer names, interest periods, prices (Friday, May 16), weekly ranges, and various bond specifications. The table is organized into two main sections: 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS'.

Cash sale. d Due May. & Due August. * Due June.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Name, Price, Week's Range, and Range Since. Includes sub-sections for 'BONDS N Y STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS'.

© Cash sale

Main table containing bond listings under 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS'. Includes columns for description, interest periods, prices (Bid/Ask, Low/High), and ranges (Range Since Jan. 1).

c Cash sales.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Boston Stock Exchange, May 10 to May 16, 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. (Low., High.). Rows include Railroad, Boston & Albany, Boston Elevated, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price., Week's Range of Prices., Sales for Week., Range Since Jan. 1. (Low., High.). Rows include St Mary's Mineral Land, Utah Apex Mining, Utah Metal & Tunnel, etc.

* No par value. # Ex-dividend.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange, May 10 to May 16, 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. (Low., High.). Rows include Abbott Laboratories com, Acme Steel Co, Adams (J D) Mfg com, etc.

Table with columns: Bonds (Concluded), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes Harrisburg Gas 5s w 1.1970, 1st 4 1/2 series, etc.

* No par value.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, May 10 to May 16, 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. (Low, High). Includes Appalachian Corp., Arundel Corporation, etc.

* No par value.

Table with columns: Bonds—, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes Baltimore City Bonds, 4s sewer loan, etc.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, May 10 to May 16, 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. (Low, High). Includes Aluminum Goods Mfg., American Austin Car, etc.

* No par value.

Table with columns: Unlisted—, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes Copper Welding Steel, Internat'l Rustless Iron, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes Lone Star Gas pref., Mayflower Drug Stores, etc.

* No par value.

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange, May 10 to May 16, 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. (Low, High). Includes Allen Industries com, Amer Multigraph com, etc.

* No par value.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange, May 10 to May 16, 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. (Low, High). Includes Aluminum Industries Inc., Am Laundry Mach com, etc.

* No par value.

Table of stock prices for various companies including First National, Formica Insulation, and others. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

* No par value.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange, May 10 to May 16, both inclusive compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Bank Stocks, Trust Company, Miscellaneous, and Street Railway Bonds. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

* No par value.

Los Angeles Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Los Angeles Stock Exchange, May 10 to May 16, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Bardsall Oil, Balsa Chilea Oil, and others. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table of stock prices for various companies including Pacific Finance Corp, Preferred series A, and others. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

* No par value.

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock Exchange, May 10 to May 16, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Anglo & London P Nat Bk, Assoe Insurance Fund Inc, and others. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

New York Curb Exchange—Weekly and Yearly Record

In the following extensive list we furnish a complete record of the transactions on the New York Curb Exchange for the week beginning on Saturday last (May 10 1930) and ending the present Friday (May 16 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 16, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1, Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1. The table lists various stocks and their performance metrics.

Table with columns for Rights (Concluded), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High), Public Utilities (Concl.) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows include Lone Star Gas w l, Midland United, Mo Kansas Pipe Line, Phillips Petroleum, White Eagle O & R deb rts, Alabama Pow \$7 pref., Allegheny Gas Corp com, Am Cities Pw & Lt el A, Am Dist Tel N J 7% pf, Amer & Foreign Pow warr, Amer Gas & Elec com, Amer Lt & Trac com, Amer Nat Gas com v t c, Amer Superpower Corp, Bell Telep of Canada, Brazillian Tr Lt & Pow ord, Buff Nlag & East Pr 25, Cables & Wireless, Can dep rets B shs el, Cent Pow & Lt 7% pf, Cent Pub Serv com, Class A, Cent & Southwest Util, \$7 prior lien pref, Cent States Elec com, 6% pref with warr, Cleveland Elec Ill com, Comm w'th Edlson Co, Warrants, Community Water Serv, Conn Elec Serv com, Cons'l G El & P Balt com, Consol Gas Util el A, Class B v t c, Cont G & E 7% pr pref 100, Dixie Gas & Util com, Duke Power Co, Duquesne Gas w l, Eastern Gas & Fuel Assn, 6% preferred, East States Pow B com, Elec Util Assn com, Convertible stock, Elec Bond & Sh Co com, Preferred, Elec Pow & Lt opt warr, Empire Pow Corp part stk, Empire Pub Serv com el A, Engineers P S opt warr, Gen G & E \$6 pref B, Gen Water Wks & El A, Hartford Elec Light, Intercontnents Pow el A, Internat Superpower, Internat Utilities class A, Class B, Participating pref, Warrants, Italian Super Power el A, Warrants, Long Island Light com, 7% preferred, Marconi Internat Marine, Commun Am dep rets, Marconi Wire T of Can, Mass Util Assoc v t c, Memphis Nat Gas, Met Edison \$6 pref, Middle West Util com, \$6 conv pref series A, A warrants, B warrants, Mid-West States Util el A, Miss River Pow 6% pf, Mohawk & Hud Pr lst pf, 2nd preferred, Montreal L H & v r cons, New Stock with rights, Municipal Service, Nat Pow & Lt \$7 pref, \$6 preferred, Nat Pub Serv com class A, Nevada Calif Elec, \$7 preferred, New Engl Pr Assn com, 6% preferred, New Engl Pub Serv, \$7 prior lien pref, New Eng Tel & Tel, N Y Pow & Lt 7% pf 100, N Y Telep 6 1/2% pref, Nlag & Hud Pr (new corp), Common, Class A opt warrants, Class B opt warrants, Nor Amer Lt & Pow, \$6 preferred, Nor Amer Util Sec com, Nor States P Corp com 100, 6% preferred, 7% preferred, Ohio Bell Tel 7% pref, Pacific Gas & El 1st pref, Pacific Pub Serv el A com, Penn G & E class A, Penn Ohio P & L \$6 pf, Penn Power & Light \$7 pf, Penn Water & Power, Peoples Lt & Pow com A, Phila Elec \$5 pref, Power Secur 2d pref, Puget Sd Pr & Lt 1% pf 100, Quebec Power com, Railway & Light Sec com, Rockland & Light & Power 10, So Calif Edison 7% pf A 25, 6% preferred B, 5 1/2% preferred C, Southern Colo P w cl A 25, Southern Natural Gas, Sou West Gas Util com, Standard G & E 7% pf 100, Stand Pow & Lt new, Series B, Preferred, Stand Pub Serv A, Swiss Amer Elec pref, Tampa Electric Co, Union Nat Gas of Can, United Elec Serv Am shs, Purchase warrants, United Gas com, Certificates of deposit, New com, Pref non-voting, Warrants, United Lt & Pow com A, Common series B, 6% com 1st pref, U S Elec Pow with warr, Util Pow & Lt com, Class B v t c, West Continental Util A, Western Power pref, Former Standard Oil Subsidiaries, Anglo-Amer Oil, Vot stk out dep, Contin Oil (Me) v t c, Cumberland Pipe Line, Eureka Pipe Line, Galena Oil Corp w l, Humble Oil & Rfining, Imperial Oil (Canada), Indiana Pipe Line, National Transl, Ohio Oil, 6% cum pref new 100, Pen-Mex Fuel, Solar Refining, Southern Pipe Line, South Penn Oil, So-West Pa Pine Lines, Standard Oil (Neb), Standard Oil (Indiana), Standard Oil (Ky), Standard Oil (O) com, Vacuum Oil, Other Oil Stocks, Amer Contr Oil Fields, Amer Maracaibo Co, Arkansas Nat Gas Corp com, Class A, Preferred, Atlantic Lobos Oil, Burmah Oil, Am dep rets, Carb Syndicate com, Colon Oil Corp common, Colon Oil & Gasol v t c, Consol Bayway Oil, Cosden Oil common, Cosden Syndicate, Crown Cent Petroleum, Darby Petroleum Corp, New common, Derby Oil & Ref com, General Petroleum new, Gulf Oil Corp of Penna, Homack Oil Co, Houston (Tex) oil com 25, Indian Ter Ill Oil el A, Class B, Internat Petroleum, Internat Petroleum, Leonard Oil Develop't, Lion Oil Refining, Lone Star Gas Corp, Magdalena Syndicate, MacColl Frontenas Oil, Mexico-Ohio Oil Co, Middle States Petli A v t c, Class B v t c, Mo Kansas Pipe Line, C I B, vot trust cfs, Mountain & Gulf Oil, Mountn Prod Corp, Nat Fuel Gas, New Bradford Oil Co, North Cent Texas Oil, Pacific Western Oil, Panden Oil Corp, Pantepec Oil of Venezuela, Petroleum Corp of Amer, Warrants, Plymouth Oil Co, Red Bank Oil, Rester Foster Oil Corp, Root Refining Co pr pref, Ryan Consol Petrol, Salt Creek Consol Oil, Salt Creek Producers, Southland Royalty Co, Sunray Oil com, Texon Oil & Land, Venezuela Petroleum, Woodley Petroleum, 'Y' Oil & Gas Co, Mining Stocks, Arizona Globe Copper, Bwana M' Kubwa Cop Min, American shares, Com stock tun & drain, Consol Copper Mines, Consol New Utah Corp, Copper Range Co, Cortez Silver Mines, Cresson Consol G M & M1, Cusi Mexicana Mining, Dolores Esperanza Corp, East Butte Copper, Evans Wallower Lead com, Falcon Lead Mines, Gold Coln Mines, Golden Centre Mines, Goldfield Consol Mines, Hecla Mining, Hollinger Consol G M, Hud Bay Min & Smelt, Iron Cap Copper, Jerome Verde Devel, Kerr Lake Mines, Mining Corp of Canada, Mohawk Mining Co, Newmont Mining Corp, New Jersey Zinc, N Y Honduras Rosario, Nipissing Mines.

Table with columns: Bonds (Continued)-, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and date.

Table with columns: Foreign Government and Municipalities (Concluded), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and date.

* No par value. i Correction. m Listed on the Stock Exchange this week, where additional transactions will be found. n Sold under the rule. o Sold for cash. p Option sales. r Ex-rights and bonus. s When issued. z Ex-div. y Ex-rights. † Sold last week (May 7) and not reported, 25 shares at 85.

e "Under the rule" sales as follows: Aluminum Co. of Amer. 6s, 1952, Jan. 30, \$1,000 at 103 1/4. Amer. Commonwealth 6s, 1949, Jan. 22, \$3,000 at 106 @ 107. Blaw-Knox Co., Jan. 2, 58 shares at 31.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Rackliff & Co., Inc., New York, announces the opening of an office in Boston in the Chamber of Commerce Building, 80 Federal St., in charge of Arthur H. Lane, who was formerly manager of the Boston office of Rogers Caldwell & Co. —Lord, Westerfield & Co., Inc., announce that Charles C. Hohmann has been appointed Assistant Manager of its uptown office at 347 Madison Ave. Kenneth C. Wilson has also become associated with the uptown office.

Quotations of Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked "f".

Table with multiple columns listing various securities including Public Utilities, Railroad Equip., Chain Store Stocks, Investment Trust Stocks, and Sugar Stocks. Each entry includes a description of the security, its par value, bid price, and ask price.

*Per share. †No par value. ‡Basis. §Purch. also pays accr. div. & Last sale. ¶Nomin. ††Ex-div. ‡‡Ex-rights. †††Canadian quotation. ††††Sale price.

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—We give below the latest weekly returns of earnings for all roads making such reports:

Table with 4 columns: Name, Period Covered, Current Year, Previous Year, Inc. (+) or Dec. (-). Lists earnings for various railroads like Canadian National, Georgia & Florida, etc.

We also give the following comparisons of the monthly totals of railroad earnings, both gross and net (the net before the deduction of taxes), both being very comprehensive. They include all the Class 1 roads in the country.

Table with 4 columns: Month, Gross Earnings (1929, 1928), Inc. (+) or Dec. (-), Length of Road (1929, 1928). Shows monthly trends for gross earnings.

Table with 4 columns: Month, Net Earnings (1929, 1928), Inc. (+) or Dec. (-), Per Cent. Shows monthly trends for net earnings.

Other Monthly Steam Railroad Reports.—In the following we show the monthly reports of STEAM railroad companies received this week as issued by the companies themselves, where they embrace more facts than are required in the reports to the Inter-State Commerce Commission...

Table for Central Vermont Ry. showing monthly earnings for April 1930 and Feb. 1 to Apr. 30 1929. Includes operating revenues, expenses, and non-operating income.

Table for Intercoceanic Ry. of Mexico showing monthly earnings for Feb. 1930 and 2 Mos. End. Feb. 28. Lists gross earnings, operating expenses, and net earnings.

National Rys. of Mexico.

Table for National Rys. of Mexico showing earnings for Feb. 1930 and 2 Mos. End. Feb. 28. Includes gross earnings, operating expenses, and net earnings.

Electric Railway and Other Public Utility Earnings.—Below we give the returns of ELECTRIC railway and other public utility companies making monthly returns which have reported this week:

Table for New York City Street Railways showing monthly earnings for various companies like Brooklyn & Queens, Eighth & Ninth Aves, etc.

Appalachian Electric Power Co. (Including Kentucky & West Virginia Power Co., Inc., and Kingsport Utilities, Inc.)

Table for Appalachian Electric Power Co. showing monthly earnings for Feb. 1930 and 12 Mos. End. Feb. 28. Includes gross earnings, operating expenses, and net earnings.

Atlantic City Electric Co. (American Gas & Electric Co. Subsidiary)

Table for Atlantic City Electric Co. showing monthly earnings for Feb. 1930 and 12 Mos. End. Feb. 28. Includes gross earnings, operating expenses, and net earnings.

Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Co.

Table for Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Co. showing monthly earnings for March 1930 and 3 Mos. End. Mar. 31. Includes operating revenue, operating expenses, and net income.

"SOO" LINE BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, split into 1929 and 1928. Assets include Road & equip, Sinking funds, Secur. of prop'y, etc. Liabilities include Common stock, Preferred stock, Funded debt, etc.

Total ea. side 178,001,248 177,167,723

After deducting reserve for equipment depreciation, \$12,444,062. Securities of affiliated, etc. companies included as of Dec. 31, 1929: stocks, \$12,381,904; W. C. Ry. Co. equip. contracts, \$2,642,811; ther. advances, \$3,865,462; W. Cent. Ry. Co. advances, \$3,453,386.—V. 130, p. 2202.

Great Northern Railway Co. (41st Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1929.)

President Ralph Budd reports in substance:

Capital Stock.—There has been no change during the year in the authorized capital stock, which remained at \$250,000,000, and of which there had been issued to Dec. 31 1929 \$249,747,850. Of this latter amount there was held in the treasury \$768,400, the amount actually outstanding in the hands of the public being \$248,979,450, a decrease of \$25,200 during the year. This decrease represents the return to the treasury of \$32,500 formerly held by the Great Northern Employees' Investment Co., Ltd., and \$7,300 fully paid and issued stock subscribed for at par by residents of the territory served by the extension west of Scooby, Montana.

Funded Debt.—The funded debt was reduced \$3,263,100 made up as follows: Notes maturing and paid during 1929, under the various equipment trust agreements, \$1,545,300; Redemption of all unmatured notes under equipment trust agreement with the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, dated Jan. 15 1920, 1,717,800

Freight Traffic.—The grain crop was injured by dry, hot weather during the growing season of 1929. During the year the company handled 124,000,000 bushels of grain, which was 39,000,000 bushels less than was handled in 1928. The movement of iron ore was 3,915,656 tons more than in 1928, totaling 17,449,451 tons. There were also increases in the movement of petroleum oils and in iron and steel products.

Passenger Traffic.—While local passenger traffic continued to decline because of the increased use of the highways, there was an increase in through travel, which resulted in the total decrease being only 1.83%, or less than it has been any year since 1925. This was due, no doubt, principally to the remarkably fine passenger service that is offered; 2 de luxe trains, the Empire Builder and the Oriental Limited, being operated on fast and convenient schedules. The Empire Builder is more than 10 hours faster than the fastest schedules which were in effect at the close of the war.

Freight and Passenger Revenues.—The revenues per net ton mile and fares per passenger mile continued to decline. This is due in part to the large amount of iron ore, which carries a low rate, and to the tendency to cut passenger fares in an effort to overcome the decline in travel. The result of passenger fare cutting by the railroads has really been to reduce the revenue, even though more passengers have been handled. It is hoped that the experience of the railroads generally will result in a moderation of this practice in the future.

Northland Transportation Co.—Control of the Northland Transportation Co. has been sold to the Motor Transit Corp. and Automotive Investments, Inc., organizations affiliated with the coast-to-coast bus system of the Greyhound Lines. The property will be operated under the name of the Northland Greyhound. In conformity with the national policy of the Greyhound system, the Northland Lines will co-operate with the railway in supplementing train service with appropriate bus schedules.

Wage Increases.—Increases in wages, settled by direct agreement, in 1929 amounted to approximately \$670,000 per year. These, together with others granted since 1922 have resulted in the annual payroll now being about \$4,200,000 more than it would be if based on the 1922 scale of wages. The average wages are now the highest in the history of the company and the constant tendency for increases in wages makes it necessary to employ every practicable means for increasing the efficiency of railway employees so that more transportation may be produced per employee. It is fair to say also that a splendid spirit of willingness prevails among the workers, and the relationship between the management and employees is very cordial.

Group Insurance.—At the close of the year 1929 there were 3,172 employees insured with an aggregate life insurance in force of approximately \$15,000,000 and accidental death and dismemberment insurance of approximately \$1,500,000.

Pension Department.—During the year the number of pensioners increased from 356 to 412 by the addition of 93 retired employees and a decrease of 37 through death. Pensions paid for 1929 amounted to \$238,411.

Valuation.—In compliance with an order issued by the U. S. C. Commission, the company is actively engaged in bringing the valuation of its properties, which had been made as of June 30 1915, down to Dec. 31 1927.

Proposed New Lines.—The U. S. C. Commission held a formal hearing in San Francisco in Nov. 1929, on the application of the Great Northern for authority to extend from Klamath Falls, Ore., south to Bieber, Calif., approximately 88 miles, and on the application of the Western Pacific for authority to build north from Keddie, Calif., to Bieber, approximately 112 miles. Briefs were filed, and finally in April 1930, oral arguments were made before the full Commission on this application, thus closing the presentation of the case and leaving the decision of the Commission to follow in due course. We are of the opinion that a very satisfactory presentation was made of an exceedingly strong case for public necessity and convenience.

The Great Northern has filed an application with the U. S. C. Commission for permission to build a railway from Richey to Lewistown, Mont. This would amount to restoration of the project to build between these 2 points proposed in 1912 (and partially completed) except that the route originally contemplated passed through the towns of Circle and Brockway. In 1927 the Commission approved an application by the Northern Pacific and denied the one by the Great Northern for the route through Circle and Brockway, thus compelling the Great Northern to abandon this route. The finding by Great Northern engineers of an even better line through another territory some 30 miles to the north, resulted in reviving the Northern Pacific which Northern's present application is opposed by the Northern Pacific which proposes to build a line to Bloomfield, thus diverting traffic now moving over the Richey branch of the Great Northern, and also to build from Brockway to Lewistown. Should the Great Northern application be approved, it would make available for use the grade already built between Lewistown and Grass Range, which was written out of the accounts in 1927, but which, of course, always has remained the property of the company.

Unified Operation of Great Northern Ry. and Northern Pacific Ry.

On Feb. 21 1930, the U. S. C. Commission announced its report upon the applications, filed July 8 1927, for approval of the unification of the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Spokane, Portland & Seattle. The Commission found such unification to be in the public interest for many reasons, one of these being the Commission's belief that economies in operation, amounting to approximately \$10,000,000 per annum, as estimated by the officers of the Northern Lines, would be feasible by reason of the unification. The Commission indicated, however, that its order approving such a unification would be subject to the prior submission by the applicants of a supplemental proposal which would give acceptable assurance and provide:

(1) That the Burlington shall be divorced from control by the Northern companies within a reasonable period of time, such period to be stated as nearly as may be practicable; (2) A bona fide and feasible plan for the acquisition and operation of all the so-called short lines of railroad named in system No. 12 of the consolidation plan, except such thereof as may be found by us, upon this record or from a subsequent showing, not to be required by the present or future public convenience and necessity; (3) A comprehensive program and statement of proposed policy in the matter of the unified operation of terminals, or its equivalent; (4) Suitable assurance that the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific R.R., upon fair terms, may have access from Spokane to Portland and intervening points, over the lines of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Ry., as provided in the said plan of consolidation.

In referring to the divorce of the Burlington, the Commission also said: "This is not to say that the Northern Lines should be denied a permanent entrance into the Chicago district; that question we are not deciding now."

Prior to this report of the Commission, on Dec. 9 1929, the Commission, pursuant to the requirements of the Transportation Act 1920 has issued its final consolidation plan in which it had placed the two Northern Lines in one system but had placed the Burlington in a separate system.

Since the publication of the Commission's report upon the unification applications the Executives of the Northern Lines and the Deposit Committee have been engaged in a study of the questions arising by reason of the Commission's report. This study is still proceeding.

STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Avege. miles of road oper., No. passengers carried, Pass. carried 1 mile, Rev. per pass. per mile, Tons carried 1 mile, Rev. per ton per mile, Net rev. from ry. oper. per train mile.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Freight revenue, Passenger revenue, Mail and express, Other transportation, Joint facility (net), Total operating revenue, Maintenance of way, Maintenance of equipment, Traffic, Transportation, Miscellaneous, General, Transportation for inv.—Cr., Total operating expenses, Net rev. from railway operation, Railway tax accruals, Uncollected railway revenues, Railway operating income, Equipment rents (net debit), Joint facil. rents (net debit), Net railway operating income, Non-Operating Income, Income from lease of road, Miscellaneous rent income, Miscell. non-oper. phys. prop., Dividend income, Income from funded securities and accounts, Income from unfunded securities, Miscellaneous income, Gross income, Deductions from Gross Income, Separately oper. property, Rent for leased roads, Miscellaneous rents, Miscellaneous tax accruals, Interest on funded debt, Interest on unfunded debt, Amortiz. of disc. on funded debt, Miscellaneous income charges, Net income, Income applied to sink. & other reserve funds, Div. approp. of income, Income balance transferred to profit & loss, Shares of capital stock outstanding (par \$100), Earnings, per share on capital stock.

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Table with columns for 1929, 1928. Rows include Assets: Inv. in road & equipment, Road, Equipment, Impts. on leased ry. property, Sinking funds, Deps. in lieu of mtge. prop. sold, Misc. phys. prop., Inv. in affil. cos., Stocks, Bonds, Advances, Other investm'ts, Stocks, Bonds, Notes, Miscellaneous, Cash, Demand notes & deposits, Time drafts and deposits, Special deposits, Loans & bills rec., Traf. & car serv. balances rec., Net bal. rec. fr. agents & cond., Misc. accs. rec., Mat'l & supplies, Int. & divs. rec., Oth. curr. assets, Work. fund adv., Other def. assets, Rents and insur. premiums paid in advance, Disc't. on funded debt, Oth. unadj. deb. Total: \$52,119,336 1929, \$48,865,564 1928. Liabilities: Capital stock—248,979,450 1929, 249,004,650 1928. Premium on capital stock, Grants in aid of construction, Fd. debt unmat., Non-negot. debt to affil. cos., Loans & bills pay., Traf. & car serv. bal., payable, Audited acc'ts. & wages payable, Misc. accs. pay., Int. matru. unpd, Divs. mat. unpd, Fund. debt mat.ured unpaid, Unmatured int. accrued, Oth. curr. liabilities, Other deferred liabilities, Tax liability, Ins. & cas. res., Accrued deprec.: Road, Equipment, Miscell. phys. property, Other unadjust. credits, Add'ns to prop. through inc. & surplus, Fund. debt retired through inc. & surplus, Sinking fund res., Misc. fund res., Appr. surp. not spec. invested, Profit and loss—126,861,795 1929, 123,580,367 1928. Total: \$52,119,336 1929, \$48,865,564 1928.

—V. 130, p. 1651.

Western Maryland Railway Co.

(21st Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1929.)

TRAFFIC STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 5 columns (1929, 1928, 1927, 1926) and rows for Miles of rd. oper., No. pass. car. earn rev., No. pass. car. 1 mile, etc.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 5 columns (1929, 1928, 1927, 1926) and rows for Operating Revenues, Freight—Coal & Coke, Miscellaneous, etc.

Table with 5 columns (1929, 1928, 1927, 1926) and rows for Total oper. revenues, Operating Expenses, Maintenance of equip., etc.

Table with 5 columns (1929, 1928, 1927, 1926) and rows for Total oper. expenses, Net rev. from ry. oper., Tax accruals, etc.

Table with 5 columns (1929, 1928, 1927, 1926) and rows for Total oper. income, Other Income, Joint facility rent income, etc.

Table with 5 columns (1929, 1928, 1927, 1926) and rows for Net oper. income, Other Income, Miscellaneous rents, etc.

Table with 5 columns (1929, 1928, 1927, 1926) and rows for Total other income, Gross income, Deducts. from Gross In., etc.

Table with 5 columns (1929, 1928, 1927, 1926) and rows for Total deductions, Net income, Shs. com. stk. outst'd'g, etc.

Table with 5 columns (1929, 1928, 1927, 1926) and rows for Earnings per sh., GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Large table with 5 columns (1929, 1928, 1927, 1926) and rows for Assets, Liabilities, Common stock, etc.

The Texas & Pacific Railway Co.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1929.)

Operating Revenues.—Operating revenues amounted to \$4,696,434, a decrease of \$5,099,398 or 10.04% compared with the year 1928.

Passenger revenue was \$5,442,679, a decrease of \$528,455, or 8.85% compared with 1928. 1,010,027 passengers were carried, a decrease of 136,645, or 11.92%.

Other revenue aggregated \$3,424,124, an increase of \$293,709, or 9.33%.

Operating Expenses.—Operating expenses were \$31,849,720, a decrease of \$2,686,518, or 7.78% compared with previous year.

Maintenance expenses amounted to \$15,196,320 and consumed 33.25% of revenues. Of this amount \$7,395,147 was for maintaining roadway and structures and \$7,801,173 for equipment.

The high standard of property maintenance was continued during the year. 947,177 cross ties were inserted, of which 747,871 were recroseted, compared with 1,079,422 in 1928, of which 1,047,371 were recroseted.

Transportation expenses were \$14,144,602, a decrease of \$1,806,318, or 11.32% compared with 1928. Such expenses consumed 30.95% of revenues, compared with 31.40% in 1928.

Taxes.—Tax accruals were \$2,243,608 compared with \$2,246,333 in 1928, a decrease of \$2,724, or 0.12%. Ad valorem taxes increased \$65,521, while Federal taxes decreased \$68,245.

Funded Debt.—At the close of the year \$80,123,380 of funded debt was outstanding, compared with \$58,659,410 at the close of 1928, an increase of \$21,463,970.

Road and Equipment.—Charges for additions and betterments were made to the property during the year, aggregating \$10,705,512.

New Lines.—The line of the Texas-New Mexico Railway, which was under construction from Monohans, Tex., to the Texas-New Mexico boundary line at the close of 1928, was completed and opened for traffic between Monohans, Wink and Kermit, Texas, on Jan. 15 1929, between Kermit and Cheyenne, Texas, on March 18 1929, and between Cheyenne and Texas-New Mexico boundary line on June 11 1929.

The I.-S. C. Commission by an order dated Dec. 2 1929, authorized the company to extend its line from the Texas-New Mexico boundary line to Lovington, New Mexico, a distance of approximately 70 miles, application for which was pending at the close of the previous year.

On March 14 1929, the I.-S. C. Commission authorized the Texas & Pacific to acquire control of the Texas Short Line Railway by purchase of its entire outstanding capital stock of \$11,000 par value and all outstanding bonds amounting to \$175,000 and the purchase was consummated as of Jan. 1 1929.

In order to afford additional and more adequate transportation facilities to the cities of San Angelo and Ballinger, Texas, surrounding trade territories, and agricultural areas to be traversed, the Abilene & Southern Railway has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to extend its line from Ballinger to San Angelo, Texas, a distance of approximately 40 miles. Application is pending.

Federal Valuation.—Since the formal hearings in 1926 on tentative valuation of this company's property and filing of briefs in 1927, the Commission has made no announcement of its findings of final value as of June 30 1916. In September 1928, the Commission served orders on the company requiring it to prepare and submit information necessary to bring the valuation up to Dec. 31 1927. Preparation of these data is under way and will be submitted in due course.

New Industries.—104 additional industries were located on the line, of which 74 were located on existing trackage. An aggregate of 2.33 miles of track was constructed for 20 new industries and 10 were located on extensions a greater 1.10 miles. \$76,602 was received during the year from rents of miscellaneous property, principally industrial sites.

General.—In order to provide better passenger service to Mineral Wells, Texas, a health resort approximately eight miles north of Mill apt. station on the Texas & Pacific, motor coach service connecting with this company's through passenger trains was established between these two points on June 7 1929. This service is operated by Texas & Pacific Coaches, Inc., a subsidiary incorporated in Texas on April 5 1929, with a capital stock of \$15,000 all of which is owned by the Texas & Pacific.

On June 21 1929, the Texas & Pacific Motor Transport Co. was incorporated in Delaware with authority to issue 1,000 shares of capital stock of no par value, 100 shares of which have been issued and are owned by the Texas & Pacific. Among other things, the charter authorizes the company to engage in common carrier service in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, New Mexico and other states. Company holds permit to do business in Texas and now provides freight service with store door pick-up and delivery at stations along the line of the Texas & Pacific and its subsidiaries, transportation between principal stations being performed for the Motor Transport Co. by the Texas & Pacific Railway and subsidiaries. Similar service will be extended to Louisiana and other states as conditions warrant.

TONNAGE OF COMMODITIES CARRIED.

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STATISTICS OF OPERATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

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OPERATING ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

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Table with 5 columns (1929, 1928, 1927, 1926) and rows for Operating income, Other operating income, Total oper. income, etc.

Table with 5 columns (1929, 1928, 1927, 1926) and rows for Net inc. bef. fix. chgs., Non-operating income, Gross income, etc.

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Table with 5 columns (1929, 1928, 1927, 1926) and rows for Income balance, Earnings per sh. on 387,551 shs. com. stk. (par \$100), etc.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 1929.

Assets— Investments in road and equipment... Miscellaneos physical property... Dep. on lien of title, property sold... Total... \$115,413,679 \$43,346,564 \$3,169,742

Resolution on Rail Mergers Assailed.—The Couzens resolution proposing to suspend the power of the I.-S. C. Commission to approve railroad consolidations was the subject of a lively debate in the Senate May 9, developing opposition that may prevent a vote on the measure at this session.—N. Y. Times, May 10, page 32.

Freight Trains Operated in March at New High Speed Record.—A new high record for any month was established by the railroads of this country in the speed with which freight trains were operated in March, according to reports for that month just filed by the carriers with the Bureau of Railway Economics. The average speed of freight trains in March was 13.8 miles per hour, which represents the average per hour for all freight trains between terminals, including yard and road delays, no matter from what cause. The average speed for March was an increase of three-tenths of a mile above the best previous record of 13.5 miles, which was attained in February this year. It also was an increase of seven-tenths of a mile above the average for March last year.

Due to improved methods of signaling and train operation, improved motive power and better condition of equipment, all of which have had an effect on reducing delays of trains between terminals and increasing the speed while in actual motion, the railroads have been bringing about a steady increase in the average speed of freight trains for the past ten years so that now it is the highest ever attained.

The average daily movement per freight car in March this year was 28.9 miles, compared with 32.3 miles for the same month last year, and 30.9 miles in March 1928. In computing the average movement per day, account is taken of all freight cars in service, including cars in transit, cars in process of being loaded and unloaded, cars undergoing or awaiting repairs, and also cars on side tracks for which no load is immediately available.

The average load per car in March this year was 25.6 tons, including less than load lot freight as well as carload freight. This was a decrease of two-tenths of one ton below the average for March 1929 and a decrease of five-tenths of one ton below March 1928.

Surplus Freight Cars.—Class I railroads on April 30 had 427,925 surplus freight cars in good repair and immediately available for service, the car service division of the American Railway Assn. announced. This was a decrease of 11,446 cars compared with April 23, at which time there were 439,371 cars. Surplus coal cars on April 30 totaled 168,930, a decrease of 14,100 cars within approximately a week while surplus box cars totaled 203,192, an increase of 2,689 for the same period. Reports also showed 28,077 surplus stock cars, a decrease of 721 under the number reported on April 23, while surplus refrigerator cars totaled 15,790, an increase of 1,047 for the same period.

Locomotives in Need of Repair.—Class I railroads of this country on April 15 had 8,968 locomotives in need of repair or 16% of the number on line, according to reports just filed by the carriers with the car service of the American Railway Assn. This was an increase of 694 cars compared with the number in need of repair on April 1, at which time there were 8,274 or 14.8%. Locomotives in need of classified repairs on April 15 totaled 4,322 or 8.6%, an increase of 227 compared with April 1, while 4,146 or 7.4% were in need of running repairs, an increase of 467 over the number in need of such repair on April 1. Class I railroads on April 15 had 7,311 serviceable locomotives in storage compared with 7,247 on April 1.

Aroostook Valley RR.—Bonds.—The I.-S. C. Commission May 9 authorized the company to issue not exceeding \$1,000,000 1st & ref. mtge. 5 1/2% 25-year gold bonds, series A, to be sold at not less than 94 and int. and the proceeds used to retire certain bonds and in reimbursement for expenditures heretofore made in retiring bonds and for other capital purposes, or not exceeding \$125,000 of bonds to be exchanged for an equal amount of 1st div. mtge. 6% bonds, and, pending their sale or exchange, all or any part of said bonds to be pledged and repledged as collateral security for short-term notes.

Boston & Maine RR.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$15,000,000 1st mtge. gold bonds, series II, 5%, dated May 1 1930, maturing May 1 1955.

Condensed Income Account 3 Months to March 31 1930. Railway operating revenues... \$17,432,805. Railway operating expenses... 13,186,609. Net railway operating income... \$3,467,166. Total income... \$3,118,221. Deductions... 1,939,670. Net income... \$1,178,552. Income applied to sinking funds... 45,278. Dividends declared... 1,426,740. Balance, deficit... \$293,467.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.—Equipment Trusts.—The I.-S. C. Commission May 10 authorized the company to assume obligation and liability in respect of \$19,800,000 4 1/2% equipment-trust gold certificates, to be issued by the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, under an agreement to be dated May 1 1930, and sold at not less than 99.137 and divs., in connection with the procurement of certain equipment. See also V. 130, p. 3345.

Denver & Rio Grande Western RR.—Protective Comm. A bondholders' protective committee has been formed to enforce the payment of the five years back interest on Denver & Rio Grande Western general mortgage bonds. The committee claims that interest on these bonds has been earned and that in accordance with the terms of the mortgage it should have been paid. The committee consists of: F. J. Lisman, Chairman; of F. J. Lisman & Co.; Philip De Ronge, President, Hibernia Trust Co., N. Y.; Gerold, Josephthal & Co., and Wm. G. Edinburg, Sec'y. Samuel Untermyer is Counsel. Call for deposit of the coupons will be issued in due time, according to an announcement by Mr. Lisman.—V. 130, p. 3154.

Duluth South Shore & Atlantic Ry. Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years— 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Average mileage oper... 573.75, 577.44, 588.39, 590.65. Revenue— Freight... \$3,409,336, \$3,480,373, \$3,452,988, \$3,363,799. Total... \$4,810,810, \$5,045,857, \$5,121,693, \$5,281,270. Total... \$3,988,822, \$4,132,799, \$4,061,518, \$4,406,891.

Duluth Missabe & Northern Ry. (U. S. Steel Corp.). (Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1929.)

STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS. Freight— Iron ore (gross tons)... 21,573,455, 18,297,367, 16,330,045, 20,522,373. Passengers carried... 47,147, 57,747, 75,005, 75,490.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS. Freight—Iron ore... \$17,023,326, \$14,311,499, \$12,609,781, \$15,367,491. Freight—Miscellaneous... 1,103,592, 966,152, 1,164,576, 1,268,714.

Operating Expenses— Maint. of way & struct... \$1,808,106, \$1,687,972, \$2,022,237, \$2,108,032. Transport... 3,375,271, 3,130,157, 3,103,603, 3,497,549.

Total oper. revenues... \$20,606,295, \$17,417,640, \$15,835,484, \$18,943,968. Total oper. expense... \$7,826,406, \$7,206,858, \$7,858,242, \$8,403,040.

Gross income... \$11,986,647, \$8,974,291, \$6,924,945, \$8,858,158. Net income... \$9,082,004, \$7,568,281, \$6,345,518, \$7,805,029.

Net income... \$7,405,118, \$7,023,252, \$6,620,122, \$7,678,999. Dividends paid... \$4,112,500, \$4,112,500, \$4,112,500, \$4,112,500.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Assets— Road & equipm't... 45,729,654, 45,729,654, 45,729,654, 45,729,654. Liabilities— Capital stock... 4,112,500, 4,112,500, 4,112,500, 4,112,500.

Total... \$8,757,589, \$8,062,854, \$8,757,589, \$8,062,854. x Being net income appropriated for payment of bond sinking funds.—V. 129, p. 4136.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS.

STEAM RAILROADS.

Insists on Increase in Rail Rate on Paper.—Canadian railway officials at Ottawa hearing say present charge is too low.—N. Y. Times, May 15, page 2.

The decrease in net earnings reported for the first quarter of this year is due in large part to the exceptionally warm temperature experienced during the past winter months in the territory served...

Comparative Consolidated Income Statement (Company and Subsidiaries.) Period End. Mar. 31—1930—3 Mos.—1929. 1930—12 Mos.—1929. Gross revenues \$30,819,881 \$33,482,070 \$106,013,731 \$104,338,793

Net operating revenue \$11,340,081 \$13,316,082 \$36,724,846 \$36,337,072 Non-operating income 84,396 211,611 688,072 1,262,157 Gross corporate income \$11,424,477 \$13,527,693 \$37,412,919 \$37,599,229

Commonwealth & Southern Corp.—April Output.—Electric output of the commonwealth & Southern Corp. properties in April was 515,304,000 k.w.h. as compared with 534,157,000 k.w.h. in April 1929, a decrease of 18,353,000 k.w.h. or 3.44%.

Gas output of the Commonwealth & Southern Corp. properties in April was 818,097,000 cubic feet as compared with 805,262,000 cubic feet in April 1929, an increase of 11,835,000 cubic feet or 1.47%.

Duquesne Gas Corp.—Common Stock Sold.—John J. Bergen, New York, and associates announce the sale at \$15.50 per share of 300,000 shares common stock (no par value).

Transfer Agents, Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., New York and Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co., Chicago. Registrars, Pacific Trust Co., New York and Foreman—State Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago.

Duquesne Traction Co.—First Mtge. 5s, Due July 1 Will Probably Be Defaulted.—Francis Ralston Welsh of Philadelphia, in a letter to the holders of the 1st mtge. 5% bonds, due July 1 next, says in substance:

On July 1 next the principal of your bonds will probably be defaulted on and in anticipation of this they are selling at a discount of about 35% so that when they come due you could only realize for them about two-thirds of their par value.

As each issue came due bondholders were told that there was no money to pay the principal but that the bonds could be registered and interest at the rate borne by the bonds would be paid in the future until the company was ready to take them up, the impression being left on the minds of the bondholders that the principal of the bonds would soon be paid at par.

The Philadelphia Co. interests have calculated that scattered bondholders could not afford to bring suit as the expenses would be too large for small holdings to bear, but if the bondholders unite to protect their interests the expense per bond would be comparatively small.

There is therefore no reason why holders of Duquesne Traction 1st mtge. bonds should submit to this imposition. The earnings of the property are undoubtedly much more than enough to pay 6% interest on the bonds and to make the property of more value than the par of the bonds so that if the bondholders should purchase the property at foreclosure they could realize on it a handsome profit.

There are but \$1,313,000 Duquesne Traction bonds outstanding and against this there is \$3,000,000 of stock fully paid up. Most of this stock was exchanged for the 6% preferred stock of the Consolidated Traction Co. in 1896, the indications of the exchange price at that time being that the stock was worth about \$2,250,000.

The holders of Duquesne Traction bonds, therefore, have everything to gain and nothing to lose by uniting to protect their interests. The expense, spread over a large part of the bond issue, would be comparatively small per bond and would be but a small fraction of the discount at which the bonds are now selling.—V. 106, p. 1230.

Engineers Public Service Co.—To Discontinue Stock Dividend—Quarterly Cash Payment Increased.—The directors on May 15 voted to discontinue the policy of paying stock dividends on the common stock.

Previously, the company paid on the common stock quarterly cash dividends of 25¢ per share and semi-annual stock dividends of 2%, the last payments at these rates having been made on April 1 1930.

Matthew C. Brush, President of the American International Corp., has been elected a director to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Arthur T. Hadley.—V. 130, p. 3349.

Eastern Shore Public Service Co.—Earnings.—Calendar Years—1929. 1928. Operating revenues \$1,745,740 \$1,534,037 Operating expenses 982,063 886,417

Electric Public Service Co.—Earnings.—Earnings for 12 Months Ended Dec. 31 1929. Gross income from all sources \$2,289,481 Operating expenses & maintenance 1,277,402

Federal Water Service Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—Years Ended March 31—1930. 1929. Operating revenues \$15,964,831 \$14,924,439 Operating expenses 4,733,066 4,382,355

General Water Works & Electric Corp. (& Subs.)—Consolidated Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31 1929. Gross revenues & other income \$7,500,001 Operating expenses 3,353,523

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1929. Assets—Property, plant & equipment \$68,406,764 Sinking funds & misc. invest. 41,504 Cash 714,889

Liabilities—Funded debt \$16,250,000 Funded debt of subsidiaries 25,022,200 Pure, money & equip. oblig. 671,169 Bank loans 1,750,000

Great Lakes Utilities Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—[Consolidated earnings statement based on companies owned and on securities outstanding at Dec. 31 1929, for year ended that date.] Operating revenues \$766,984 Operating expenses 2,591

Total revenues \$769,574 Maintenance & general taxes 569,087 Interest on funded debt 227,920

Hackensack (N. J.) Water Co.—To Call Pref.—Rights.—The company is mailing notices to holders of its 7% cum. partic. pref. stock that such stock has been called for redemption on June 1 at \$27.50 a share.

Curtis; Hale, Waters & Co., and Toerge & Schiffer are offering at 91 and int., to yield about 5 1/2%, \$15,000,000 5% gold debentures, series B.

Dated May 1 1930. due May 1 2030. Red. all or part at any time, upon 30 days' notice, at 106 up to and incl. April 30 2003, thereafter at 1/4% less for each full 12 months' period elapsed after April 30 2002, up to and incl. April 30 2026, and thereafter at 100, plus int. in each case. Interest payable M. & N., at office or agency of company in N. Y. City. Denom. \$1,000* and r*\$1,000 and \$10,000. Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., New York, trustee.

Data from Letter of E. W. Hill, Vice-President of Company.

Business and Territory.—Company, incorporated in New Jersey in December 1925, owns all the common stocks, except directors' shares (and in some cases owns various amounts of preferred stock as well as certain indebtedness), of Birmingham Electric Co., Carolina Power & Light Co., Houston Lighting & Power Co., Knoxville Power & Light Co., Memphis Power & Light Co., (which controls Memphis Street Ry. through ownership of all capital stock), West Tennessee Power & Light Co. and of other companies of less importance. It also owns substantially all preferred and common stocks of Lehigh Power Securities Corp.

Lehigh Power Securities Corp. owns all the common stock of the Pennsylvania Power & Light Co., a substantial majority of preferred and common stocks of the Lehigh Valley Transit Co., all preferred and common stocks of Valley Railways, all the common stock of the Lancaster County Railway & Light Co. and all capital stock of a number of other operating companies.

Operating subsidiaries of National Power & Light Co., either directly or through controlled companies, on Dec. 31 1929, served a total of 955 communities in Pennsylvania, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama and Texas. They supplied electric power and light service to 927 communities, transportation service to 163 communities and gas service to 31 communities. In addition, subsidiaries supplied water service to 11 communities and steam heating service to 3 communities and operated ice plants in 6 communities. The total population of the territory served was estimated at 3,255,000.

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of these debentures, and from 100,000 shares of \$6 preferred stock will provide funds for the retirement of all of National Power & Light Co.'s \$7 preferred stock outstanding (140,295 shares with the public) and for other corporate purposes.

Table with 3 columns: Authorized, Outstanding, 5% gold deb., ser. B, due 2030 (this issue...), 6% gold deb., series A, due 2026...

a Without limit, except by restrictive provisions contained in the debenture agreement. b After giving effect to the redemption, which is subject to the necessary vote of the company's common stock, of all outstanding \$7 preferred stock (140,295 shares now with the public and 642 shares held by the company).

In addition, there were outstanding in the hands of the public at Dec. 31 1929, the following securities of subsidiary companies; funded debt of \$223,312,300 principal amount; 887,750 shares of preferred stock; and 41,203 shares of common stock.

Comparative Consolidated Statement of Income.—National Power & Light Co. acquired control of Lehigh Power Securities Corp. in February 1928. A comparative consolidated statement of income of National Power & Light Co. and subsidiaries for the 12 months ended Dec. 31 1928, and 1929, indicating the earnings of National Power & Light Co. as they would have been, had that company controlled Lehigh Power Securities Corp. for these periods on the basis of control as it existed at Dec. 31 1929, follows:

12 Months Ended Dec. 31—

Main financial table showing Subsidiary Companies, National Power & Light Co., and National Public Service Corp. Earnings. Columns: 1928*, 1929*, and 1927.

* Figures for gas properties of Birmingham Electric Co. (sold as of May 1 1929) are included for the full year 1928 but for four months only in 1929, and figures for the Raleigh and Asheville gas properties of Carolina Power & Light Co. (sold Oct. 17 1929) are included for the full year 1928 but for 9 1/2 months in 1929.

The above statement, which includes undistributed earnings of subsidiaries applicable to National Power & Light Co., shows a balance equal to more than 10.8 times annual interest requirements on the entire amount of gold debentures (including this issue) to be outstanding upon completion of this financing.

Supervision.—Electric Bond & Share Co. supervises (under direction and control of directors of respective companies) the operations of National Power & Light Co. and its subsidiary companies.—V. 130, p. 1828.

National Public Service Corp.—Earnings.—

Table showing National Public Service Corp. Earnings for 1929, 1928, and 1927, including operating revenue, expenses, and dividends.

New England Gas & Electric Association.—Bonds Offered.—

Harris, Forbes & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Continental Illinois Co., Inc., Otis & Co., Field, Gloré & Co., Edward B. Smith & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons and John Nickerson & Co. are offering at 91 and int., to yield over 5.75% \$20,000,000 5% convertible gold debenture bonds.

Dated May 1 1930; due May 1 1950. Interest payable M. & N. at Harris Forbes Trust Co., Boston, at office of Harris, Forbes & Co., New York, or at the office of Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, or at the option of the Association at its own office or agency in said cities. Red. all or part on first of any month prior to maturity on 60 days' notice at 103 and

int. to and incl. May 1 1935; thereafter at a premium decreasing 1% for each 5-year period to and incl. May 1 1945; thereafter at 100 1/2 and int. to and incl. May 1 1949; and thereafter at 100 and int. Denom. \$1,000 c*. Harris Forbes Trust Co., Boston, trustee. The Association will agree to reimburse the holders of these bonds upon application within 60 days after payment for the Mass. income tax, on the interest not exceeding 6% of such interest per annum.

Data from Letter of Warren Partridge, Vice-Pres. of the Association.

Business and Territory.—Subsidiary companies of the Association operate gas and electric properties serving a substantial residential and broadly diversified industrial population estimated to be in excess of 950,000 in more than 150 communities of which the most important are Cambridge, New Bedford, Framingham and Worcester in Massachusetts, Portsmouth and Derry in New Hampshire, Yarmouth, Bridgetown and Lawrencetown in Nova Scotia, Fredericton, New Brunswick, and Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, in the Maritime Provinces. A total of 254,213 customers are served, of which 115,225 are electric and 138,988 are gas customers.

Capitalization.—The consolidated capitalization of the Association and the subsidiary companies upon completion of this financing, assuming the sale of all of this issue of bonds, will be as follows:

Table showing Capitalization details: 5% conv. gold deb. bonds: Series due 1947, 1948 and 1950 (incl. this issue) \$42,880,000, Preferred shares (no par) \$200,000 shs., Common shares (no par) 200,000 shs., Subsidiary companies: Funded debt \$4,691,500, Minority common stocks (at par) 777,650.

Earnings.—The consolidated earnings of the Association on an annual basis, and of subsidiary companies, irrespective of dates of acquisition, for the 12 months ended March 31 1930 and annual charges on securities outstanding at that date, including the proposed issue of bonds, are as follows:

Table showing Earnings summary: Gross earnings and other income \$15,150,706, Operating exp., maint., taxes (except Fed. income taxes) and amounts applicable to the minority common stocks 9,542,136, Consol. net earn. for int., depreciation, etc. \$5,608,570.

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of these bonds will be used for the payment of indebtedness incurred for construction, for the acquisition of properties and for other purposes of the Association.

Equity.—The reproduction cost of the operating properties, as estimated by Engineers, plus consolidated net current assets, including investment securities, after deducting all liabilities of subsidiary companies, except funded debt, and after deducting the proportion of assets applicable to minority common stocks, leaves an asset value of more than \$94,900,000 applicable to a maximum of \$4,571,500 of indebtedness of the Association and funded debt of its subsidiaries to be outstanding upon completion of this financing. The equity for this indebtedness of the Association will be represented by 200,000 common shares and 200,000 preferred shares of the association.

Conversion Privilege.—An aggregate of these bonds equal to one-half of the amount actually issued, are convertible, in the order of surrender for conversion and upon ten days' prior written notice on the first day of any month up to and including May 1 1933 (or on or before the redemption date, if previously called for redemption) into \$5 50 dividend series preferred shares of the Association at the rate of 10 shares for each \$1,000 bond. Adjustments are to be made with respect to any accruals of interest on the bonds and of dividends on the shares.

Table showing Calendar Years and Operating income. Columns: 1929, 1928, 1927. Rows include Operating revenues, Oper. exps., maint. & taxes, Operating income, Gross income, Int. on debt of subsid. & affiliated cos., etc.

Note.—Income of companies acquired during the year is included only from approximate dates of acquisition.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Balance Sheet comparing Assets and Liabilities for 1929, 1928, and 1927. Assets include Plants, properties, Investments, Cash and special deposits, etc. Liabilities include Cap. stk. & surp., Funded debt, Sec. called for red., etc.

x Includes \$1,500 pref. stock and \$4,391,318 common stock of subsid. companies at liquidation value and \$30,531,652 stock of company, represented by 100,000 no par pref. shares and 100,000 no par common shares.—V. 130, p. 3352.

New Jersey Power & Light Co.—Earnings.—

Table showing New Jersey Power & Light Co. Earnings for 1929, 1928, and 1927, including operating revenue, expenses, and net income.

New York State Rys.—Syracuse Rapid Transit Ry. Co. Bondholders' Protective Committee Urges Immediate Action for Protection of Interests.—

Charles C. Hood, Chairman of the committee appointed to protect the interest of holders of Syracuse Rapid Transit Ry. 1st mtge. 5% bonds, due March 1 1946, in a special statement just issued May 3 says: "The security behind these bonds will in all probability diminish in value from year to year and eventually payment of the principal will be imperilled unless 'active steps' are taken by bondholders to enforce their rights under their mortgage in the existing receivership." The statement further says:

American Smelting & Refining Co.—To Offer \$20,000,000 of 6% 2d Preferred Stock.—

At a special meeting the directors authorized the sale of \$20,000,000 6% 2d pref. stock...

American Solvents & Chemical Corp.—Rossville Commercial Alcohol Corp. and General Industrial Alcohol Corp. To Merge with American Solvents & Chemical Corp.—

Arrangements have been completed for the merger and reorganization of Rossville Commercial Alcohol Corp. and General Industrial Alcohol Corp. by their merger with American Solvents & Chemical Corp.

In the reorganization the holders of Rossville Commercial Alcohol \$7 conv. pref. stock will receive for each share 2 1-3 shares of \$3 cum. com. stock of American Solvents & Chemical Corp.

American Solvents & Chemical will assume the debts of Rossville Commercial and General Industrial. After the completion of the reorganization Rossville Commercial debentures will be convertible into American Solvents & Chemical common at the rate of 22.4 shares for each \$1,000 principal amount.

Upon the completion of the reorganization and merger the capitalization of the American Solvents & Chemical Corp. will be as follows:

Table with columns: Funded Debt, Authorized, To Be, Outstanding. Rows for 6 1/2% debentures, 1936; 6% debentures, 1949; 6 1/2% debentures, 1944.

Table with columns: Capital Stock, Shares, Amount. Rows for \$3 cumulative preference (no par), Common stock (no par), As of March 31 1930.

Total earnings of the three merged companies in 1929, taking the full year for American Solvents and Rossville and 8 months for General Industrial Alcohol, were \$2,285,000.

The consolidated balance sheet of the merged companies as of March 31 1930 shows assets totaling \$21,146,000, current assets of \$6,831,000 and current liabilities of \$1,729,000, a ratio of 3.9 to 1.

Production and distribution facilities of the merged companies will be well rounded in scope, affording intensive coverage of the important alcohol markets, with plants and sales organizations strategically located in the East, Middle West and on the Pacific Coast.

H. I. Pepper, now President of American Solvents, will become Chairman of the board and Chairman of the executive committee of the company, and Victor M. O'Shaughnessy, now President of the Rossville company, will become President.

"The directors believe the reorganization to be most desirable and beneficial for both the merged companies and the industry as a whole. It is a logical and timely step in the rationalization of the alcohol chemical industry.

American Stores Co.—Sales.—

Table showing sales for 5 and 18 weeks ended May 3 1930 and May 4 1929, with columns for sales and increase.

American Utilities & General Corp.—Definitive Certifis.

The definitive voting trust certificates for class B stock are now ready for delivery at the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York and Central Trust Co. of Illinois, transfer agents.—V. 130, p. 3163.

Anaconda Wire & Cable Co.—Sub. Completes Acquisition

Negotiations looking toward the purchase of the assets of the California Wire & Cable Co. by the Anaconda Wire & Cable Co. of California, a subsidiary of the Anaconda Wire & Cable Co., which have been pending for some time, were formally completed this week.

With the addition of these two plants, the Anaconda company will have manufacturing facilities stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific coasts. Operating units are located in Hastings-on-Hudson, Pawtucket, R. I., Marion and Anderson, Ind.; Muskegon, Mich.; Kenosha, Wis.; Sycamore, Ill.; Great Falls, Mont.; and Orange and Oakland, Calif.

The company produces a complete line of bare and tinned copper wires, weatherproof wire and cable, magnet wire, rubber covered wire of all types, underground cable and many other miscellaneous products.

Earnings.—The company reports for the quarter ended March 31 1930, earnings of \$59,417, after deducting all expenses, including selling and administrative, repairs, depreciation and estimated taxes.—V. 130, p. 3355.

Andes Copper Mining Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns: Calendar Years (1929, 1928, 1927). Rows for Copper sold (lbs.), Revenue from copper sold, Prod. cost, less value of silver & gold, Operating profit, Other income, Total, Miscellaneous charges, Interest, incl. discount of debentures, Depreciation of plant & equipment, Net income, Dividends paid, Surplus, Shs. cap. stock outstanding (no par), Earnings per share.

(The) Angus Co.—Omits Common Dividend.—

The directors recently voted to omit the quarterly dividend which ordinarily would have been paid on the common stock on May 1. Previously, quarterly disbursements of 15 cents per share were made.—V. 129, p. 2685.

Anglo American Corp. of South Africa, Ltd.—Oper.—

The following are the results of operations for the month of April 1930:

Table with columns: Tons, Total, Costs, Profit. Rows for Brakpan Mines, Ltd., Springs Mines, Ltd., West Springs, Ltd., Total income, Interest on advances, &c., Taxes, Amortization of discount on bonds, Miscellaneous charges against income, Interest on funded debt, Depreciation, Amortization of patents, Depletion.

Net operating revenues, Receipt for patent license, Other income, Total income, Interest on advances, &c., Taxes, Amortization of discount on bonds, Miscellaneous charges against income, Interest on funded debt, Depreciation, Amortization of patents, Depletion, Net loss, Previous deficit, Final deficit.—V. 130, p. 3163.

Armstrong Cork Co.—\$15,000,000 Bonds Offered.—

The directors subject to the approval of the stockholders, have approved an offering to stockholders of \$15,000,000 of 10-year convertible bonds.

The proceeds from the sale of these bonds will be used for the payment of existing bank loans, to provide for the continuation and completion of a program of sound business expansion which has been undertaken by the company and for other corporate purposes.

Although it is not anticipated that the results of such expenditures will be fully felt in the immediate future the company does expect that with the return of normal conditions a substantial addition to net profits will result through improvements to its plants and equipment and acquisition and integration of properties at home and abroad.

The previous company financing has consisted largely of rights offered to stockholders to subscribe to stock. The present issue of convertible bonds is likewise offered to stockholders but it is anticipated that a number of stockholders will not exercise their rights to subscribe, in order that a substantial amount may be available for a public offering.

The year 1929 showed earnings for the company at a new high record. The company in common with others has felt the effect of generally unsatisfactory business conditions during the present year, but on the return of normal conditions is confident of securing its full share of any revival of business.

Dividends on common stock have been paid without interruption since 1895.—V. 129, p. 1594.

Art Metal Construction Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns: Calendar Years (1929, 1928, 1927, 1926). Rows for Sales, Cost of sales, Net profit before taxes, Estimated taxes, Net profit, Dividends, Surplus, Adjustments to surplus, Total to surplus, Shs. of cap. stk. outst. (par \$10), Earnings per share.

Balance Sheet as of Dec. 31.

Table with columns: Assets (1929, 1928), Liabilities (1929, 1928). Rows for Plant & property, Patents, Cash, Accts. & bills rec., Inventories, Investments, Deferred charges, Tot., After deducting reserve for depreciation.

Earnings for Quarter Ended March 31.

Table with columns: Calendar Years (1930, 1929, 1928, 1927). Rows for Shipments, Cost of goods shipped, Estimated taxes, Net income, Dividends, Balance for surplus, Earnings per share.

Associated Laundries of America, Inc.—Omits Div.—

The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend which ordinarily would have been payable about April 1 on the common stock. On Jan. 1 last a quarterly dividend of 5c. per share in cash and 1% in stock was paid.—V. 130, p. 3639.

Associated Simmons Hardware Cos.—Annual Report.—

Shipments of Common Participation Shares (Trusteeship & Controlled Cos.)

Table with columns: Calendar Years (1929, 1928, 1927, 1926). Rows for Book value of com. partic. shs. outstanding, Profit from oper. together with sundry adjs., Assoc. Simmons Hard. Cos. b, Excess of par value over cost of pref. shs. ret'd., Balance, Deductions, Res. for possible loss on sale of Grant Leather Corp. properties, Int. on gold notes, Amort. of disc. on gold notes, Book val. of 1,000,000 common partic. shs. at Dec. 31, As of Dec. 31 previous, After taxes depreciation and interest on current bank loans.—V. 129, p. 3170.

Gorham Mfg. Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 5 columns: Years Ended Jan. 31, 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927. Rows include Gross profit from sales, Commercial expenses, Profit from operations, Other income, Gross income, Int., cash disc. on sales, Provision for Fed. taxes, Net income for year, Common dividends, Balance, surplus, Miscellaneous (net), Stock dividend (5%), Surplus at begin. of yr., Profit & loss surplus, Earnings per sh. on 185,580 shs. com. stk. (no par), x After deduction, y Includes depreciation.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Jan. 31. Table with 4 columns: 1930, 1929, Liabilities—, 1930, 1929. Rows include Cash, Notes & accts rec., Fifth Ave. Realty Corp. pur. mon. bond due May 1, Inventories, Inv. (book value), Plant prop. (depreciated), Expend. applie. to future opera'ns, Contingent assets, Acc'ts pay. & sundry accruals, Dividends payable, Federal taxes, Res. ag't invent'y loss, &c., Contingent liabls., 7% 1st pd. stock, Common stock, Capital surplus, Earned surplus, Total.

Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Co., Ltd.—Depreciation and Depletion Reserve Fund Increased by \$4,000,000.—

The stockholders on March 3 approved a proposed resolution authorizing an increase of the reserve fund for depletion and depreciation heretofore established by the company from which distributions have been made to shareholders as a return of capital.

(F. & W.) Grand-Silver Stores, Inc.—1% Stock Div.—The directors have declared a dividend of 1% on the common stock, payable in common stock on June 25 to holders of record June 2 1930.

Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.—Expansion.—

This company which is reported to be spending \$50,000,000 annually for California products, is planning the installation of retail outlets throughout California, a San Francisco dispatch says:

"The opening of the ninth retail store in Los Angeles last week," President John A. Hartford says, "presages the ultimate installation of more than 100 units in southern California, and while our plans are not yet crystallized as to when activities may be extended to the San Francisco area, preliminary work is now being carried forward."

Great Britain & Canada Investment Corp.—Earnings.—

Earnings for Year Ended March 31 1930. Table with 2 columns: 1930, 1929. Rows include Revenue from investments, Revenue from stock dividends sold, Revenue from interest earned, Total revenue, Management & General expense, Interest on 4 1/2% convertible debentures, Net revenue for year, 5% Cumulative preferred dividends.

Surplus March 31 1930 (subject to dominion income tax)—\$115,804 Earnings per shr. on 350,000 shs. com. stk.—\$0.32

Total assets are shown as \$11,869,176 of which \$931,727 was in cash and call loans, and \$10,762,182 in investment securities, which after taking into consideration \$720,323 credited to investment reserve, shows depreciation from book value of \$228,882 or 2.12%.

In his letter to shareholders, A. J. Nesbitt, Pres., says in part: "The assets consist of cash on hand, call loans (secured) and security investments, made up of bonds and preferred and common stocks of leading public utility and industrial companies in the following proportions, as at March 31, 1930: Bonds, 12.83% preferred stocks, 23.03% bank stocks, 2.64% common stock, 53.54% cash and call loans, 7.96%.

Guardian Investors Corp.—To Increase Stock.—

The directors have authorized an offer to exchange the capital stock of that corporation for the outstanding stock of Allied American Industries, Inc. on the basis of one share of Guardian Investors Corp. 1st preferred stock \$6 dividends series for one share of prior preferred stock \$6 dividend series of Allied American Industries, Inc.

A special meeting of the stockholders of Guardian Investors Corp. will be held May 20 1930 for the purpose of approving the proposed exchange and of increasing the amount of authorized common stock of Guardian Investors Corp. from 500,000 shares to 700,000 shares so as to provide the corporation with the additional common stock necessary to complete the exchange.

(M. A.) Hanna Co.—Plan Consummated.—

The annual report for 1929 states in part as follows: We are now able to report the completion of our program to align with steel producing capacity the company's interests in Lake Superior iron ore, lake vessels and blast furnaces by turning over that part of its business to the National Steel Corp., which was formed in 1929 and is now one of the strong independent fully integrated steel companies.

Concurrently with the formation of the National Steel Corp. it was thought feasible to simplify the capital structure of your company and fund or provide payment for the large accumulations due preferred stockholders. Accordingly the plan for creating and exchanging the new \$7 pref. stock for the then outstanding 1st pref. stock was proposed and consummated.

and been accorded a further extension of time for making their exchanges because of the impossibility, for various reasons, of doing so earlier. Simultaneously, common stockholders authorized the offer to 2nd pref. stockholders of the privilege of converting their 2nd pref. stock into common stock, on a new and more favorable basis, and all 2nd pref. stockholders have taken advantage of this offer, so that the outstanding stock of that issue is now entirely eliminated.

Shares of common stock outstanding have been increased from 542,929 to 1,016,961 (authorized issue 1,500,000 shares) and common stock equity (combined stated common capital and surplus) has been increased from \$17,000,000 to over \$30,000,000. (See also V. 129, p. 3973.)

Harmon National Real Estate Corp.—Offering.—

The company, with offices at 140 Nassau St., New York, is offering Harmon National Syndicates Unit F.

Syndicate "F," with a total paid-in capitalization of \$50,000, will invest its capital—as one of a series of syndicates formed by Harmon National—in real estate in four different suburban sections of Greater New York and the metropolitan area.

Subscriptions to the syndicate may be made in units of \$50 each. When 1,000 such units are subscribed, the syndicate will be closed. Upon the closing of syndicate "F" and the payment by its subscribers to the Harmon National Real Estate Corp. of \$50,000, the latter will convey the selected real estate to the American Trust Co. of New York, as trustee, thus assuring absolute integrity in the handling of the Syndicate's assets.

Harnischfeger Corp., Milwaukee, Wis.—Sales Higher.—

Corporation reports sales for the first quarter of 1930 of over 21% in excess of sales for the same period last year, with net profits substantially the same as in the first quarter of last year.

Hartman Corporation.—Earnings.— Table with 5 columns: Calendar Years—, 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Total profits & income, Interest charges, Net income, Dividends paid, Balance, surplus, Total surplus Dec. 31, Shares of class B stock outstanding (no par), Earnings per sh. on cap.stk.

Hayes Body Corp.—Earnings.—

Earnings for Quarter Ended March 31 1930. Table with 2 columns: 1930, 1929. Rows include Gross income, Costs, Operating loss, Other income, Loss, Miscellaneous charges, Depreciation, Interest, etc., Total loss.

Hazeltine Corp.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years— Table with 5 columns: 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Royalties, Other income, Total income, Expenses and taxes, Res. amort. of patents, Net profit, Dividends paid, Rate, Shs. cap. stk. outstanding (no par), Earned per share.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Table with 4 columns: Assets—, 1929, 1928, Liabilities—, 1929, 1928. Rows include Pats., pat. marks, tr. marks, &c., Furn. & equipment, Investments, Royalties owing & accrued, Notes & accts. rec., Cash, Accrued interest, Subs. on cap. stk., Rent prepaid, Cost of stk. purch., Goodwill.

Guardian Investors Corp.—To Increase Stock.—

Earnings for Quarter Ended March 31 1930. Table with 2 columns: 1930, 1929. Rows include Gross income, Expenses, Profit before prov. for Fed. taxes & amortiz. of patents.

Hoskins Mfg. Co.—Earnings.—

Quarter Ended March 31— Table with 3 columns: 1930, 1929, Net profit after charges & taxes, Earnings per shr. on 120,050 shs. com. stk. (no par).

Hudson Bay Mining & Smelting Co., Ltd.—Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 1929, 1928. Rows include Cash, Investments, Acct. int. receiv., Accts. rec., dep., &c., Materials & suppl., Depos. with Royal Tr. Co., Min'g claims & dev., Bldgs., mach. & eq., Furn. & fixtures, Church Hill River power develop., Oth. assets not dis., Total (each side), x After depreciation of \$1,021,732. y Represented by 2,500,000 no-par shares.—V. 128, p. 3694.

Houston Oil Co. of Texas.—To Redeem Notes.—

The company has elected to pay off and redeem on July 15 next at 102 1/2 and int. all of the outstanding 10-year sinking fund 5 1/2% conv. gold notes, dated June 1 1928 and due June 1 1938. Payment will be made upon presentation and surrender thereof at the Maryland Trust Co., northwest corner Calvert and Redwood Sts., Baltimore, Md.

Hudson Coal Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1929, 1928, 1927, 1926) and rows for Rec. from sales of coal, Cost of coal sold, and various income and expense items.

Hutto Engineering Co., Inc.—Defers Preferred Div.—

The directors have voted to defer the semi-annual dividend of 3 1/2% due May 1 on the 7% cum. preferred stock, par \$10.—V. 124, p. 514.

Industrial Fibre Corp. of America.—Notes Called.—

The company has called for payment May 16 next, \$31,700 of 8% debenture gold notes, due May 16 1933, at 100 and interest. Payment will be made at the Irving Trust Co., 62 Broadway, New York City.—V. 128, p. 2641.

International Agricultural Corp.—Tenders.—

The Bankers Trust Co., corporate trustee, 16 Wall St., N. Y. City, until May 9 were to receive bids for the sale to it of 1st mtg. & coll. trust 20-year s. f. gold bonds dated May 1 1912, at prices not exceeding 103 and int. For this purpose a sum of \$326,862 was held in the sinking fund.—V. 129, p. 2066.

International Arbitrage Corp.—Split-up Approved.—

The stockholders on May 14 ratified the directors' proposal to split the old \$50 par value stock into ten new shares of \$5 par value. The directors declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2% in cash on the old stock, payable June 2 1930 to holders of record May 20 1930. See also V. 130, p. 2783.

International Carriers, Ltd.—Initial Cash Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial cash dividend of 25 cents a share on the outstanding capital stock, payable July 1 to holders of record June 16. The corporation is an investment trust sponsored by Calvin Bullock, the shares of which are listed on the New York Stock Exchange. The current liquidating value of the outstanding shares is \$19.30 per share.

The company is one of the largest holders of railroad securities in the United States. Following the directors meeting it was announced that in view of the fact that the company has been in operation less than a year and because of existing market conditions in general, the management felt that it was unwise at this time to attempt to fix a definite dividend policy. The current distribution is made out of net dividends and interest actually received and not from trading profits.—V. 130, p. 3174.

International Nickel Co. of Can., Ltd.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Three Months Ended March 31 (1930, 1929) and rows for Earnings, Other income, Total income, and various expenses.

Investment Co. of America.—Earnings.—

The company reports for the period from Jan. 1 1930, to April 18 1930, net profit of \$870,174 after interest, Federal taxes, &c., equivalent after allowing for dividend requirements for 3 months and 18 days on 50,000 shares of 7% pref. and 10,000 shares of 7% Series B pref. stocks, to \$4.08 a share on 137,627 shares of no-par common stock.

Balance Sheet April 18 1930. Table with columns for 1930, 1929 and rows for Assets (Cash, Secured loans, etc.) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, etc.).

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The company reports for the period from Jan. 1 1930, to April 18 1930, net profit of \$870,174 after interest, Federal taxes, &c., equivalent after allowing for dividend requirements for 3 months and 18 days on 50,000 shares of 7% pref. and 10,000 shares of 7% Series B pref. stocks, to \$4.08 a share on 137,627 shares of no-par common stock.

Balance Sheet April 18 1930. Table with columns for 1930, 1929 and rows for Assets (Cash & demand deposits, Secured loans, etc.) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, etc.).

International Paper Co.—Tenders.—

The Bankers Trust Co., trustee, will until May 21 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st ref. mtg. bonds, 5% series A and B, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$100,426 at prices not exceeding 102 1/2 and int.—V. 129, p. 3176.

Interstate Natural Gas Co., Inc.—Stock of This Company Offered in Exchange for Galena Oil Corp. Shares by American Republics Corp.—

See Galena Oil Corp. above.—V. 129, p. 1753.

Italo Petroleum Corp. of America.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Quarter Ended March 31 (1930, 1929) and rows for Net income after interest, deprec. and depletion, Earnings per sh., etc.

Jackson & Curtis Investment Associates.—Earnings.

Earnings for Three Months Ending March 31 1930. Table with rows for Dividends received and payable, Interest received, Profit on securities sold, Total income, Expenses, Reserve for taxes, Net income for period, Dividend paid, Balance to surplus.

Balance Sheet March 31 1930.

Table with columns for Assets (Industrial securities, Public utility securities, etc.) and Liabilities (Reserve for taxes, Net worth).

(Byron) Jackson Pump Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Quarter Ended March 31 (1930, 1929) and rows for Net profit after charges and Federal taxes, Earnings per sh., etc.

Jefferson Fire Insurance Co., Newark, N. J.—New Directors.—

James L. Meeks, President of the Fort Hamilton Savings Bank and director of the Merchants & Manufacturers Fire Insurance Co., and Daniel McNamara Jr., member of the New York State Assembly and also director of the Merchants & Manufacturers Fire Insurance Co., Newark, N. J., have been elected directors.

Jewel Tea Co., Inc.—Sales.—

Table with columns for Period End. Apr. 19 (1930-4 Weeks-1929, 1930-16 Weeks-1929) and rows for Sales, Avg. no. of sales routes.

Johns-Manville, Inc.—Acquisition.—

The corporation has purchased the assets and patents of the Stevens Sound Proofing Co. of Chicago, according to an announcement. Acquisition of the Stevens properties marks the first development of importance thus far this year in the Johns-Manville program of expansion, and follows seven new products or processes which were either acquired or developed during 1929 under Johns-Manville direction.

"The Stevens company manufactures patented structural products for sound deadening in walls, floors and ceilings, and for the construction of antivibration platforms under machinery," explains the Johns-Manville announcement. "Stevens systems have been widely used by well-known architects and engineers in apartments, hotels, hospitals, office buildings, theatres, broadcasting studios, schools and clubs."—V. 130, p. 2978.

(Rudolph) Karstadt, Inc. (Rudolph Karstadt Aktien-gesellschaft), Hamburg, Germany.—12% Dividend.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 12% for the year, according to cable advices received by the company's bankers in New York. A dividend of the same amount was paid in the preceding year.—V. 129, p. 3020.

Kawneer Co.—Further Acquisition.—

Further expansion of this company is announced by President Francis J. Plym, with the purchase of the Adelbert Coleman Architectural Metal Work Co. of Chicago, formerly known as the Chicago Ornamental Iron Works. This is the second recent acquisition of important allied companies by the Kawneer company, the Zouri Drawn Metals Co. having been acquired last month.

Assets, name and good-will were included in the purchase for a cash consideration which is not stated. The Kawneer Co. does not contemplate any additional financing in the transaction according to the announcement. "The purchase of the Coleman plant, which manufactures architectural metal work, including cast bronze, aluminum, nickel silver and iron, used for building purposes, will considerably enlarge the operations of the Kawneer Co. in cast architectural materials," stated Mr. Plym in announcing the purchase. The Adelbert Coleman Co. will operate under its own charter as a division of the Kawneer Co. Benjamin R. Coleman, the former President, will remain with the corporation.—V. 130, p. 2594.

Kelvinator Corp.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Quarter Ended March 31 (1930, 1929, 1928) and rows for Gross profit, Operating expenses, Depreciation, interest, etc., Net profit, Shs. cap. stk. outstand, Earnings per sh., etc.

Knox Hat Co., Inc.—Smaller Dividend.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1 a share on the non-voting common stock and on the class A common stock, both payable June 15 to holders of record May 15. Previously, the company made quarterly disbursements of \$1.50 a share on both issues.—V. 129, p. 1295.

Kreuger & Toll Co.—Really Subsidiary Reports Assets.—

The Hufvudstaden Real Estate Co., largest owner of city real estate in Sweden and one of Kreuger & Toll Co.'s principal Swedish investments, reports net profit for 1929 of 1,540,000 kronor against 1,520,000 kronor for the previous year. During 1929 the company acquired six additional buildings in Stockholm, thus bringing total real estate holdings to 91 properties. Total assets of the company now amount to 47,650,000 kronor (approximately \$12,800,000). A dividend of 8% which has been paid on its pref. and common stocks for the last seven years, will be maintained for 1929.—V. 130, p. 3365.

Kroger Grocery & Baking Co.—Sales.—

Sales for 5 Weeks and 17 Weeks 4 Days Ended May 3, 1930-5 Weeks-1929. Decrease. 1930-17 Wks. 4 Days-1929, Dec. \$26,075,411 \$27,434,602 \$1,359,191 \$91,802,056 \$95,059,185 \$3,257,129. The company had in operation on May 3 1930, 5,331 stores compared with 5,367 stores on May 3 1929.—V. 130, p. 3365.

the construction program now substantially completed, which program involved the expenditure of about \$4,500,000. It is estimated that the total net earnings for the year ended Dec. 31 1930, will exceed \$2,600,000, equivalent to more than 4 1/2 times such annual interest requirement.

Pro Forma Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1929 (Giving Effect to Present Financing). Assets: Cash \$327,631, Notes & accounts receiv., &c. 2,152,482, Value of life insurance 19,225, Prepaid items 213,688, Inventories 2,324,168, Real estate, plant & equip. 27,275,022, Invest. in stock of Southern Extract Co. (Del.) 875,000, Other Investments 284,001, Officers & emp. stock acct's. 367,807, Deferred charges 183,076, Patents, processes, &c. 871,505.

Mexican Seaboard Oil Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.— Calendar Years— 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Gross earnings \$3,269,979, \$1,439,468, \$3,112,759, \$5,459,630. Costs and expenses 1,740,355, 1,915,442, 2,819,738, 3,471,917.

Michigan Steel Corp.—Debentures Offered.—Guardian Detroit Co., Inc., and Fenton, Davis & Boyle are offering at 100 and int. \$1,000,000 6% sinking fund gold debentures series B.

Dated May 1 1930: due Nov. 1 1938. Principal and interest (M. & N.) payable at offices of Union Guardian Trust Co., Detroit, trustee. Callable on 30 days' notice all or part on any interest date at 105 to and including Nov. 1 1933, the premium decreasing thereafter 1% for each year until Nov. 1 1937 and thereafter callable at 100 1/2 prior to maturity.

Data from Letter of George R. Fink, President of the Corporation. Business.—Corporation, organized in 1922 in New Jersey entered the production of high grade sheet steel in the Detroit area on July 5 1923. Located in one of the most important markets for this product in the world, the corporation is favorably situated in physical relation to the automotive industry.

Property.—Corporation owns in fee a plant site of about 47 acres located in the Village of Ecorse, approximately 9 miles from the center of Detroit and within the Detroit switching limits. The plant consists of thoroughly modern buildings, rolling mills and equipment, and has all facilities for low cost production of high grade sheet steel.

EARNINGS.—Earnings of the corporation, for years ending Dec. 31 have been as follows:

Table with columns: Year, Profit before Deprec., Interest and Federal Taxes, Depreciation, Net Profits Available for Interest and Federal Taxes. Rows for 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929.

Average yearly earnings for the period 1924-29, available for interest and Federal taxes, are more than 8.85 times yearly interest requirements on this issue.

The books of the corporation for the first three months of 1930 show earnings available for interest and Federal taxes of \$388,297 or at the annual rate of \$1,553,188, as compared with \$1,939,262 for 1929 as shown above.

Sinking Fund.—Trust agreement and supplement thereto provide for a sinking fund payable May 1 and Nov. 1, sufficient to retire 60% of these debentures and any additional issue therein authorized by maturity.

Capitalization.—Authorized. To be Outst'g. 6% sinking fund gold debentures \$3,000,000, Common stock, non-par value 500,000 shs. \$216,520 shs. a \$1,208,000 series A and 1,000,000 series B.

Missouri-Kansas Pipe Line Co.—Status.— President Frank P. Parish says: 'We are building up a major unit in that industry and have developments of major proportions under way in Texas, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky.'

Morison Electrical Supply Co., Inc.—Sales.— 1930—April—1929, Increase. 1930—4 Mos.—1929, Increase. \$168,915, \$137,762, \$31,153, \$705,271, \$516,873, \$188,398.

(Conde) Nast Publications, Inc.—Earnings.— Calendar Years— 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Gross rev. from sales of domestic publications, advertising patterns, printing, &c. \$10,251,328, \$8,485,930, \$7,798,859, \$7,015,214.

Merchants & Manufacturers Securities Co.—Increases Authorized Common Stock—Earnings, &c.— Earnings for the year ended March 31 1930, were the largest in the history of the company, according to the annual audit report of Ernst & Ernst, just made public by President Arthur Greene.

Merchants Fire Assurance Co.—Increase in Stock— Stock Dividend.— The company has increased its common stock (par \$10) from \$2,250,000 to \$3,000,000 and the pref. stock (par \$100) from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000, the increase to be distributed as follows: 32% (72,000 shares) of com. as a stock dividend to com. stockholders payable May 26 to holders of record May 7 3,000 shares com. to employees and agents for subscription at \$65 per share.

Metro-Goldwyn Pictures Corp.—Earnings.— Results 28 Wks. End.— Mar. 14'30, Mar. 10'29, Mar. 11'28, Mar. 31'27. Gross profit \$9,163,203, \$5,935,809, \$6,307,096, \$4,594,161. Operating expenses 3,654,031, 3,354,824, 3,592,308, 3,076,540.

Midvale Co.—Tenders.— The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, as trustee, until May 15 were to receive bids for the sale to it of Midvale Steel & Ordnance Co. 20-year 5% conv. sinking fund gold bonds, due March 1 1936, to an amount sufficient to absorb \$996,433, at prices not exceeding 105 and int.—V. 130, p. 2040.

Midvale Co.—Tenders.— The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, as trustee, until May 15 were to receive bids for the sale to it of Midvale Steel & Ordnance Co. 20-year 5% conv. sinking fund gold bonds, due March 1 1936, to an amount sufficient to absorb \$996,433, at prices not exceeding 105 and int.—V. 130, p. 2040.

Earnings for Quarter Ended March 31. 1930. 1929. 1928. 1927. Net income after all chgs. including taxes...

Entire Issue of 1st Mtg. 6 1/2% Called.— All of the outstanding \$306,500 1st mtge. 10-year 6 1/2% serial bonds have been called for payment July 16 next...

National Biscuit Co.—Listing.— The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 140,000 shares of common stock (par \$10) on official notice of issuance...

National Dairy Products Corp.—Listing, &c.— The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$33,264,500 5 1/4% gold debentures, due 1948, upon official notice of issuance...

Consolidated Balance Sheet March 31 1930. Assets— Cash, U. S. Liberty bonds, Municipal bonds (N.Y.C.), Stocks and securities (marketable securities)...

Consolidated Balance Sheet as at Dec. 31 1929. Assets— Cash, Marketable securities, Notes & accounts receivable, Inventories...

National Family Stores, Inc.—Sales.— 1930—April—1929. Increase. \$821,328 \$552,138 \$269,190

National Harris Wire Co., Inc.—Transfer Agent.— The Equitable Trust Co. of New York has been appointed transfer agent for the class A and class B stocks.

National Tea Co.—Earnings.— Calendar Years— 1929. 1928. 1927. 1926. Sales \$90,210,077 \$85,881,696 \$58,801,377

Balance Sheet December 31. 1929. 1928. Assets— Prop. (less deprec.) 10,856,655 \$,517,639 Treasury stock 641,598 85,992

Earnings for Quarter Ended March 31. 1930. 1929. 1928. 1927. Net earns. after Fed. tax. \$470,552 \$809,555 \$711,080

National Radiator Corp.—Earnings.— Calendar Years— 1929. 1928. Operating profit \$306,364 \$500,832

Consolidated Statement of Income Period Feb. 1 1930 to April 15 1930. Interest earned, \$12,107; less: interest paid \$10,826

Nevada Consolidated Copper Co.—Earnings.— Quar. End. Mar. 31— 1930. 1929. 1928. Net lbs. of copper prod. 39,699,763 78,381,399 52,576,896

New Jersey Zinc Co.—Quarterly Report.— Quar. End. Mar. 31— 1930. 1929. 1928. Total income \$1,671,867 \$2,026,935 \$1,649,028

The Equitable Trust Co. of New York has been appointed transfer agent for the class A and class B stocks. This item, which includes dividends from sub. cos. is shown after deductions for expenses, taxes, maintenance, repairs, depreciation and contingencies. y Par \$100.—V. 130, p. 3178.

The average monthly production amounted to 13,233,254 lbs. against an average monthly output of 13,362,022 in the fourth quarter of last year. After crediting revenue from gold and silver and other miscellaneous earnings and income from subsidiaries, the net cost per pound of copper produced was 9.76c. as compared with 9.14c. for the fourth quarter of 1929.

(J. J.) Newberry Co.—Sales.—

Table with 5 columns: Year, Sales, Increase, etc. for 1930-April-1929, 1930-4 Mos.-1927, and 1929.

Newport Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Table with 3 columns: Calendar Years (1929, 1928), Net sales, Cost of sales, Provision for depreciation, Net income from operations, etc.

Table with 3 columns: Total income, Loss on sale of liberty bonds, Interest charges, Provision for Federal income taxes, Net income for year carried to surplus account, etc.

Table with 3 columns: Balance, Dec. 31, Earnings per share on 432,517 shs. com. stk. (no par), Earnings for Quarter Ended March 31, Net sales, etc.

Table with 3 columns: Comparative Balance Sheet, Assets, Liabilities, Prop. plant & eq., Form & process, Cash, etc.

Newton Steel Co. (Ohio)—Stock Increased.—

An amendment to the articles of incorporation was filed at Columbus, Ohio, on May 15, increasing the number of no par value common shares to 500,000 from 300,000.

New York Dock Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 5 columns: Year (1930, 1929, 1928, 1927), Quar. End. Mar. 31, Revenues, Expenses, Taxes, interest, &c., Net income, etc.

New York Transit Co.—No Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 40c. a share on the \$10 par capital stock, payable July 15 to holders of record June 20.

Niles-Bement-Pond Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Table with 5 columns: Calendar Years (1929, 1928, 1927, 1926), Gross income, Selling & gen. expenses, Operating profit, Other income, Total income, etc.

Table with 3 columns: Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31, Assets, Liabilities, Property account, Misc. invest., Stock & adv., etc.

Nineteen Hundred Corp.—Earnings, &c.—

This company is incorp. in New York and is engaged in the manufacture and sale of electric household washing machines and ironers. It represents the consolidation of The Nineteen Hundred Washer Co., Inc., of Binghamton, N. Y., and The Upton Machine Co., of St. Joseph, Mich.

ment stores, central stations, and specialty dealers, which represents all of the recognized sound channels of distribution. An important outlet for the company's product is Sears, Roebuck & Co. through all of its retail stores as well as its mail order department.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding. Class A shares (no par) 79,443 shs. 79,443 shs. Class B shares (no par) 409,662 shs. 330,219 shs.

* 79,443 shares reserved for conversion of Class A shs. Transfer agent and registrar.—The Guardian Trust Company, Cleveland, O., and First National Bank, Binghamton, N. Y.

Earnings.—The net earnings of the company and the predecessor companies for the past 4 1/4 years have been as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Year (1926-1930), Net Earnings, Sh. of Cl. "A", Net per sh. for Cl. "A", Net per sh. for Cl. "B".

Financial Condition.—Company's balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1929 shows quick assets of \$2,535,263 and current liabilities, including Federal income taxes, of \$269,529, or a ratio of over 9.4 to 1.

Dividend Policy.—Company has paid regular cash dividends of 50 cents per quarter on the Class A shares since the issuance of these shares in Feb. 1927. Company is now paying regular quarterly dividends of 25 cents per share on its outstanding Class B shares.

Noranda Mines, Ltd.—Probable New Contracts.—

President J. Y. Murdoch is reported to be negotiating new contracts in England for disposal of the copper output of the company, according to Montreal advices. Reports say that any contract entered into will probably be on a sliding scale, governed by current quotations for the metal.

See Canadian Copper Refiners, Ltd., above.—V. 130, p. 2983.

Occidental Petroleum Corp.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Quarter Ended March 31, Net income after all charges incl. deduct. earnings retained by Universal Consolidated Oil, Earnings per sh. on 630,000 shs. com. stock (no par), 1930, 1929, 1928.

Ontario Mineral Waters Ltd.—Pref. Stock Offered.—

A. E. Pearce & Co., Ltd., Toronto, Ont., are offering \$400,000 7% cum. red. preference stock at par (\$100). carrying a bonus value common share with each four shares of preference stock.

Preference shares have preference as to capital and assets over other classes of securities and are entitled to a fixed cum. div. at the rate of 7% per annum, payable (J. & D.). Red. all or part on any div. date on 30 days' notice at \$105 per share and div., the redemption to take place within seven years from date of incorporation.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding. 7% cumulative preference shares \$500,000 \$430,000. Common stock (no par) 20,000 shs. 20,000 shs.

The purpose of this issue of pref. stock, with the bonus of no par value common stock, is to liquidate loans made to the company for the drilling of well near Maple, Ont., and to undertake advertising and merchandising as agreed with those interests who are to handle the distribution in Canada.

(S.) Oppenheimer & Co.—Defers Preferred Dividend.—

The directors have voted to defer the quarterly dividend of \$2 per share due May 1 on the preferred stock.—V. 122, p. 1181.

Otis Elevator Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 65,000 shares 6% cum. pref. stock (par \$100) on official notice of issuance in exchange for a like number of outstanding certificates for 6% non-cum. pref. stock (par \$100).—V. 130, p. 2983.

Otis Steel Co.—Operating Conditions Improve.—

Operating conditions at the Otis Steel Co. have shown distinct improvement since the first of the current month, according to President E. J. Kulas. Production of hot strip and a number of other finished products is at the highest level of the year.

Pacific Coast Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Table with 5 columns: Calendar Years (1929, 1928, 1927, 1926), Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Taxes, Net earnings, Other income, Total net income, Deduct on bonds, etc.

Balance, surplus \$155,398 def \$40,687 def \$111,812 def \$74,441 x Accrued interest and discount on Carbonado Mine purchase.

Table with 5 columns: Earnings for Quarter Ended March 31, Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Net income, 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927.

Paramount Public Corp.—Dividend—Officers, &c.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the common stock, payable June 28 to holders of record June 6. The books will not close.

At a meeting of the board held May 12, the following officers were duly elected: Adolph Zukor, President; Jesse L. Lasky, First Vice-President; Sidney R. Kent and Sam Katz, Vice-Presidents; Ralph A. Kohn, Treasurer; Elek John Ludvigh, Secretary.

The following directors were elected members of the finance committee: William H. English, Sir William Wiseman, Frank Bailey, Casimir I. Stralem and Adolph Zukor. The following were elected members of the executive committee: Adolph Zukor, William H. English, Felix E. Kahn, Sam Katz, Sidney R. Kent, Ralph A. Kohn, Jesse L. Lasky, Elek John Ludvigh, Emil E. Shauser and Eugene J. Zukor.—V. 130, p. 2983, 1127.

Parmelee Transportation Co.—Earnings.—

The company reports net earnings for the quarter ended March 31 1930 of \$173,657. This is after preferred dividend requirements and bond interest and is equivalent to 58 cents per share on the 299,118 shares outstanding as at that date.

The above earnings only include dividends and sundry income received and do not take into account earnings due from its baggage transfer and

other tangible property... The 25,000 shares represent the agreed value of the leaseholds, business, good will and other intangible assets.

Railway & Light Securities Co.—Income Statement.— 12 Mos. Ending March 31— 1930. 1929.

Rand (Gold) Mines, Ltd.—Output (in Ounces).— Month of— 1930. 1929. 1928.

Real Silk Hosiery Mills, Inc.—Earnings.— Year Ended 15 Mos. End. Years Ended Sept. 31.

(Daniel) Reeves, Inc.—Sales.— Sales for Five Weeks and Four Months Ended May 3.

Remington Arms Co., Inc.—Definitive Bonds.— Definitive bonds are now ready in exchange for interim certificates of the issue of 3-year 5 1/4% gold notes, due March 1 1933.

Republic Steel Corp.—To Start Large Scale Production of Electric Welded Pipe.— Large scale production of electric welded pipe will be started by the corporation at its new pipe mill at Youngstown within the next few weeks.

Revere Copper & Brass, Inc.—Earnings.— Earnings for Quarter Ended March 31 1930.

Reynolds Brothers, Inc.—Merger Approved.— See Reynolds Investing Co., Inc. below.—V. 130, p. 3181.

Reynolds Investing Co., Inc.—Consolidation Approved.— At a special stockholders meeting held May 12 an additional issue of 217,949 shares of common stock was approved.

Reynolds Spring Co.—Earnings.— Calendar Years— Sales— 1929. 1928.

Richfield Oil Co. of California.—Establishes Storage Base for Aviation Gas at New Orleans.— This company, and its subsidiary, the Richfield Oil Corp. of New York, has closed a contract under which large quantities of Richfield Aviation gasoline will be stored at the New Orleans plant of the General American Tank Storage & Terminal Co.

Rio Grande Oil Co.—Earnings.— Quarter Ended March 31— 1930. 1929. 1928.

Ross Gear & Tool Co.—Earnings.— Calendar Years— Net income after all charges & Federal taxes— 1930. 1929.

Rossville Com'erc'l Alcohol Corp.—Proposed Merger.— See American Solvents & Chemical Corp.—V. 128, p. 1923.

Royal Dutch (Petroleum) Co.—Final Dividend.— Cash advances received by the Equitable Trust Co. of New York report that the directors of the Royal Dutch Co. have declared a final dividend of 14% on the ordinary shares.

Royal Typewriter Co., Inc. (& Subs.).—Earnings.— Calendar Years— Net income— 1929. 1928. 1927. 1926.

Sally Frocks, Inc.—Corrected Sales.— 1930—April—1929. Increase. 1930—4 Mos.—1929. Increase.

Scullin Steel Co.—Earnings for Calendar Year 1929.— Profit from operations— \$895,503

(The) Seagrave Corp.—Registrar.— The City Bank Farmers Trust Co. has been appointed registrar of 125,000 shares of no par value common stock.—V. 130, p. 2985.

Securities Investment Co. of St. Louis.—Pref. Stock Offered.—Mark C. Steinberg & Co., Stix & Co. and Paul Brown & Co., St. Louis, are offering at 105 and dividend, to yield 7.62%, \$427,500 8% cum. pref. stock.

Security Management Co.—Changes Name.— See Broad Street Management Corp. above.—V. 130, p. 638.

Security Title & Guaranty Co.—Transfer Agent.— The Bank of America N. A. has been appointed transfer agent for 100,000 shares of capital stock.

H. F. Sinclair, Chairman of the Sinclair board of directors, commenting on the announcement, said:

The Pierce distributing facilities are peculiarly advantageous to our company. There are practically no towns in which both companies have separate distributing plants.

This is one of those deals that are equally good for buyer and seller. It is advantageous to Sinclair because of the marketing facilities we acquire territory that we are able to supply with our own products; it is advantageous to Pierce because without production, refining capacity and distribution—which would cost millions to provide—it can not progress.

Considering only the most important consuming centers, Sinclair now as distribution facilities in 78 of the hundred principal markets of the United States. This number will be increased to 85 by the Pierce acquisition, which means that Sinclair will have direct representation in all or nearly 15 of the largest consuming centers of the country and will be selling gasoline actively in all of the heavy consuming states with the exception of Pacific Coast States.

The Pierce company does approximately one-fourth of the total distributing business of the Mexican Republic, its agencies and distributors now being located in 227 Mexican towns and cities, and its emblem being known not only along the coasts but also throughout the interior of the Republic.

See also Pierce Petroleum Corp. above.—V. 130, p. 2986.

Skelly Oil Co.—Preferred Stock Authorized.—

The stockholders on May 14 voted to amend the company's charter permit of the issuance of \$12,000,000 of 6% preferred stock. The directors immediately met and confirmed the sale and issuance of the stock and authorized application for listing the new stock on the New York Stock Exchange. (See also V. 130, p. 3182.)—V. 130, p. 3372.

(F. H.) Smith Co.—New Committee Formed for Protection of Holders of Bonds Sold Through the Smith Company.—

Headed by George E. Roosevelt of Roosevelt & Sons as Chairman, a committee for the protection of the holders of bonds sold through the F. H. Smith Co. has been formed at the request of a number of bondholders, according to an announcement made by Mr. Roosevelt May 15. The committee, which will maintain offices at 31 Nassau St., is composed, in addition to Mr. Roosevelt, of the following: B. L. Allen, V. Pres. Irving Trust Co.; Charles E. Newton, formerly Attorney-General of the State of New York, and James L. Malcolm, City Solicitor of Catskill, N. Y. Mr. Newton and Mr. Malcolm formerly were members of a bondholders' protective committee which was organized last January. However, they have recently resigned from such committee and are now members of the newly formed committee. Charles D. Hillis Jr. is Secretary of the new committee and its counsel are Root, Clark, Buckner & Ballantine.

The bonds which were sold by the F. H. Smith Co. are not its obligations, but are obligations of separate corporations, many of which are not connected in any manner with the Smith company. There are now outstanding 43 different issues of bonds, each of which is secured by a separate mortgage. Some of the issues undoubtedly are well secured, according to the committee, and in all probability will require little attention beyond the appointment of successor trustees, while in other issues litigations have been started and either receivers appointed or petitions for receivers filed by the new committee.

Although no call for deposits of bonds is being made by the new committee at this time, it is stated that in cases where investigation reveals this to be necessary bondholders will be so advised in so far as their names and addresses are available. Pending completion by the committee of its study of the situation, bondholders are advised to refrain from depositing their bonds with any other committee or disposing of their holdings at a substantial sacrifice.—V. 130, p. 3182.

Southern Dairy, Inc.—Earnings.—

Table with 5 columns: Calendar Years (1929, 1928, 1927, 1926), Net sales, Profit from operations, Gross income, Net income for year, Total surplus.

Southern Grocery Stores, Inc.—Sales.—

Table with 4 columns: Sales for Five Weeks and Four Months Ended May 3, 1930-5 Weeks-1929, Increase, 1930-4 Mos.-1929, Increase.

Southland Royalty Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1929, 1928), Net inc. after int., deprec., deplet., Fed. taxes, &c., Shares common stock outstanding (no par), Earnings per share.

Table with 3 columns: Earnings for Quarter Ended March 31, 1930, 1929, Net profit after all reserves incl. abandoned royalties & Federal taxes, Earnings per sh. on 1,000,000 shs. com. stk. (no par).

Southwestern Stores Corp.—Organized.—

See Southwestern Stores, Inc. below.

Southwestern Stores, Inc.—Reorganization Plan.—

A plan for the reorganization of the company has been worked out by a committee consisting of E. B. Tilton, Thomas Meloy, R. W. Brinlee. The plan has been approved by the directors and has been accepted by more than four-fifths in amount of the creditors, including such companies as Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Swift & Co., Armour & Co. and Dominion Stores, Ltd. of Canada. The plan has also been approved by the Court which is administering the receivership.

The plan provides for the organization of a new company to be known as Southwestern Stores Corp. for the purpose of continuing the operation of the properties of the company now in receivership. The new company has been organized.

Authorized Capitalization of the New Company.

Table with 2 columns: Preferred stock, class A, 82,000 shares; Preferred stock, class B, 30,000 shares; Common stock, 155,000 shares.

*30,000 shares to be reserved for the conversion of preferred stock, class B, and 12,000 shares to be reserved for sale to the public for cash to net the company at least \$20 per share.

Stock Provisions.—All shares of the new company, both preferred and common, are of no par value. Preferred stocks of both classes are entitled to dividends at the annual rate of \$1.80 per share before any dividends may be paid on the common stock.

Dividends on preferred stock, class A, are cumulative from the date of original issuance. Dividends on preferred stock, class B, are not cumulative for the first two years, but become cumulative thereafter.

Preferred stock of both classes is entitled to \$28 per share plus accrued dividends in liquidation, either voluntary or involuntary, before any distribution may be made to the common stock. In the event of voluntary liquidation the preferred stock, class A, has preference over the preferred stock, class B.

Preferred stock, class A, is callable in whole or in part at any time on 30 days notice at \$28 per share plus accrued dividends. Preferred stock, class B, is similarly callable at \$25 per share plus accrued dividends.

Preferred stock, class B, is convertible into preferred stock, class A, share for share, at any time after two years from the date of original issuance.

Disposition of New Securities.

Preferred stock, class A, and common stock of the new company will be offered for subscription to stockholders of Southwestern Stores, Inc. in units, consisting of 1 share of preferred stock, class A, and 2 shares of common at \$18 per unit.

Stockholders of Southwestern Stores, Inc. will receive the right to subscribe to 1 such unit for every 5 shares of preferred and (or) common stock of Southwestern Stores, Inc. owned by them.

Of the preferred stock, class A, 12,000 shares will be reserved for sale to the public at not less than \$20 per share net to the new company.

Preferred stock, class B, of the new company will be issued to creditors of the company whose claims have been allowed by the court and who have assented to the plan, at the rate of 5 shares for every \$100 of such claims. Creditors claims aggregate approximately \$500,000.

Warrants evidencing the right to subscribe to units, consisting of 1 share of preferred stock, class A, and 2 shares of common stock, at \$18 per unit, will be mailed to stockholders of the old company by the new company on or about June 1 1930. Such rights will accrue to stockholders of record May 26 1930.

C. V. Cox has been elected president and general manager of the new company.

The following have been elected members of the board of directors of the new company: E. B. Tilton, Vice-Pres., Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, Ill.; Chairman of the board. C. V. Cox, Pres. of Southwestern Stores Corp., Tulsa, Okla.; H. M. Bennett, Gen. Mgr., Lesser Cotton Co., Little Rock, Ark.; Thomas Meloy, Ewell & Meloy, Consulting Engineers, New York; Durbin Bond, Pres., Durbin Bond & Co., Inc., New York; J. C. Rose, Asst. Sec. & Asst. Treas., Southwestern Stores Corp., Tulsa, Okla., and W. A. Delaney, formerly owner of Piggly-Wiggly Stores at Bartlesville and Pawhuska, Okla., Tulsa, Okla.

Pro-forma Balance Sheet as at March 29 1930.

Table with 2 columns: Assets (Cash, Accounts receivable, Merchandise, Fixed assets, Deferred assets) and Liabilities (Attorney's fees & organiz. exps., Mortgage on land, vacant, Accrued interest, Mortgage on fixed assets, Preferred stock, etc.).

Total (each side) \$789,459. a Authorized 82,000 shares; reserve for conv. of pref. stock, class B, 30,000 shares; reserve for stockholders of old company; 40,000 shares; issued to net \$20 per share, 12,000 shares. b Authorized and reserved for creditors, 30,000 shares; c Authorized 155,000 shares; reserved for stockholders of old company 80,000 shares; issued to reorganization managers, for services rendered and to be rendered and held in escrow for management, 75,000 shs.—V. 130, p. 1844.

Spicer Manufacturing Corp.—Earnings.—

Table with 5 columns: Calendar Years (1929, 1928, 1927, 1926), Gross profit, Other income, Gross income, Adm., gen. & sell. exp., Interest and discount, Moving expense, Provision for Fed. taxes, Net profit, Surplus, Jan. 1, Total surplus, Profit of sub. cos. acq. subseq. to Dec. 31 '28, Good-will & other intang. val. chgd. to surplus, Surplus appropriated for retirement of pref. stk., Prem. on secur. retired, Divs. paid on pref. stock, Total unappropriated surplus Dec. 31, Shs. of com. out. (no par), Earnings per share on com., Earnings for Quarter Ended March 31, Total inc. after deprec., Adm., selling & gen. exp., Net prof. bef. Fed. tax, Shares com. stock outstanding (no par), Earnings per share.

Standard Brands, Inc.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Earnings for Quarter Ended March 31 1930, Gross profit, Expenses, Net operating profit, Other income credits, Total income, Income charges, Federal & foreign taxes, Equity of minority interest of subsidiary companies, Net profit application to parent company, Profit & loss credits, Provision for general insurance reserve, Miscellaneous charges, Net income, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Deficit.

Standard Motor Construction Co.—Expansion Program.

The company will launch an extensive expansion program for the production of Diesel engines for industrial use, said President Benjamin C. Smith in his report to stockholders at the annual meeting on May 5. "Our previous business has always been tied up with marine installations. Marine work at the present time is still taking the majority of the factory's production, but the company is making extensive sales efforts and arranging for the production of industrial machinery that will require a large increase in manufacturing facilities" he said.

Sales for 1929, Mr. Smith reported, showed an increase of 48% over 1928. Net earnings for 1929 were \$49,905, the year being the first to return a profit since the company changed its business from the manufacture of gasoline

Superior Steel Corp.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Year (1929, 1928, 1927), and rows for Calendar Years, Gross sales, Freight, discount and allowances, Cost of sales, Selling expenses, General expenses, Provision for depreciation of property, Other charges, Net profit from operations, Other income, Gross income, Int. on 1st mtge. 6% s. f. gold bds., Amort. of bond discnt. and expense., Other income charges, Net income for year, Previous surplus, Gross surplus, Profit and loss charges, Surplus at end of year, Shares cap. stock outst'g (par \$100), Earnings per share.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with 4 columns: Year (1929, 1928, 1927, 1926), and rows for Assets (Land, Bldgs., mach. & eqpt., Cash, U.S. Liberty bonds, Accts. receiv., cust., Notes receiv., cust., Accr. int. receiv., Inventories, Notes & accts. rec., Stinking fund—cash, Company's secur., In treasury, Deferred charges) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Accts payable, Wages payable, Cust. credit bal., Int. on 1st mtge. bds., C'm wealth of Pa. corp. loans tax., Fed. inc. tax on bd., 1st mtge. 6% skg. td. gold bds., due, 1935, Surplus).

Earnings for Quarter Ended March 31.

Table with 4 columns: Year (1930, 1929, 1928, 1927), and rows for Net sales, Expenses, &c., Balance, Other income, Total income, Depr., int., tax res., &c., Net profit, Earns. per sh. on 100,000 shs. cap. stk. (par \$100).

Swedish Match Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Year (1929, 1928, 1927, 1926), and rows for Earns. for Cal. Years, Income for year, General expenses, Net profit, Prof. tran. from prev. yr, Balance Dec. 31, Dividends, Trans. to reserve fund, Balance carried for.

Taunton Cotton Mills Co.—Tenders.—

The Atlantic National Bank of Boston, trustee, 10 Post Office Square, Boston, Mass., until May 15 were to receive bids for the sale to it of 1st mtge. 6% 20-year sinking fund gold bonds, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$43,655, at a price not exceeding 110 and int.—V. 124, p. 2765.

Telautograph Corp.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Year (1930, 1929), and rows for Quarter Ended March 31, Gross income, Expenses, Operating income, Depreciation, Miscellaneous expenses, &c., Taxes other than Federal, Federal tax (est.), Net income, Shares common stock, Outstanding (no par).

Texas Pacific Land Trust.—To Receive Royalties.—

This Trust will receive \$212,500 in cash as an initial payment from the Continental Oil Co. on commercial oil and gas leases in Loving, Reagan, Reeves, Midland, Culberson, and Ector Counties, Texas. Leases aggregate 145,000 acres.—V. 130, p. 3373.

Third Avenue Holding Co., Inc.—Distribution.—

Holders of undeposited first mortgage 7% serial gold loan certificates and interest warrants of Third Avenue Holding Co., Inc., are being notified by the American Trust Co., as trustee, that it now has on deposit, in respect of each \$100 of these certificates together with unpaid interest warrants, the distributive share of the proceeds of the foreclosure sale of the premises covered by the mortgage or deed of trust, amounting to \$13.32. Payment of this amount is subject to the presentation to the trustee of such certificates and unpaid interest warrants for endorsement of payment.

The notice issued by the trustee states that holders of certificates and unpaid interest warrants who desire to become parties to the plan of re-organization dated March 4 1930 may do so at any time prior to May 12 1931 by surrendering their holdings together with an assignment of the distributive share to which such certificates are entitled to the Parkolu Corp., 165 Broadway, N. Y. City.

Thermoid Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 254,994 shares of common stock (no par), which are issued and outstanding in the hands of the public; 58,760 shares on official notice of issue upon the exercise of outstanding non-detachable purchase warrants for common stock attached to the 5-year 6% sinking fund gold notes; 20,000 shares on official notice of issue upon the exercise of outstanding options to purchase the shares of common stock; and 96,306 shares on official notice of issue upon the conversion of now and presently to be outstanding 7% cumulative convertible preferred stock.

Company is not itself engaged in manufacturing but is a holding company; through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Thermoid Rubber Co. and Stokes Asbestos Co., it is one of the largest fabricators of asbestos, supplying approximately 20% of the estimated requirements of asbestos brake lining for original equipment and replacement for the automotive industry in the United States. Recently the company has acquired in excess of 95 8-10% of the present outstanding capital stock of Southern Asbestos Co.; the purpose of the acquisition of Southern Asbestos Co. was to assure the company of an adequate supply of the raw materials (to wit, asbestos textiles, yarns, &c.) used in the manufacture of its products, from a source

of supply engaged only in the manufacture of such asbestos textiles. Active management of Southern Asbestos Co. was taken over by the company in Jan. 1930. Prior to 1926 Thermoid Rubber Co., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Thermoid Co., was engaged in the manufacture of automobile tires, tubes and mechanical rubber goods. In 1925 the company discontinued entirely the manufacture and sale of tires and tubes and then concentrated more actively in the manufacture and sale of brake linings, supplementing such activities with the continuance of the manufacture of mechanical rubber goods, specialties and factory supplies, which has proven profitable.

Consolidated Income Account for Years Ended Dec. 31.

Table with 4 columns: Year (1929, 1928), and rows for [Thermoid Rubber Co., Stokes Asbestos Co. and Southern Asbestos Co.] Net sales, Cost of sales, exclusive of depreciation, Depreciation, Gross profit, Selling and general expenses, Net operating profit, Miscellaneous charges (net), Net income after all charges except Fed. inc. tax, *Earnings per share on 244,994 shares common stk., *Based on present capitalization, after all charges and giving effect to the issuance March 31 1930 of 14,696 additional shares of 7% cumulative convertible preferred stock.

*Earnings per share on 244,994 shares common stk. \$3.53 \$4.40 *Based on present capitalization, after all charges and giving effect to the issuance March 31 1930 of 14,696 additional shares of 7% cumulative convertible preferred stock. Note.—Above figures are based on 100% ownership of Southern Asbestos Co. by Thermoid Co., whereas 56.6% ownership of the former was acquired in March 1929 and 37.8% additional was acquired in Sept. 1929, making the total 94.4%. Over 96% is owned at the present time.—V. 130, p. 2988.

(John R.) Thompson Co.—Sales, &c.—

1930—April—1929. Decrease. 1930—4 Mos.—1929. Decrease. \$1,279,254 \$1,359,469 \$80,215 \$5,062,840 \$5,141,382 \$78,542 The company had four less units in operation in April 1930 than in April 1929.

Expansion in Chicago.—

On the site at 23 West Randolph St., Chicago, a \$500,000 building is to be erected by this company, to house that firm's 126th eating establishment. Completion is set for Sept. 15. This is only one unit in a comprehensive building program outlined for Chicago which will involve a total outlay of nearly \$1,500,000 during the next few months.

The second project, which will cost around \$175,000, will be a building at the northwest corner of North Clark St. and North Ave., Chicago, directly across from Lincoln Park. This will be the location of the 125th Thompson restaurant in the company's nation-wide chain of cafes. It will be ready for use about Aug. 1.

A third important unit in the Thompson development program is already well under way at 219 South Wabash Ave., Chicago. This is a four-story building which, it is claimed, involves a total expenditure on structure, equipment and furnishings of \$750,000 and is expected to be ready for guests on Sept. 1. The structure will house an elaborate Hendric restaurant, owned, of course, by the Thompson company.—V. 130, p. 3373.

Tide Water Associated Oil Co.—Listing.—

The San Francisco Stock Exchange has authorized the listing, upon official notice of issuance, of 1,617,475 additional shares of common stock, no par value. On Jan. 16 1930, 1,102,961 shares of the common stock previously listed were cancelled, thus making a net addition of 514,514 shares. The total listed will now amount to 9,004,820 shares.

Of the 1,102,961 shares which have been cancelled, (a) 107,257 shares represents the balance remaining unappropriated of the 123,251 shares of common stock, the listing of which was authorized on official notice of issuance in exchange for capital stock of Associated Oil Co., on the basis of one share of common stock and one-third of a share of preferred stock for each share of capital stock of Associated Oil Co. under the company's previous application, dated August 1 1928, 15,994 shares of the company's common stock having been issued since its previous application and the present application being made for the listing of shares to be issued on the new basis of exchange, namely, three shares of the company's common stock instead of one share of common stock and one-third of a share of preferred stock for each share of capital stock of Associated Oil Co.; (b) 995,704 shares represents the balance remaining unappropriated of the 1,638,509 shares of common stock, the listing of which was authorized on official notice of issuance in exchange for common stock of Tide Water Oil Co., on the basis of 1 1/4 shares of common stock for each share of the common stock of Tide Water Oil Co., under the company's previous application, dated June 19 1929, 642,805 shares of the company's common stock having been issued since its previous application, and the present application being made for the listing of shares to be issued on the same basis of exchange under a new authorization for exchange following the expiration on July 10 1929, of the offer of exchange dated June 10 1929.

The amount of 321,771 shares of said common stock, the listing of which is applied for, is based upon the possible acquisition by the company on such exchange, of the outstanding capital stock of Associated Oil Co. and the 995,704 shares of common stock, the listing of which is applied for, is based upon the possible acquisition by the company of the outstanding common stock of Tide Water Oil Co. and such of said common stock as could be issued on conversion of the outstanding preferred stock of Tide Water Oil Co.—V. 130, p. 3183.

Transcontinental Air Transport, Inc.—April Traffic.

An official statement, dated May 12, says: Passengers carried by the T. A. T. Maddux Air Lines during April increased 1,082 as compared with March, according to the company's traffic report which has just been compiled. In April the total number of passengers carried numbered 5,165. The increase amounts to three 11-passenger plane loads daily.

The report reveals a total of 13,833 passengers have been carried over the air line in the first four months of the year since the low rates have been in effect. The present rates are equal to and in several cases lower than rail Pullman fares. A fleet of 18 multimotored passenger planes is now required daily to carry the traffic over the T. A. T. Maddux Lines. Eight of the daily planes are operated on the eastern division between Columbus and Waynoka, Okla., two on the western division between Clovis, N. M., and Los Angeles and eight on the California divisions between San Francisco and Agua Caliente, Mexico.

Four of the eastern division planes are operated on local runs scheduled for use of business travelers and four are through planes over the entire division connecting with trains of the Pennsylvania and Santa Fe railroads on the transcontinental service.

In the first four months this year, the traffic report states, planes of the T. A. T. Maddux Lines have flown 726,956 miles, each month showing a substantial increase over the previous month.—V. 130, p. 2988.

Truax-Traer Coal Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 30,625 shares of common stock (no par) upon official notice of issue pursuant to an offering to stockholders, and 5,000 shares of common stock upon official notice of issue, pursuant to an offering to officers, directors and employees, making the total amount of common stock applied for 370,625 shares.

Consolidated Income Account 3 Mos. Ended March 31 1930.

Table with 2 columns: Year (1930), and rows for Gross income from operations, Cost of sales exclusive of depreciation & depletion, Selling, general & administrative expenses, Net operating profit, Other income (net), Total net earnings, Provision for depreciation, Provision for depletion, Interest on debentures, Federal income tax, Net earnings, Earnings per share (245,000 shares).

United States Foil Co.—Underwriters Stock Issue.—

See Eskimo Pie Corp. above.—V. 129, p. 2247.

U. S. Industrial Alcohol Co.—Annual Report.—

Consolidated Income Account for Calendar years. (Including Subsidiaries)

Table with columns for years 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Operating income, Adm., sell. & gen. expens, Depreciation, Net earnings, Interest on notes, &c., Reserved for Fed. taxes, Profit on sale of secur., Net income, Dividends, U. S. Ind. A. Co. 7% pf., Cuba Dis. Co. 7% pf., Common, Balance, surplus, Prof. & loss surplus, Com. shs. outst. (no par), Earns. per com. share, y Par \$100.

Consolidated Balance Sheet, Dec. 31.

Table with columns for years 1929, 1928. Rows include Assets (Prop., pl. & eqpt., Investments, Cash, Secured loans, Accts. rec., &c., Merchandise, &c., Deferred charges) and Liabilities (Common stock, Accts. payable, Federal tax, Dividends payable, Deprec. res., &c., Surplus).

United States Shares Financial Corp.—Earnings.—

Income Statement July 11 1929 to Dec. 31 1929.

Table with columns for years 1929, 1928. Rows include Dividends received, Interest received on call loans, Interest received on bonds and other, Total income, Stock exchange listing expense, Interest paid, Printing stock certificates, Salaries, Capital stock transfer and registrars' fees, Loss on sale of securities, Other expense, Net loss.

United States Steel Corp.—Unfilled Orders.—

See under "Indications of Business Activities" on a preceding page.—V. 130, p. 3149.

United States Stores Corp.—Agent Appointed.—

The Empire Trust Co. has been appointed agent for the redemption of the preferred stock.—V. 130, p. 819.

Universal Pictures Co., Inc.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for years Nov. 2 '29, Nov. 3 '28, Nov. 5 '27, Nov. 6 '26. Rows include Income from operations, Costs & expenses, Operation income, Other income, Total income, Provision Federal tax, Net income, 1st preferred dividends, Surplus, Earnings for Quarter Ended February 1, Net loss after all charges, Earns. per sh. on 250,000 shs. com. stk. (no par).

Utilities Hydro & Rail Shares Corp.—Report.—

The company reports total earned surplus gain from Dec. 31 1929 to May 12 1930, of \$45,973, an increase after operating reserves and taxes of \$39,427, exclusive of income from stock dividends not realized upon.—V. 130, p. 3374.

Vanadium Corp. of America (& Subs.).—Report.—

Table with columns for years 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Net earnings from oper., Other income, Total income, Deprec. & depletion, Other charges, Federal taxes, Net income, Dividends, Balance, surplus, Previous surplus, Adjustments, Profit & loss surplus, Shares capital stock outstanding (no par), Earn. per sh. on cap. stk., After deducting all exp. incident, to oper., incl. those for repairs and maintenance, y Depreciation of plant, equip., patents, &c., and depletion of mines.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for years 1929, 1928. Rows include Assets (Plant, prop., patents, &c., Cash, Call loans, Notes receivable, Accts. receivable, Sundry debts, Marketable secur., Other securities, Deposits, Inventories, Claims, Life insurance, Mtge. receivable, Deferred charges) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Accounts payable, Fed., &c., taxes, Reserves, Surplus).

Walgreen Co.—Sales Increase.—

Table with columns for years 1930-April-1929, Increase, 1930-4 Mos.—1929, Increase. Rows include sales figures for 1930 and 1929.

Walworth Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for years 1930, 1929. Rows include Quarter Ended March 31, Gross profit, Expenses, Federal taxes, Depreciation, Interest, Net profit, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Surplus, Shares com. stock outstanding (no par), Earnings per share, -V. 130, p. 2991.

Warner Bros. Pictures Co., Inc.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for years 1930, 1929. Rows include 6 Months Ended March 1, Operating earnings, Depreciation and amortization, Interest on debts, Other interest and miscellaneous charges, Prov. Fed. income tax, Net earnings, Other income, Total net earnings, Net earnings applic. min. stkholders—Dr, Equity in undistributed earnings in affil. cos.—Cr, dEquity prof. sub. cos.—Cr, Net income, Shs. prof. stk outstanding, Earnings on profit stock outstanding, Earnings on common.

a Includes other interest and miscellaneous charges. b Equity in undistributed earnings of affiliated company to Nov. 1 1929, since consolidated. c During the period but prior to date of acquisition. d In undistributed profits of subsidiary and affiliated companies not consolidated.

Earnings for Quarter.—The earnings for the quarter ended March 31 1930 amount to \$4,463,000 as compared with net earnings of \$3,122,942 for the corresponding quarter last year after the proper allocation of equity in earnings of affiliated companies during the period but prior to the date of acquisition.

The earnings for the quarter ended March 1 1930 are equivalent to \$18.04 per share on the 247,343 shares of preferred stock and \$1.62 per share on the 2,666,211 shares of common stock outstanding on March 1 1930. The net earnings for the quarter ended March 2 1929 were equivalent to \$8.57 per share on the 364,357 shares of preferred stock and \$1.48 per share after allowing for the two for one splitup on the 984,908 shares of old common stock outstanding on March 2 1929.

The income report reveals the fact that the cash requirement for the 6% optional convertible debentures for the 6 months ended March 1 1930 amounted to only \$21,060. The balance of the requirements having been paid through the subsequent issuance of 9,251,5 shares of common stock in accordance with the optional privilege given to the holders of these debentures.—V. 130, p. 3185.

Warner-Quinlan Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 126,590 additional shares of common stock (no par) on official notice of issuance and payable in full pursuant to offer to stockholders or sale to underwriters and 18,065 additional shares of common stock to meet the additional requirements for conversion of the \$6,860,000 10-year 6% convertible gold debentures, making the total amount applied for 917,603 shares.

Consolidated Income Account for Calendar Years.

Table with columns for years 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Sales, less discounts, &c., Cost of sales, Sell., adm. & gen. exps., Balance, Other income, Total income, Deprec. and depletion, Interest, Taxes, Net profit, Int. in net earns of Municipal Service Corp., Total, Amt. required to adjust inventory to price Jan. 15 1930, Balance, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Surplus, Shares of com. outstanding (no par), Earnings per sh. on com.

1929 net income was equal to \$2.96 per share on 581,939 shares, the average number of shares outstanding during the year and to \$2.72 per share on 632,948 shares outstanding at the close of the year. This is before special inventory adjustment made on Dec. 31 1929 to give effect to a reduction in market price made on Jan. 15 1930. After such adjustment, net income is equal to \$2.15 per share on 632,948 shares.

The earnings per share on the average amount of common shares outstanding during the year 1929 (339,752 shares) amounted to \$3.86.

* The net profits for 1928 include profits of Compania Petrolera del Agivi, the date of its acquisition March 1 1927 to Dec. 31 1927.—V. 130, p. 2991.

Warren Brothers Co.—Awarded \$12,000,000 Contract.—

The company has been awarded a contract by the Republic of Peru, South America, for the construction of 600 miles of roadway extending from the capital city of Lima south along the coastal range to Arequita and various other points in the interior. The cost of this road construction will approximate \$12,000,000, the purpose of which is to develop the interior cities and to furnish access to the Pacific Coast for a special type required for the peculiar needs of the country. The total construction price of \$12,000,000 will be paid by the Republic of Peru in cash. This contract is the first obtained by this company in that country. At present the company is now operating or has contracts for road building in 12 different countries outside of the United States.—V. 130, p. 3374.

Warren Foundry & Pipe Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Table with columns for years 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Calendar Years, Sales & ry. oper. rev., General expenses, &c., Net operating income, Miscellaneous income, Total income, Miscellaneous charges, Deprec. & depletion, Net profit, Shs. outst'g (no par val.), Earnings per share, y Includes Federal taxes, z Represents net income of Replogle Steel Co. and its subsidiaries from Jan. 1 to Apr 19 1927 and net income of Warren Foundry & Pipe Corp. and its subsidiaries from Apr. 19 to Dec. 31 1927.—V. 129, p. 3491.

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, May 16 1930.

COFFEE on the spot was quiet with Santos 4s, 13 3/4 to 14 1/2c.; Rio 7s, 9 1/4c.; Victoria, 7-8s, 8 3/4 to 9c. On the 14th inst. cost and freight offers from Brazil were again in light supply with prices unchanged or slightly higher. For prompt shipment Santos Bourbon 2-3s were quoted at 15.45 to 15.70c.; 3s at 13.40 to 14 1/4c.; 3-4s at 14.85c.; 3-5s at 13 to 13.90c.; 4-5s at 12 1/2 to 13 1/4c.; 5s at 12.90c.; 5-6s at 11.85 to 11.95c.; 6s at 10 3/4 to 11 1/4c.; 6-7s at 10 1/4 to 10 1/2c.; 7-8s at 8 3/4 to 8.90c.; 8s at 9.45c.; part Bourbon 2-3s at 15.40 to 15.95c.; 3-5s at 13.20c.; 6s at 11.20c.; Rio 7s at 8 3/4c.; 7-8s at 8.60c.; Victoria 7s at 8.55c.; 7-8s at 8.40c. For June-July shipment in equal monthly quantities Santos Bourbon 4s are offered at 13 1/2c.; 4-5s at 13c.; 5s at 12 1/2c., while Victoria 7-8s for Aug.-Nov. shipment inclusive in equal quantity are offered at 8.20c. On the 15th inst. there was a fair supply of cost and freight offers from Brazil. Prices in some cases were lower. For prompt shipment, Santos Bourbon 2-3s were quoted at 15.05 to 15.70c.; 3s at 13.40 to 14 3/4c.; 3-4s at 13.00 to 14.85c.; 3-5s at 13.10 to 13.90c.; 4-5s at 12 1/2 to 14.05c.; 5s at 12.90c.; 5-6s at 12.55c.; 6s at 10.65 to 10 3/4c.; 6-7s at 10.90c.; 7s at 10 1/4c.; 7-8s at 8.75 to 9.80c.; 8s at 9.45c.; part Bourbon 2-3s at 15 1/2 to 15.95c.; 3s at 14.60c.; 3-5s at 13 to 13.30c.; 6s at 11.30c.; 7-8s at 8.40c.; Rio 7s at 8 3/4 to 8.85c.; 7-8s at 8.40c. to 8.65c.; Victoria 5-6s at 9 1/2c.; 7s at 8.60 and 7-8s at 8.40c. To-day cost and freight offers were about unchanged.

Fair to good Cucuta, 14 1/2 to 15c.; prime to choice, 15 1/4 to 16 1/4c.; washed, 16 1/2 to 17 1/2c. Colombian, Ocana, 14 1/2 to 15c.; Bucaramanga, natural, 14 1/2 to 15 1/2c.; washed, 17 1/2 to 18c. Honda, Tolima and Giradot, 17 1/2 to 18c.; Medellin, 18 1/4 to 18 3/4c.; Manizales, 17 1/2 to 18c.; Mexican, washed, 17 1/2 to 18 1/2c.; Surinam, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2c.; Ankola, 24 to 30c.; Mandelling, 36 to 35c.; Genuine Java, 27 to 28c.; Robusta, washed, 12 1/2 to 13c.; natural, 10 1/2 to 11c.; Mocha, 22 1/2 to 23 1/4c.; Harrar, 19 3/4 to 20 3/4c.; Abyssinian, 16 1/2 to 17c.; Guatemala, prime, 17 1/4 to 18c.; good, 16 to 17c.; Bourbon, 15 to 15 1/2c. On the 10th inst. futures were unchanged to 5 points net higher on Rio and one lower to 10 higher on Santos with very little business, though Rio and Santos cables were slightly higher. On the 12th inst. futures were dull and May ended 12 points off to 3 up. Brazil bought early but later European selling carried the day. Santos cabled May 12: "Again buying for Government and owing to great amount of Rio and Santos, is now only interested in this quality, paying equivalent of 12.25c. c.&f. for Rio 4s. Merchants here positively selling on street 4s strictly soft equivalent to 13.50c. owing to extreme scarcity. From to-day no more coffee allowed to be shipped from interior to Santos until July 1. Many here bearish but others believe that the 3,000,000 bags Wille must buy for bankers before July 1 1931 will strengthen the market. Owing to extreme scarcity of 5s and better that are strictly soft, most exporters are hand picking their stocks to produce high grades." On the 13th inst. futures advanced on a scarcity of contracts and a moderate demand partly from Brazilian connections. There is still the old tendency to overdo the short side and play into the hands of the Defense Committee.

Prices advanced 5 to 28 points on Brazilian buying though trading was not at all active. Rio rose 8 to 15 points and Santos 5 to 21. Santos had the most attention. On the 14th inst. futures in a very dull market declined 1 to 10 points on Santos while Rio ended unchanged to 6 points lower. Scattered liquidation and selling attributed to Brazil explained the decline. On the 15th inst. futures declined 10 to 23 points on an increase in invisible supplies and Brazil selling in a stagnant market. Brazil's interior stocks on April 30 totaled 23,367,000 bags against 9,772,000 at the same time last year, according to the Sao Paulo Coffee Institute. The visible supply of the world on May 1 was 5,263,682 bags against 5,206,712 bags on May 1 1929. To-day futures declined on weak Rio cables and selling by trade and other houses. Trading in futures was small. Brazil seemed to be the principal buyer. Europe sold. Rio closed 1 point lower to 2 higher with sales of 11,000 bags and Santos ended 5 points lower to 1 higher with sales of 16,000 bags. Final prices show a decline for the week of 8 to 15 points on Rio and 4 to 16 points on Santos.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial	9 1/4	Sept.-----8.23@	March-----7.85@nom
May-----	8.58@8.62	Dec-----8.01@nom	May-----7.75@nom
July-----	8.47@nom		

Santos coffee prices closed as follows:

May-----	13.24@13.25	Sept.-----12.17@	March-----11.63@11.65
July-----	12.63@	Dec-----11.86@nom	May-----11.53@nom

COCOA closed 15 to 18 points higher to-day with sales of 107. May ended at 7.62c.; July, 7.87c.; Sept., 8.17c. Final prices are 13 to 19 points lower for the week.

SUGAR.—Cuban prompt raws were quiet early in the week at 3.24c. duty paid. Later 1 7-16 to 3.21. Refined was quiet at 4.90c. but resales were at 4.65 to 4.67 1/2c. Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 105,224 tons against 109,653 tons in the same week last year; exports 113,866 tons against 103,331 last year; stock (consumption deducted) 1,745,895 tons against 1,543,222 last year; centrals grinding 70 against 22 last year; of the export Atlantic ports receive 67,161 tons; New Orleans, 8,026; Interior United States, 4,585; Galveston, 8,560; Europe, 25,534. Receipts at United States Atlantic ports for the week were 110,412 tons against 89,602 in the previous week and 85,497 in the same week last year; meltings 65,477 against 57,552 in previous week and 51,623 last year; importers' stocks 219,435 against 216,475 in previous week and 367,077 last year; refiners' stocks 267,897 against 225,922 in previous week and 287,201 last year; total stocks 487,332 against 442,397 in previous week and 654,278 last year. Futures on the 10th inst. were quiet closing 2 points lower to 1 point higher with sales of 14,750 tons. Wall Street sold Sept. and Dec. Investors bought. On the 12th inst. May was 6 points down to a new low of 1.33c. and raw to 3.21c. the lowest on record since 1860. Other months fell 1 to 2 points. On the 12th inst. sales of raw were 50,000 bags of prompt Cuban early at 1 15-32c. c.&f. and later 116,000 bags at 1 7-16c.

Havana press reports state that Dr. Gutierrez is said to have stated that although the International Convention at Brussels has been suspended, he has been invited by the President of the convention to have an interview with him in Paris and that perhaps the interview may result in another international conference early next year. On the 13th inst. futures fell 2 to 5 points to new lows. These were becoming a commonplace. All months got down to a low level. Cuba and Porto Rico are supposed to have sold freely. Pressure from those quarters it seemed was too strong to be resisted. The total sales were estimated at 54,800 tons of the old contract and 4,850 of the new. On the 12th inst. it is estimated between 200,000 and 300,000 bags of Cuba sold at 1 7-16 to 3.21c. Philippines sold at 3.17 to 3.19c. delivered closing with Cuba nominally 3.21c. On the 13th inst. early London cables reported a sale of a cargo of raw sugar for May shipment at 6s 9d. c. i. f. equal to 1.32c. f. o. b. Cuba. The market was reported steady at the decline, with sellers of June shipment at 6s 10 1/2d. equal to 1.34c. f. o. b. Little interest was manifested by refiners. The British trade is disposed to attach little credence to a rumor that Java, felling the pinch of present low prices, is approaching Continental producers on the subject of crop restriction. British refined has been reduced 3d. On the 13th inst. 4,500 tons Philippine sold in port at 3.19c. delivered or 2 points under 1 7-16c. c. & f. Cuba.

On the 14th inst. the monotonous fall of futures to new low levels continued—this time to 1.30c. for May rather suggesting in an economic sense the ancient saying "the descent Avernus is easy." Cuban selling accounted for the new decline. But later when this selling ceased the tone became better. Futures in fact closed 2 to 3 points higher reflecting a better technical position. The sales were only 27,400 tons. The fact that a good rally is theoretically due does not stimulate buying. Operators have been deceived so often. Prompt Cuban was quoted at 1 7-16d. to 3.21c. Refined was 4.90c. with fair withdrawals. Resales were 4.62 1/2 to 4.65c. Present withdrawals are on the April 4 contracts which expire May 20. On the 14th inst. 2,000 tons of Philippine raw sugars in port sold to Philadelphia at 3.15 1/2c. delivered, equal to 1 25-64c. c.&f. for Cubas, a new low spot price. Futures on the 15th inst in an oversold market advanced 3 to 6 points on talk of a new movement to restrict production in Cuba and Porto Rico. The trading was in 48,550 tons. Prompt Cuba, &c., 1 7-16 to 3.21c.; 2,000 tons Philippines sold at 3.15 1/2c. Stocks on Czechoslovakia on May 1 1930 were 426,300 tons, against 512,300 tons on May 1 1929. Exports to European countries during April this year from Czechoslovakia were 50,900 tons, against 37,600 in the same month last year; exports elsewhere during April 1930 were 100 against 400 last year. Renewed rumors that negotiations are to be or have been opened by Java with Cuba and European sugar producers with a view to an agreement to restrict production next year received little credence here. It is rumored that Java has agreed with Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia to reduce production 20% next year if Cuba will agree to do the same.

Havana cabled that a total of 91 mills have now completed grinding operations with an aggregate production of slightly

over 98% of Guma's estimate for these mills. According to current reports Europe is in the market for 500,000 tons of Cuban raw sugars at a little under present prices. Also, there are renewed rumors that Russia is negotiating for the purchase of 150,000 tons of Cuban raws. On the 15th inst. it was rumored that a cargo of Cuban raw sugar had sold early to New Orleans at 17-16c. c. & f. On the 15th inst. two cargoes of Cubas for late May arrival sold to operators at 17-16c. c. & f. New Orleans has bought 10,000 bags of prompt shipment Cubas at 17-16c. and 1,000 tons Philippine for early June arrival at the equivalent delivered price of 3.21c.

On the 15th inst. London was reported steadier on restriction rumors. It is understood that representatives of various producing countries interested in Java's restriction proposition, are gathering at Amsterdam and that the matter is likely to be taken up very promptly. In London there were limited offerings of centrifugals for June shipment at 6s. 10½d. c.i.f. equal to 1.36c. f.o.b. for Cubas. Some improvement was noted in the trade demand. Java cabled Willet & Gray as follows: "Exports in April to India, China, Japan, &c., 110,000, against 26,907 in April last year; exports from May 1 1929 to April 30 1930 to Europe, 282,572, against 412,974 in the same period last year; to China, India, Japan, &c., 2,110,974, against 2,208,965 in the same period last year. Latest reports are that the Russian purchase has not yet been made but it is expected that it will be completed to-day. To-day futures advanced early on further covering and outside buying. Some say prices are so low that they may discourage production. The ending was at an advance for the day of 4 to 6 points. The market still looks oversold. It was rumored that a cargo of Cuba sold at 15-32c. or 3.24c. delivered. London was firmer early to-day. British refined advanced 3d. and the trade demand was reported heavy. Parcels of centrifugals were sold for June shipment at 7s. c.i.f. equal to 1.38c. f.o.b. and at 7s. ¾d. c.i.f. or about 1.39c. f.o.b. There were reported to be additional buyers at this price with the offerings small. Final prices here show an advance for the week of 3 to 6 points.

Closing quotations follow:

Spot unofficial 17-16	Sept.-----1.59@1.60	Jan.-----1.70@nom
May-----1.41@nom	Dec.-----1.67@1.68	March-----1.76@1.77
July-----1.51@---		

LARD on the spot was quiet at 10.80 to 10.90c. for prime Western; refined to Continent 10¾c.; South America, 11c.; Brazil, 12c. Spot prime Western on the 13th inst. was up to 10.90 to 10.95c. Later it was 10.85 to 10.90c. Futures on the 10th inst. were unchanged to 3 points higher. Hogs were steady at 10.25c. Futures on the 12th inst. advanced 2 to 5 points with grain higher, and shorts covering. Hogs averaged 10c. lower with western receipts 113,400 against 102,121 a year ago, but this was offset by stronger grain prices. Exports from New York last week were 6,128,000 of lard against 5,662,000 the week before. Liverpool lard was unchanged to 3d. higher. Futures on the 13th inst. advanced 3 to 5 points with hogs steady, cash lard higher and shorts covering. On the 14th inst. futures ended unchanged to 5 points lower with grain at lower prices. Hogs were steady. On the 15th inst. futures fell 2 to 5 points with hogs off 10 to 15 cents. Lard deliveries on contracts were 250,000 lbs. Stocks of contract lard at Chicago for the first half of the current month increased 1,395,000 lbs. while during the same period a year ago there was a decrease of 4,242,000 lbs. The trade was expecting a decrease of around 4,000,000 lbs. To-day futures ended unchanged to 2 points higher with cotton and grain up. Final prices show a rise for the week of 3 to 5 points.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May-----	10.22	10.27	10.30	10.30	10.25	10.25
July-----	10.27	10.32	10.35	10.32	10.30	10.30
September-----	10.50	10.52	10.57	10.55	10.50	10.52

PORK quiet; mess, \$32; family, \$34.50c.; fat back, \$22.50 to \$26. Ribs, 14c. 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. Cut meats quiet but steady; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 18c. to 19¾c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 lbs., 18¾ to 19¾c.; bellies, clear, dry salted, boxed, 18 to 20 lbs., 16c.; 14 to 16 lbs., also 16c. Butter, lower grades to high scoring, 27½ to 35½c. Cheese, flats, 19 to 26c.; daisies, 20 to 25c. Eggs, medium to extra firsts, 21¾ to 25½c.; closely selected, heavy, 26 to 27 1c; fancy whites, 1 to 2½c. more.

OILS.—Linseed demand showed little or no improvement during the week but there was quite a little activity among crushers in taking care of deliveries against old contracts Raw oil in carlots, co-operage basis was still quoted at 14c. but business would be accepted it is reported in some quarters at 13.8c. Shipments of Argentine flaxseed for the week are estimated at 787,000 bushels against actual shipments of 2,378,000 bushels for the same week last year. Cocoanet, Manila Coast tanks, 6¼ to 6¾c.; spot, N. Y. tanks, 6½c.; China wood N. Y. drums, carlots, spot, 10c.; Pacific Coast, spot-Dec. tanks, 8½c.; Soya Bean, tanks coast, 9¾c.; domestic tank cars f. o. b. Middle Western mills 8½c.; Edible, Olive, 2 to 2.25c. Lard, prime 13½c.; extra strained Winter N. Y. 11¼c. Cod, Newfoundland, 60c. Turpentine, 49 to 55c. Rosin, \$6.50 to \$8.60. Cottonseed oil sales to-day

including swiches 500 bbls. old contracts. Crude S. E 7¼d. bid. Prices closed as follows:

Spot-----	Old.	8.80@	November-----	New.	8.45@8.5
May-----		8.88@9.05	December-----		8.47@8.5
July-----		8.86@8.90	January-----		8.49@8.5
September-----		9.07@9.10	February-----		8.49@8.6
October-----		9.08@9.10	March-----		8.67@8.7
			April-----		8.68@8.8

PETROLEUM.—The tank car prices of gasoline at refineries was raised late last week ½c. by the Standard Oil Co of New Jersey, the Sinclair Refining Co. and the Pure Oil Co. These companies are now quoting 9c. while other companies marketing in this section are asking 10c. a gallon The Sun Oil Co. advanced U. S. Motor in tank cars refinery ½c. to 9c. The Richfield Co. announced an increase of ¼c. in tank cars at Baltimore and Norfolk to 9¼c. The strength of the market is attributed to the marked increase in consumption. Gasoline buying of late has been on a larger scale and a steady improvement is reported in the call for spot goods. The contract movement is satisfactory. Stocks here are small and consumption is steadily increasing. Leading refiners here quote 9 to 10c. in tank cars at refineries. Export business is good, Kerosene was rather easier with 41-4 water white in tank cars 7¼c. refineries. Export demand was rather quiet. Domestic heating oils were in fair demand Marine fuel oils were fairly active with bunker fuel oil grade C \$1.15 refineries. Diesel oil was steady at \$2. According to advices from Los Angeles major petroleum companies have reduced drilling operations in the California oilfield almost 50%. Nearly all of the principal oil companies have entirely suspended drilling. The Shell Oil Co. which ordinarily works around 60 strings, now has 35 operating while the Standard Oil Co. is working 33 against 50 normally A price slash is threatened unless the independent operator who have been against curtailment reduce their output The South Penn Oil Co. to-day announced a further reduction of 25c. a barrel in Pennsylvania crude oil. That is a total reduction this year of 75c. The new top price for Pennsylvania crude oil is \$2.30 paid for oil run through National Transit Lines after July 1 1929. Oil run prior to that date commands \$2.25 a barrel. The lowest price paid for Pennsylvania crude under the new schedule is \$1.95 for oil run through the Buckeye Pipe Line. Other grade of oil purchased by the South Penn Oil Co. are unchanged. The decline in Pennsylvania crude is attributed to continued overproduction.

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 10th inst. lower cables caused selling and prices fell 12 to 14 points on the new contract and 1 to 20 on the old; sales 40 tons of new contract and 517 of old London declined 1-16d. New contract here closed on the 10th inst. with May 14.38c., Sept. 15.08c., Dec. 15.59c. March 16.13c. Old contract, May 14.20 to 14.30c., July 14.50c., Sept. 14.90c., Dec. 15.40c. Outside prices: Ribbed smoked spot and May, 14¾ to 14¾c.; spot first latex thin 14½ to 14¾c.; thin pale latex, 14¾ to 15c.; clean thin brown No. 2, 13¾ to 13¾c.; specky crepe, 13¼ to 13½c. rolled brown crepe, 9½ to 9¾c.; No. 2 amber, 13½ to 14¼c.; No. 3, 13¾ to 13¾c.; No. 4, 13¾ to 13¾c. Paras upriver fine spot, 15½ to 15¾c. Some begin already to estimate the May consumption at around 48,000 tons The Rubber Manufacturers' Association report due this week is expected to put the April consumption figure at about 41,000 tons against 35,914 in March and 47,521 tons in April last year. London spot and May, 7 1-16d.; spot opened at 7¼d. On the 12th inst. the market was dull an 10 to 20 points lower. In London on May 12 the stock was 76,118 tons, against 75,540 tons in the previous week, an increase of 578 tons. On the 12th inst. London was 1-16d off; spot and May, 7d. Singapore was ¼ to 3-16d off May 6½d. In Liverpool the stocks on the 12th inst. were 23,755 tons against 23,877 tons in the previous week, reduction of 122 tons. Old contracts closed on the 12th inst. with May 14 to 14.10c.; July, 14.30 to 14.40c.; Sept. 14.70 to 14.80c. New contracts, May, 14.18c.; Sept. 14.95c. Outside prices: Ribbed smoked spot and May 14½ to 14¾c.; June, 14¼ to 14½c.; July-Sept., 14¾ to 15c. spot first latex thin, 14¾ to 14¾c.; thin pale latex, 14½ to 14¾c. On the 13th inst. futures advanced 6 to 17 point on the new contract and 20 on the old. Dealers wanted Sept. Not a few in switching sold May and July and bought Sept. Some awaited visa statistics on the 14th and the report on April consumption. But the technical position was evidently stronger. The sales were 300 tons of new contract and 70 old. New closed with May 14.35c.; Sept. 15.03 to 15.06c.; Dec., 15.53 to 15.55c. Old ended with May 14.20 to 14.30c.; July, 14.50c.; Sept., 14.90c.; Dec. 15.40c.; Jan., 15.60c. Outside prices were unchanged London opened with spot and May 6 15-16d., but closed at 7d.; Singapore, May, 6½d.

On the 14th inst. prices closed 10 to 20 points lower on the old contract and 9 off to 3 higher on the new. That was virtually ignoring the consumption report which was about what had been expected. The consumption was 40,207 tons in April, an increase of 4,293 tons over March and the increases in imports and in the stock on hand to 148,272 tons, against 107,658 tons were also about as expected. The bulk of the day's transactions again were in the new certificated contracts, in which 260 tons changed hands

while 117½ were sold on the "A" terms. New May closed at 14.26c.; September, 14.94c.; January, 15.74c.; old May, 14.10 to 14.20c.; July, 14.30 to 14.50c.; September, 14.70 to 14.80c. Ribbed smoked spot and May, 14½ to 14¾c. London spot, May and June, 1 16d. higher at 7 1-16d. Singapore, May, 6¾d. Singapore cabled the Rubber Exchange here: "The Johore Planters Association resolutely to favor the Government suggestion that weekly rest day be observed by rubber plantations and native grower to the prohibition of tapping on Sundays. They rejected second Government suggestions that tapping be prohibited during bimester winter season." The Rubber Association of America put the consumption in April at 40,207 tons, against 35,914 in March and 47,521 in April 1929; arrivals, 49,927 tons, against 45,430 in March and 54,171 in April last year; stocks on hand, 148,270, against 156,516 in March and 107,659 in April last year; stocks afloat 63,261, against 63,646 in March and 55,408 in April last year.

On the 15th inst. prices ended 20 points lower to 10 higher on the old contract and 17 lower to 4 higher on the new. A mail order house cut tire prices 4 to 6%. Akron wired that it would have little if any effect. Outside prices here were as a rule unchanged. May new contract 14.25c.; Sept., 14.91 to 14.92c.; old May 14 to 14.20c.; July, 14.30 to 14.40c.; Sept., 14.80c.; Dec., 15.20c.; March, 15.70c. Spot and May ribbed 14½ to 14¾c.; No. 2 amber, 13¾ to 13¾c.; London off; spot and May 6 15-16d.; June 7d. Singapore May, 6¾d. To-day New York opened unchanged to 10 points lower on the old and 3 to 14 points lower on the new contract. The unofficial estimates of net changes in British crude rubber-stocks as cabled to the Exchange here point to an increase in London of 700 tons and in Liverpool of 700 tons. The old contract ended here unchanged to 10 points lower with sales of 80 lots and the new 10 to 25 points lower with sales of 13 lots. London closed unchanged to 1-16d. lower; spot-May, 6¾d.; June, 6 15-16d.; July-Sept., 7 1-16d.; Oct.-Dec., 7 5-16d.; Jan.-March, 7¾d. Singapore ended unchanged; No. 3 amber crepe spot, 6 1-16d. or 3-16d. net lower. Final prices show a decline for the week of 20 to 40 points.

HIDES.—On the 10th inst. prices were irregular ending 20 points lower to 4 higher with sales of only 150,000 lbs. May closed at 13.90 to 14.25c. on that day. Sept., 14.89 to 14.94. Imports this year are running ahead of last year. Total to May 10th is 1,341,864 lbs., against 769,568 for the same time last year. On the 12th inst. future sales were large at lower prices ending 5 to 15 points net lower with sales of 1,400,000 lbs. The trade bought a little more freely on the decline but professionals sold. River Plate frigorifico recent sales were 28,000 Argentine steers at 14¼ to 14¾c. with the tone steady after this business. City packer hides were dull. No offerings of May hides have appeared; prices steady. Country hides were dull. Common dry hides were slow. Common dry Cuentas, 14c.; Orinoco, 13¾c.; Maracaibo La Guayra, Ecuador and Puerto Cabello, 12¾c.; Central America and Savanilas, 12c.; Santa Marta, 12½ to 13c.; Packer spready native steers, 16¼c.; native steers and butt brands, 14c.; Colorados, 13¾c. New York City calfskins 5-7s, 1.70c.; 7-9s, 2.05c.; 9-12s., 2.70c.

On the 13th inst. prices ended unchanged to 5 points lower with sales of 1,360,000 lbs. May closed at 13.90c. on that day. Sept. at 14.70c.; Dec. at 15.50 to 15.60c. On the 14th inst. the market was active closing 5 points off to 15 up with sales of 1,360,000 lbs. Big traders have taken hold more aggressively than for some time past. May closed at 14.05c.; July at 14.20c.; Sept., 14.65 to 14.72c.; Dec., 15.56c.; Feb., 15.80 to 15.90c. On the 15th inst. prices were irregular and trading less active ending 10 points off to 15 up. May closed at 13.95 to 14.10c.; Sept., 14.80c.; Dec., 15.66c.; Feb., 15.90c. Of River Plate frigorifico hides, 3,000 La Blanca extremes sold at \$34 or 14¾c.; also 2,500 La Blanca light steers sold at \$28.50. To-day futures closed 10 to 30 points lower with sales of 25 lots. June ended at 13.90c.; July, 14.05c.; Sept., 14.64c.; Dec., 15.50 to 15.55c.

OCEAN FREIGHTS—Some rates were low. Later grain was more active later at lower rates.

CHARTERS included coal, Hampton Roads, June, to Rio, \$3.35; part cargo, Hampton Roads, prompt to Montevideo, \$3.35; Hampton Roads, May-June, to Santos, \$3.65. Grain: Montreal, second half June, Greece, 2s. 11d.; Norfolk-Newport News, May 10-17, to Antwerp-Rotterdam-Amsterdam, 8c. to 8½c.; Montreal, June 2-14, to Mediterranean 11½c.; Montreal, May, Mediterranean, 11c. Grain bookings, 53 loads to English ports at 1s. 6d. and 1s. 9d.; two loads to Glasgow at 2s. 3d.; eight loads to Rotterdam at 8c.; 14 to Antwerp at 9c.; three to Hamburg, 7c.; May 13, 19 loads London at 1s. 6d.; four to Rotterdam at 8c. Grain: Montreal, May, Mediterranean, 15 loads to start on berth basis, some say at 12c., others at 13c.; Montreal, prompt, Avonmouth or Manchester, 1s. 7½d. one, and 1s. 9d. two ports discharge; 35,000 qrs. Montreal, May 26-June 10, Mediterranean, 10½c. Tankers: Tampico, June to Ostermoor, 27s. 3d.; relet two voyages commencing California, July to United Kingdom-Continent, 44s.; dirty, Tampico, July, to Ostermoor, 27s.; clean, prompt, to French Atlantic Gulf, 30s.; Curacao, 28s. 6d.; Tampico, 32s.; North Atlantic or Black Sea, 25s. 6d.; Black Sea to United Kingdom-Continent, 22s. 6d.; clean (last cargo whale oil) end May; Gulf to United Kingdom-Continent, 30s. 6d.; Northern States to United Kingdom-Continent, 27s. 6d.; clean, May 20-June 20; Constanza, 13s.; Alexandria, 14s. 6d.; Beyruth, refined and (or) spirit, June-July. Sugar: Cuba, early June, to United Kingdom-Continent, 13s. 3d.; Cuba, June to United Kingdom-Continent, 12s. Time: Trip up, delivery West Indies, May, redelivery St. Lawrence, 80c.

COAL was in fair demand and some think there would be a better business if rail freight rates which it is said fully double the cost of many kinds at the mine. Washington wired May 14 that stocks of bituminous coal held by commercial consumers on April 1 totalled 33,100,000 tons, a decline of 3,800,000 tons from the total of 36,900,000 tons reported on the same date last year, according to figures compiled by the Bureau of Mines of the Department of

Commerce. Stocks of coal stored in coke plants and steel works are placed at 4,614,110 tons and 1,295,330 tons, respectively, and coal in the hands of railroad consumers totalled 6,355,000 tons. Commercial stocks are not large.

TOBACCO as a rule has been quiet. Some buying of Sumatra wrappers does not alter this fact. That description is wanted for making 5-cent cigars. Prices for it are steady. At Amsterdam a good business was done in anticipation of a new tariff. Amsterdam cabled the U. S. "Tobacco Journal" on the 9th inst.: "Market firm at Sumatra sale. About 5,500 bales bought for America." The "Journal" quotes an opinion of a member of the trade just back from the sales to this effect: "Luckily the crop turned out far better than was first anticipated, but manufacturers and importers quickly realized that this crop would not produce the normal American supplies. This obvious shortage caused quite a scramble especially for the better lots with the consequence that prices in general were not any lower this season than last year, but were again by no means as high as the top levels of various preceding crops. For the rest of the season one can hardly expect a change in the present price." Havana Cuba, May 10: "Just the contrary to rainy last week this has been a week of clear skies here in Havana and the same weather has prevailed in the country, with possibly an exception here and there." Mayfield, Ky., "Continued bad weather for handling tobacco resulted in practically no deliveries during the week to the markets remaining open." At Mayfield sales were 7,230 lbs. for the week at an average of \$8.94 or 77c. lower than in the preceding week. At Hopkinsville sales for the week 148,380 lbs. of dark at an average of \$9.21 or 35c. lower than the week before. At Clarksville sales 248,175 lbs. at an average of \$11.78 or 78c. lower. At Springfield sales 267,820 lbs.; average \$12.90 or \$1.12 lower than in the preceding week." Premier Benito Mussolini, acting for the Italian Tobacco Monopoly has, it is stated, raised from 10 to 33%, the retail prices of cigars, cigarettes and tobacco. It is estimated that the higher prices thus put into effect will add \$26,200,000 annually to the fund for amortization of the public debt.

COPPER advanced ¼c. a pound early in the week to 13c. This rise was made in two advances of ¼c. each. A good demand both for domestic and foreign account was reported at the rise. In fact when the price reached 12¾c. the buying was the heaviest seen since last Sept. when 90,000,000 lbs. were sold in a few days. Copper companies and wire and brass manufacturers were the big buyers. Sales of copper were estimated at 200,000 tons for six days up to Thursday, a new high record for purchases in so short a period. Foreign sales on the 14th inst. were 16,000,000 lbs. and in the forenoon of the 15th totalled 10,250,000 lbs. The export demand is holding up well but domestic buying has fallen off recently. Prices however were firm at 13c. for home delivery and 13.30c. c. i. f. European ports. In London on the 15th inst. spot standard dropped £1 to £55 5s; futures off 17s to 6d. to £55; sales 700 tons futures. Electrolytic unchanged at £60 bid against £61 10s asked. At the second session in London standard fell 2s 6d. on sales of 350 tons of futures. There were no sales of futures on the 15th inst.

TIN was quiet and weaker. On the 15th inst. prices dropped ¾d. in the Straits tin markets. Early that day 5 tons of prompt Straits sold at 32¾c. f.o.b. New York, but at the close sellers were offering that position at 32¼c.; June, 32.30c.; July, 32.45c.; Aug., 32.60c. Futures on the exchange closed 55 to 65 points lower with sales of 130 tons. In London on the 15th inst. standard dropped £1 12s. 6d. to £147 10s. for spot and £149 5s. for futures; sales 50 tons spot and 450 futures. Spot Straits declined £1 12s. 6d. to £149 10s.; Eastern c.i.f. London ended at £151 5s. on sales of 450 tons. At the second London session spot standard fell £1, and futures £1 5s.; sales 280 tons futures.

LEAD was a little more active at 5.60c. New York and 5.45c. East St. Louis early in the week. But recently the demand fell off because of the declines in London where prices on the 15th inst. fell 7s. 6d. to £17s. 6d. for both spot and futures with sales of 400 tons futures. At the second session London advanced 1s. 3d. on sales of 50 tons futures.

ZINC was in better demand but trade is far from brisk. Prices were 4.60 to 4.65c. East St. Louis. The margin of profit for producers of slab zinc is very slim despite the recent cut in the prices of ore. In London on the 15th inst. prices fell 2s. 6d. to £16 7s. 6d. for spot and £17 for futures; sales 50 tons spot and 300 futures.

STEEL has been declining with a decrease in output measuring slowness of trade. Prices are the lowest since April 1922. The weakness spreads through pretty much the whole list. There is no blinking this fact. Prices for the chief rolled products have fallen in some districts. Iron and steel scrap have recently been dropping to new lows at the rate of 25 to 50 cents. Semi-finished steel is following this trend. Steel production tends to decrease and some are doubtful whether there will be much if any increase before next Autumn. The plate operations are put at 75% or 10% under the higher. The output of rails is decreasing. Youngstown reports the steel pipe capacity in the Youngstown and Pittsburgh district as averaging 60%, a disappointing report. Seamless tube mills in that vicinity are not operating at more than 60%. Tin plate production averages 80%. Sheets are in demand for metal lath, refrigerators,

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

Table showing overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1 for 1929-30 and 1928-29. Includes columns for Week, Since Aug. 1, and Total gross overland.

* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 11,266 bales, against 2,963 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 80,719 bales.

Table showing in sight and spinners' takings for the week and since Aug. 1 for 1929-30 and 1928-29.

* Decrease.

Table showing movement into sight in previous years for 1928, 1927, and 1926.

CENSUS REPORT ON COTTONSEED OIL PRODUCTION DURING MARCH.—Persons interested in this report will find it in our department headed "Indications of Business Activity" on earlier pages.

COTTON GINNED FROM THE CROP OF 1929.—The Bureau of the Census of the Department of Commerce issued on May 15 its final report on the cotton ginned from the crop of 1929. This report in full will be found in an earlier part of our paper under the heading "Indications of Business Activity."

CENSUS REPORT ON COTTON CONSUMED AND ON HAND IN APRIL, &c.—This report, issued on May 14 by the Census Bureau, will be found in full in an earlier part of our paper in our department headed "Indications of Business Activity."

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening denote that there have been very beneficial showers and rains in nearly every section of the Cotton Belt during the week. There have even been complaints from the western belt of too much moisture. Temperatures have been mostly favorable. Planting has been retarded by rains.

Texas.—Progress of cotton in this State has been mostly good in the southern portion but rather poor elsewhere because of heavy rains washing the soil and delaying planting.

Mobile, Ala.—There have been several hard rains and numerous showers in the cotton district that have been very beneficial. More rain is needed. Considerable cotton is up, but stands are bad. Planting continues.

Memphis, Tenn.—Cotton is coming up to good stands.

Table showing weather reports by telegraph for various locations, including Galveston, Tex., Abilene, Tex., Brenham, Tex., Brownsville, Tex., Corpus Christi, Tex., Dallas, Tex., Henrietta, Tex., Kerrville, Tex., Lampasas, Tex., Longview, Tex., Luling, Tex., Nacogdoches, Tex., Palestine, Tex., Paris, Tex., San Antonio, Tex., Taylor, Tex., Weatherford, Tex., Ardmore, Okla., Altus, Okla., Muskogee, Okla., Oklahoma City, Okla., Brinkley, Ark., Eldorado, Ark., Little Rock, Ark., Pine Bluff, Ark., Alexandria, La., Amite, La., New Orleans, La., Shreveport, La., Columbus, Miss., Greenwood, Miss., Vicksburg, Miss., Mobile, Ala., and Decatur, Ala. Columns include Rain, Rainfall, and Thermometer.

Table showing weather reports by telegraph for various locations, including Montgomery, Ala., Selma, Ala., Gainesville, Fla., Madison, Fla., Savannah, Ga., Athens, Ga., Augusta, Ga., Columbus, Ga., Charleston, S. C., Greenwood, S. C., Columbus, S. C., Conway, S. C., Charlotte, N. C., Newbern, N. C., Weldon, N. C., and Memphis, Tenn. Columns include Rain, Rainfall, and Thermometer.

The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:

Table showing the height of rivers at various points on May 16 1930 and May 17 1929. Columns include Point, Height, and Date.

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Table showing receipts from the plantations for the week and since Aug. 1 for 1930 and 1929. Columns include Week, Receipts at Ports, Stocks at Interior Towns, and Receipts from Plantations.

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1929 are 8,511,094 bales; in 1928 were 8,970,880 bales, and in 1927 were 8,201,809 bales. (2) That, although the receipts at the outports the past week were 74,760 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 24,910 bales, stocks at interior towns having decreased 49,850 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were nil bales and for 1928 they were 55,354 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 showing world's supply and takings of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for 1929-30 and 1928-29. Columns include Week and Season.

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 4,315,000 bales in 1929-30 and 4,646,000 bales in 1928-29—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 13,129,122 bales in 1929-30 and 14,214,481 bales in 1928-29, of which 7,729,922 bales and 9,012,281 bales American. b Estimated.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.

Table showing India cotton movement from all ports for the week and since Aug. 1 for 1929-30, 1928-29, and 1927-28. Columns include Receipts at, For the Week, and Since August 1.

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show an increase compared with last year in the week's receipts of 11,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record an increase of 15,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show an increase of 86,000 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Table with columns for Alexandria, Egypt, May 14, 1929-30, 1928-29, 1927-28. Rows include Receipts (contars) and Exports (bales) with sub-columns for This Week and Since Aug. 1.

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weight about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending May 14 were 75,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 15,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.

Table comparing market data for 1930 and 1929. Columns include 32s Cop Twist, 8 1/2 Lbs. Shirts, Cotton Midd'l's, and various price points.

SHIPPING NEWS.—Shipments in detail:

Shipping news table listing destinations like NEW ORLEANS, SAN FRANCISCO, GALVESTON, NORFOLK, HOUSTON, CHARLESTON, MOBILE, SAVANNAH with ship names and dates.

LIVERPOOL.—Sales, stocks, &c., for past week:

Table showing sales, stocks, and amounts afloat for Liverpool from Apr. 25 to May 16.

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Table showing daily market conditions for Liverpool from Saturday to Friday, including market status and futures market changes.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Table showing prices of futures at Liverpool for each day from May 10 to May 16, with columns for Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, May 16 1930.

Flour.—Domestic trade was moderate, and export business did not improve late last week. Feed was weak; flour firm. Exports last week were 87,983 sacks, against 95,451 the week before.

Wheat advanced with some unfavorable reports from the Southwest, dry weather in Canada, low temperatures in the North, and small world's shipments, and at times a very fair export demand. Government buying, too, was reported.

On the 13th inst. prices fell 1/2 to 1c. net, in a small market. Early in the day there was a rise of about 1/2c. on further and presumably injurious rains in the Southwest.

Chicago wired that estimates on the carryover in the United States on July 1 from the crops of 1928 and 1929 which have been burdensome and depressed prices, cover a wide range.

to 235,000,000 bushels; the latter estimate by Nat C. Murray, who is considered one of the most careful statisticians. It may be that the expected surplus for 1930 will be reduced from the present estimates, all depending upon the outcome of the growing crops.

To-day prices ended 2 to 2 1/2c. higher, on heavy covering in an oversold market. Cold weather in the Northwest and Canada had some effect. Export sales were stated at 800,000 to 1,000,000 bushels, mostly Manitoba.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

Table with 6 columns: No., Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. for No. 2 hard.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with 6 columns: St., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. for May, July, September, December.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

Table with 6 columns: Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. for May, July, October.

Indian corn advanced, partly on the supporting power of the wheat rise. At one time a new low was reached. The weather has at times been unfavorable, and receipts have been small.

On the 15th inst. prices advanced 1/4 to 1/2c., with wheat lower, and shorts covering more freely. July above 80c. ran into selling.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

Table with 6 columns: Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. for No. 2 yellow.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with 6 columns: Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. for May, July, September, December.

Oats have advanced with other grain, although the crop outlook is good, and old crop supplies are rather large. But there has been a demand for nearby deliveries from cash interests.

nearby positions by cash interests. Shipping sales, moreover, reached 70,000 bushels. Purchases to arrive were only 2,000.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

Table with 6 columns: Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. for No. 2 white.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with 6 columns: Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. for May, July, September, December.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

Table with 6 columns: Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. for May, July, October.

Rye has felt the influence of the rise in other grain, particularly in wheat. One great drawback, however, is still the absence of an export demand.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with 6 columns: Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. for May, July, September, December.

Closing quotations were as follows: GRAIN. Wheat, New York... Oats, New York... Rye, New York... Barley, New York... Chicago cash...

FLOUR. Spring pat. high prote... Rye flour, patents... Semolina, No. 2, pound... Oats goods... Corn flour... Barley goods... Coarse... Fancy pearl, Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4...

For other tables usually given here, see page 3491. AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT'S REPORT ON CEREALS, &c.—The full report of the Department of Agriculture, showing the condition of the cereal crops on May 1, as issued on the 9th inst., will be found in an earlier part of this issue.

WEATHER REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDED MAY 13.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended May 13 follows:

There were very abnormal movements of "lows" during the week. At the beginning of the period a rather energetic depression was central over Texas and moved thence northward over the Plains and finally northwestward, which is very unusual. A second "low" had reached practically the same position in the Southwest on the morning of the 9th, and this also moved northward over the Great Plains area; high pressure persisted over the Eastern States.

SMALL GRAINS.—The continued dry weather in most parts of the eastern Winter Wheat Belt resulted in rather poor advance of the crop, although in some south-central sections showers brought temporary relief. There were further heavy rains in the southwestern and western areas of the belt, with some improvement noted. In Kansas rainfall varied from excessive to none; winter wheat shows improvement in practically all sections, with the crop heading out in south-central and southeastern districts and in root elsewhere, except in the extreme northwest. In the more southwestern parts of the belt rains caused improvement, but condition of the crop ranges from poor to good. Local showers were beneficial in parts of the South and East, but many sections still need rain, although wheat and oats are ripening rapidly in Georgia, with harvest begun. Moisture was helpful in the far Northwest, but the cold delayed growth.

Spring wheat is reported as growing nicely with generally good stands and color and the weather favorable for stooling. Oats are mostly improved, except in the drier sections of the Ohio Valley and Southeast. Rice was favored in the South, while rye, barley, and flax are making good advance in most areas.

CORN.—In the Great Plains States frequent rains and wet soil have retarded corn planting, which is now getting behind the seasonal average. There was also some retardation in the upper Mississippi Valley, although in Iowa seeding is fairly well abreast of the season, with about the normal amount of planting and local cultivation begun. In Missouri, Illinois, and Indiana, the work was generally favorable, and much seeding was accomplished, with cultivation begun in the southern portions of the latter States. From the upper Ohio Valley eastward considerable corn was put in, but the soil is generally too dry for germination.

COTTON.—In the eastern Cotton Belt rain is still needed, but in most central parts showers during the week were very beneficial, while in much of the western belt there is now too much moisture; temperatures were mostly favorable.

In Texas, progress of cotton was mostly good in the southern third, but elsewhere rather poor because of heavy rains, washing soil, and local storms, with planting and chopping delayed in the north. In Oklahoma, planting was retarded by heavy rains, with the weather generally too cool and wet, and the early crop needs cultivation. In the Mississippi Valley States and northern east Gulf area, the weather was generally favorable, as showers relieved droughty conditions in many places. In the eastern belt, including much of Alabama, southern Georgia, western Florida, the eastern parts of the Carolinas, and Virginia, germination and growth are slow, with stands irregular, and a general rain needed. Chopping has begun in early fields as far north as South Carolina, and farther west to central Arkansas and southeastern Oklahoma.

The Weather Bureau furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

Virginia.—Richmond: Warm and dry most of the week, except beneficial showers in southwest. Week favorable for farm operations, but lack of rain retarding crop growth. Pastures and meadows short. Early plantings of corn coming up to fair stands, but corn and cotton planting delayed account dry soil.

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Rather warm, with considerable cloudiness; some locally heavy and beneficial showers, but most of State without relief from drought, especially in east. Progress of cotton poor to fair; some good stands, but much not up. Rain much needed for tobacco, except in some localities, where sufficient moisture.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Beneficial rains in most sections of north-west, where all crops materially improved and germination of cotton, corn, and lesser spring plantings accelerated, but elsewhere more moisture needed, especially for truck and potatoes in east and south. Too dry for satisfactory tobacco transplanting in east. Corn planting continues and chopping cotton began in some early fields. Winter cereals have taken on new vigor, although wheat and oats have headed on short straw.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Frequent rains in northern half very beneficial, but drought increasing in intensity over south. Considerable cotton must be replanted as much failed to germinate and stands generally only fair; chopping completed in south and progressing rapidly in central. Progress of corn fair; planting still under way on lowlands. Wheat and oats ripening rapidly and harvesting begun. Tobacco growing nicely and sugar cane came up well.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Rain needed in west to germinate late cotton. Dry and sunny. Corn, melons, tobacco, and truck well cultivated; stands of corn locally poor in west and melons and truck backward. Citrus good on peninsula, but fruit dropping on uplands; much spraying against insect pests. Setting sweet potatoes delayed. Harvesting oats continued. Rain needed urgently in extreme west.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Warm; scattered showers somewhat helpful, but insufficient, and rain generally needed. Much corn remains unplanted; stands mostly poor to good. Oats mostly poor. Potatoes doing well locally in coast section; mostly poor progress elsewhere. Progress and condition of truck, vegetables, pastures, and minor crops mostly poor to fair. Cotton planting continued locally in south; considerably delayed in most sections of central and north account insufficient moisture; germination mostly poor to only fair; stands very poor to fairly good; chopping in south and central.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Moderate to excessive rains in delta counties, extreme north, and middle-east, but mostly dry in south third and only light falls elsewhere. Progress of cotton and corn poor to very good, depending upon rains; some damage from local storms in delta counties. Progress of gardens, pastures, and truck very irregular; mostly poor to fair.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Good rains in north and west relieved drought in those sections, but dryness still persists in southeast, where some crops badly in need of moisture. Soil moisture now ample for germination and growth of cotton in most principal growing areas; plants generally healthy and considerable chopping in south and central. Cane doing fairly well, but needs more rain. Rice generally benefited; some still to plant. Corn and minor crops improved.

Texas.—Houston: Average temperatures, except cold in extreme west, where light frost on two mornings. Rainfall light in Rio Grande Valley and moderate to excessive elsewhere, flooding lowlands in portions of central and north. Condition and progress of pastures and truck good. Rain improved winter wheat, barley, and spring oats; condition rather poor to only fair. Progress and condition of rice and corn very good, although some damage to latter by high winds, hail, and washing. Progress and condition of cotton good in most of the southern third, but elsewhere averaged rather poor account washing rain and high winds; chopping, cultivation, and planting delayed in central and north by wet soil. Progress and condition of citrus good.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Seasonal temperatures; rainfall heavy to excessive over practically whole State. Destructive wind, rain, and hail in many localities. Cultivation and planting largely suspended as too wet. Progress of winter wheat and oats good, except extensive hail damage in northwest; condition ranges from poor to good. Progress and condition of corn fair to very good; some to be planted and replanted; early needs cultivation badly. Progress of cotton poor; planting delayed as too cool and wet; condition of early generally fair, but needs cultivation; some chopping in southeast.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Progress of cotton fair to very good in most portions; planting about completed and stands and condition very good in most places, but much damage in some localities due to excessive rains; chopping in most of central and south; cultivation badly needed. Progress and condition of corn very good. Very favorable for wheat, oats, meadows, pastures, rice, potatoes, truck, and fruit all of which are much improved.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Generous rains afforded temporary relief and materially changed crop situation. Progress of corn very good on uplands; little planted on lowlands as delayed by rains. Progress of winter wheat very good and heading; but stalks short. Tobacco yellow in some sections, and of poor quality; elsewhere progressing well; little transplanting. Progress of early-planted cotton very good; planting resumed.

Kentucky.—Louisville: Stands of corn fair to good in first plantings; scattering in later plantings, with much replanting indicated. Tobacco plants very uneven; some of size for transplanting, which has commenced in south, where showers heavy; will commence with machines near end of week in burley district. Progress of winter wheat poor; condition fair; tendency to head short. Oats, clover, gardens, and meadows poor growth.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, May 16 1930.

Provided that too many consecutive days of unfavorable weather do not appear in what remains of this month to

"dampen" current activity in retail channels, it is still the general expectation that total sales for May will run substantially in excess of the same period in 1929. This week's business, while somewhat less than that of last week, has approximated satisfactory volume, according to most reports, and there is nothing in the immediate future to indicate a reversion to the comparative dullness which prevailed a few weeks ago. The reflection of the improved retail position is seen in secondary and primary quarters in a substantial increase in re-orderings, both as to the quantities ordered and the number of individual buyers represented. It is now evident that the consumer demand of the past few weeks, emanating from the spell of "summery" weather, made large inroads into retail stocks, particularly of dress goods, and men's ready-to-wear. However, as far as primary markets are concerned, most of what is favorable in the aspect of conditions is what is promised for the future. This is particularly true of cotton goods, where, with relatively little manifestation of present improvement, the general active participation in curtailment of production promises to go a long way toward the restoration of normal conditions during the coming few months. Woolen goods output, which has been severely regulated to cope with sluggish buying of late months remains restricted. As a consequence of the even balance which has been maintained in woolens and worsted markets, upward price revisions made during the week by the American Woolen Co. bid fair to be maintained. Gradual improvement in markets for raw wool is also a constructive indicator.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—Erratic movements in the raw market are partly responsible for continued unsettlement in cotton goods, the beneficial influence which current curtailment is expected to exercise in the trade not having had time to be felt as yet. Recent forced sales of dress goods, due to excessive surplus stocks in some quarters, are reported to have proved a source of chagrin to manufacturers who yielded to pressure from buyers and parted with their merchandise on a close-to-cost basis. Some of the producers in point, having followed up their products into distributing channels, find that such goods are proving popular in many instances and are providing a very good margin of profit for the merchants who acquired them at rock-bottom prices. It is pointed out that while the present situation exists in cotton goods, mill-men are not in a position effectively to combat such practices. As long as producers continue to carry such heavy stocks as are in evidence in primary quarters at the present time, buyers will tend to hold off for the low values which producers so encumbered are practically helpless to refuse. However, the curtailment program which began to get under way some two weeks ago is now in full swing, with approximately five million spindles reported inactive as compared with about three and a half million at the end of last week, and there is apparently a growing belief in the prospect of very definite relief, if not complete alleviation, of the ailment which has so long depressed cotton goods. Already a measurable contraction has taken place in some quarters, it is reported, and while this has not yet been noticeably reflected in decreasing stocks on hand, it is maintained by many factors that the time is not far distant when readjusted primary conditions will stimulate a return to normal trading practices, with hesitation on the part of buyers overcome by the knowledge that goods in mills are none too plentiful, and that contracting in advance is necessary if they are to be sure of covering their requirements. 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 7c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—The American Woolen Co. this week advanced prices on a number of its leading fabrics from 2c. to 10c. a yard, an action which has been given the unqualified approval of most of the foremost manufacturers, and is confidently expected to prove effective in maintaining the stability of prices in the goods market. Predictions that other producers will fall in line and advance prices accordingly are not lacking, and rumors are already current of intentions of some of the larger factors to make corresponding price-revisions before June 1. Clothing manufacturers are particularly favored by the firmer prices, which put them in a strong position to resist pressure for concessions from retailers. The latter have been pressing for reductions on the basis of downward revisions by mills earlier in the year. The outstanding favorable feature remains the statistical position. Stocks in all quarters are at a low level, and those carried by first hands are lower than they ever have been during such a period of general depression as the present.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—Primary linen markets continued relatively quiet during the week, demand being practically confined to household linens and handkerchiefs. However, reports of sales in increasing volume in retail centers are leading selling-houses to expect a better demand in the near future. Dress linens, and men's summer suitings are expected to benefit from current expanded retail business. Burlaps are quiet. Light weights are quoted at 5.10c., and heavies at 6.80c.

the City Treasurer. No more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount of each issue.

EAST PITTSBURGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$70,000 4 1/2% coupon reg. school bonds offered on May 8—V. 130, p. 3033—were awarded to J. H. Holmes & Co., of Pittsburgh, at par plus a premium of \$1,180, equal to 101.68, a basis of about 4.25%.

Table with 2 columns: Bidder and Premium. Includes J. H. Holmes & Co. (Purchasers) at \$1,180.00, Mellon National Bank at 1,165.50, etc.

EFFINGHAM, Atchison County, Kan.—BOND SALE CORRECTION.—We are informed by the City Clerk that the \$72,000 issue of 5% coupon internal improvement bonds was purchased at par by the Shawnee Investment Co. of Topeka, not by the Guarantee Title & Trust Co. of Wichita, as reported in V. 130, p. 3033.

ELIZABETH, Union County, N. J.—OFFER \$444,000 4 1/2% BONDS.—J. S. Rippl & Co. of Newark, are offering an issue of \$444,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered temporary loan bonds, dated May 1 1930 and due on May 1 1936, for public investment priced to yield 4.15%.

ELKHART SCHOOL CITY, Elkhart County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to the Board of School Trustees will be received until 12 m. on May 22, for the purchase of \$60,000 4 1/2% school building construction and equipment bonds.

EL PASO, El Paso County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The 12 issues of 4 3/4% bonds aggregating \$1,362,000, that were sold on April 10 to a syndicate headed by Lehman Bros. of New York, V. 130, p. 2829—were registered by the State Comptroller on May 6. Due from 1932 to 1960.

ERIE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Erie County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$400,000 4 1/4% coupon or reg. school bonds offered on May 8—V. 130, p. 3033—were awarded to the First National Bank of Erie, at par plus a premium of \$4,076, equal to 101.019, a basis of about 4.16%.

ERIN AND WARREN TOWNSHIPS FRACTIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2, Mich.—BONDS DEFEATED AT ELECTION.—MEASURE TO BE RE-SUBMITTED.—At an election held on April 29 the voters rejected a proposal to issue \$50,000 in bonds for school building construction purposes by a vote of 101 "for" to 185 "against."

EVANSVILLE SCHOOL CITY, Vanderburg County, Ind.—OFFER \$100,000 4 1/4% BONDS.—The Fletcher American Co., of Indianapolis, is offering an issue of \$100,000 4 1/4% coupon school bonds, due May 5 1950, for public investment at a price of 103.42, to yield 4.00%.

Financial Statement table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Assessed valuation at \$139,444,640.00, Total debt at 2,708,500.00, etc.

FAIRFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fairfield) Freestone County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$29,000 issue of 5% coupon school bonds offered for sale on May 7—V. 130, p. 3225—was purchased at par on May 10 by the State Department of Education.

FAIRVIEW (P. O. North Olmstead) Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. W. Smith, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Eastern Standard time) on June 2, for the purchase of \$16,000 6% park land and improvement bonds.

FAIRMOUNT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fairmount), Richland County, N. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$18,000 issue of coupon school bonds offered for sale on May 3—V. 130, p. 3033—was purchased by the National Bank of Fairmount, at par, dated May 1 1930; due from 1933 to 1950, incl. Int. payable on May and Nov. 1.

FARMINGTON, Oakland County, Mich.—BONDS OFFERED.—N. H. Power, City Clerk, received sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. on May 15 for the purchase of \$55,000 5% coupon sewer bonds.

Financial Statement table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Assessed valuation at \$2,692,270.00, Total indebtedness at 33,212.00, etc.

FLOYD COUNTY (P. O. New Albany), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—William A. Beach, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on June 3, for the purchase of the following issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$45,000:

\$25,000 New Albany Township highway improvement bonds. Denom. \$625.

20,000 Georgetown Township highway improvement bonds. Denom. \$500.

Both issues are dated June 3 1930. Int. payable on Jan. and July 15.

FORDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Dearborn), Wayne County, Mich.—LIST OF BIDS.—The following is a list of the bids received on May 5 for the \$610,000 school bonds awarded as 4 1/2% to the group headed by the First Detroit Co. of Detroit at par plus a premium of \$325, equal to 100.05, a basis of about 4.49%—V. 130, p. 3404.

Table with 2 columns: Bidder and Rate Bid. Includes First Detroit Co. at 100.05, Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc. at 100.05, etc.

FORT EDWARD, Washington County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The Fort Edward National Bank, of Fort Edward, on May 7 purchased an issue of \$5,500 5% registered street imp. bonds at 101.68.

FORT MILL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28 (P. O. Fort Mill), York County, S. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by C. S. Link, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, until 11 a. m. on May 22, for the purchase of a \$75,000 issue of coupon school bonds.

furnished. A certified check for \$1,500, payable to the School District, must accompany the bid.

FORT WORTH, Tarrant County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on May 27, by O. E. Carr, City Manager, for the purchase of an issue of \$1,450,000 4 1/2% semi-annual city bonds.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of bonds aggregating \$112,672 offered on May 7—V. 130, p. 2830—were awarded as 4 1/2% to the First Detroit Co., of Detroit, at par plus a premium of \$315, equal to 100.27, a basis of about 4.44%.

Both issues are dated June 1 1930. An official tabulation of the bids submitted for the bonds follows:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, and Premium. Includes Braun, Bosworth & Co., Toledo, O. at 4 1/2% and \$134.00, etc.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Santa Clara) County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 issue of 5% semi-annual school bonds offered for sale on May 5—V. 130, p. 3034—was purchased by Weeden & Co., of San Francisco, for a premium of \$1,658, equal to 103.68, a basis of about 4.48%.

Table with 2 columns: Bidder and Premium. Includes R. H. Moulton & Co., of San Francisco at \$1,496, etc.

FREMONT COUNTY (P. O. Sidney), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—A \$75,000 issue of funding bonds has been purchased by the White-Phillips Co., of Davenport, as 4 1/2%, for a premium of \$600, equal to 100.80.

FRESNO COUNTY WATER WORKS DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Fresno), Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$67,000 issue of 7% coupon imp. bonds offered for sale on May 1—V. 130, p. 3226—was purchased by G. W. Bond & Son, of Santa Ana, for a premium of \$55, equal to 100.82, a basis of about 6.98%.

GALESBURG, Knox County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The Harris Trust & Savings Bank, of Chicago, recently purchased an issue of \$150,000 4 1/2% coupon park improvement bonds, dated May 1 1930.

Financial Statement table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Assessed valuation for taxation at \$25,043,605, Total debt at 687,930, etc.

Net debt----- 506,415
Population, 1920 census, 23,834.

GARFIELD COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Rifle), Colo.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until Sept. 2, by Hattie McPhee, Sec. of the Board of Education, for the purchase of a \$95,000 issue of 6% semi-annual school bonds.

GEAUGA COUNTY (P. O. Chardon), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$11,796.35 special assessment street improvement bonds offered on May 12—V. 130, p. 3226—were awarded as 4 3/4% to the Banc Ohio Securities Co., of Columbus, at par plus a premium of \$73.25, equal to 100.61, a basis of about 4.58%.

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, and Prem. Includes Banc Ohio Securities Co. at 4 3/4% and \$73.25, etc.

GIBSON COUNTY (P. O. Princeton), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Carl L. Woods, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on May 26, for the purchase of the following issues of 4 1/2% bonds aggregating \$21,500:

\$17,000 Ben Benson et al., county road construction bonds. Dated May 15 1930. Denom. \$850. Due \$850 on May and Nov. 15 from 1931 to 1940 inclusive.

4,500 W. A. Dill et al., Patoka Township highway improvement bonds. Denom. 450. Due \$450, July 15 1931, \$450, Jan. and July 15 from 1932 to 1940 incl., and \$450, Jan. 15 1941.

GEORGETOWN COUNTY (P. O. Georgetown), S. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$70,000 issue of coupon funding bonds offered for sale on May 6—V. 130, p. 3226—was purchased by the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., of Cincinnati, at 5s, for a premium of \$1,155, equal to 101.65, a basis of about 4.82%.

GIRARDVILLE, Schuylkill County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Clayton Brown, Borough Sec., will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. on May 26 for the purchase of \$27,500 5% water bonds.

GLENWOOD, Mills County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—A \$6,000 issue of 4 3/4% coupon city hall improvement bonds was purchased on May 5 by the White-Phillips Co., of Davenport, for a premium of \$24, equal to 100.40 a basis of about 4.67%.

GRAND VIEW IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Grand View) Owyhee County, Ida.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$26,000 issue of 6% semi-annual irrigation bonds offered on May 10—V. 130, p. 3034—was not sold as there were no bids received.

GRAND VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Visalia) Tulare County, Calif.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$6,500 issue of 5 1/2% school bonds offered on May 5—V. 130, p. 2830—was not sold as there were no bids received.

GRANGEVILLE, Idaho County, Ida.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on May 26, by H. Taylor, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$35,000 issue of street improvement bonds.

GRASTTINGER, Palo Alto County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—A \$4,000 issue of 5% semi-ann. municipal building bonds has recently been purchased by the White-Phillips Co., of Davenport, for a premium of \$7,850, equal to 101.96, a basis of about 4.78%.

GREAT FALLS, Cascade County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Two issues of bonds aggregating \$500,000 will be offered for sale at public auction on June 9 at 10 a. m. by W. H. Harrison, City Clerk.

all of the first maturing \$60,000 of said bonds at the bid price. No other bonds of this issue will be sold for 90 days subsequent to May 21 1930. The Secretary will furnish the required bidding forms. A certified check for 2% of the bid, payable to the Treasurer of the Board, is required.

WILMINGTON, New Castle County, Del.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,500,000 4½% coupon or registered sinking fund bonds offered on May 12—V. 130, p. 3233—were awarded to a group composed of the First National Bank, Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, and Darby & Co., all of New York City, at par plus a premium of \$103,950, equal to 106.93, a basis of about 4.11%. The bonds are dated June 2 1930 and mature as follows: \$35,000 April 1 and \$240,000 Oct. 1 1960 \$244,800 April 1 and \$249,650 Oct. 1 1961 \$254,650 April 1 and \$259,750 Oct. 1 1962, and \$216,150 on April 1 1963. The successful bidders are offering the bonds for public investment priced to yield 4.05%. They are stated to be legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York, Massachusetts, Delaware and other States. A statement of the financial condition of Wilmington appeared in—V. 130, p. 3233.

WINCHESTER, Frederick County, Va.—BOND SALE.—The \$145,000 issue of 4½% semi-annual sewer, street, school and refunding bonds offered for sale on May 9—V. 130, p. 3041—was purchased jointly by H. M. Bylesby & Co., and Morris Mather & Co., both of New York, at a price of 99.46, a basis of about 4.53%. Dated May 1 1929. Due from 1959 to 1964, incl. Among the other bids were the following:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder and Price Bid. Includes First National Old Colony Corp, Eldredge & Co, Bancamerica-Blair Corp, First Detroit Co, and Frederick B. Noltins & Co.

WINSLOW TOWNSHIP (P. O. Camden), Camden County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia are reported to have recently purchased an issue of \$160,000 6% improvement bonds at a price of par. Dated April 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due on April 1 as follows: \$134,000 in 1935 and \$26,000 in 1936. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (Apr. & Oct. 1) payable at the Haddonfield National Bank, Haddonfield, or at the Chase National Bank, N. Y. City. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond of N. Y. City.

WINTERS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Winters), Runnels County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On May 8 the State Comptroller registered a \$30,000 issue of 5% serial school bonds.

YAMHILL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 29 (P. O. Newberg), Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 issue of school bonds offered for sale on May 2—V. 130, p. 3223—was purchased by the State of Washington, as 5/8s, at par.

YOUNGSTOWN, Mahoning County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—James E. Jones, Director of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (eastern standard time) on May 21, for the purchase of \$467,581.80 5% special assessment street improvement bonds. Dated May 1 1930. Denoms \$1,000 and \$516.36. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$93,516.36 from 1931 to 1935, incl. Prin. and semi-annual interest (April and Oct. 1) payable at the office of the Sinking Fund Trustees. 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 ¼ of 1% or a multiple thereof. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Director of Finance, must accompany each proposal.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

ALBERTA, Province of (P. O. Edmonton).—\$5,000,000 TREASURY BILLS SOLD.—Subsequent to the postponement of the sale of \$2,900,000 4½% 30-year improvement bonds for which bids had been called for April 30—V. 130, p. 3233—Provincial officials privately sold an issue of \$5,000,000 4% treasury bills to a group composed of Wood, Gundy & Co., A. E. Ames & Co., Dominion Securities Corp., and the Imperial Bank of Canada, all of Canada. The bills are dated May 1 1930 and are payable in New York on Nov. 1 1930.

BURLINGTON, Ont.—BOND SALE.—Harris, McKen & Co. of Toronto on May 1 purchased an issue of \$77,000 5½% coupon high school construction bonds at 100.05, a basis of about 5.49%. The bonds are dated May 1 1930 and mature in 1960. Int. payable semi-annually.

EDMONTON ROMAN CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7, Alta.—BOND SALE.—The \$125,000 school bonds offered on May 9—V. 130, p. 3042—were awarded as 5s to the Royal Financial Corp. of Toronto at 97.11, a basis of about 5.25%. The bonds mature in 40 equal annual installments.

LACHUTE, Que.—BONDS DEFEATED AT ELECTION.—At an election held recently the ratepayers rejected two proposed by-laws calling for the issuance of \$290,000 in bonds for water and sewerage construction purposes. One by-law for \$184,000 sewerage system bonds was defeated by a majority of 87 votes and the other for \$106,000 water system bonds lost by a majority of 23 votes.

MONTREAL (Catholic School Commission of), Que.—\$1,500,000 SCHOOL BONDS OFFERED.—The \$1,500,000 5% school bonds awarded on May 6 at 99.437, a basis of about 5.03%, to a group headed by Wood, Gundy & Co., of Toronto—V. 130, p. 3412—are being reoffered by the successful bidders for public investment at 101 and accrued interest, yielding 4.94%. The offering notice says: These bonds are a direct and primary obligation of The Montreal Catholic School Commission, the boundaries of which coincide with those of the City of Montreal. While these bonds are issued by The Montreal Catholic School Commission, they are virtually guaranteed, both as to principal and interest, by the City of Montreal. Taxes levied by the Catholic School Commission are collected at the same time and in the same manner as other municipal taxes.

ONTARIO, Province of (P. O. Toronto).—\$30,000,000 4½% BONDS SCHEDULED TO BE SOLD.—A special dispatch from Toronto to the New York "Times" of May 15 reported, in effect, that an issue of \$30,000,000 4½% long-term provincial bonds would shortly be marketed to refund a similar amount of short-term notes outstanding.

ONTARIO, Province of (P. O. Toronto).—BOND OFFERING.—J. D. Monteith, Provincial Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12m. (Daylight Saving time) on May 21, for the purchase of \$30,000,000 4½% coupon provincial bonds, the proceeds of which will be used as follows: \$22,000,000 for new capital expenditures and \$8,000,000 for refunding purposes. The bonds are dated May 15 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due on May 15 as follows: \$299,000, 1931; \$312,000, 1932; \$326,000, 1933; \$341,000, 1934; \$356,000, 1935; \$372,000, 1936; \$389,000, 1937; \$406,000, 1938; \$424,000, 1939; \$443,000, 1940; \$463,000, 1941; \$484,000, 1942; \$506,000, 1943; \$529,000, 1944; \$552,000, 1945; \$578,000, 1946; \$604,000, 1947; \$630,000, 1948; \$659,000, 1949; \$688,000, 1950; \$720,000, 1951; \$752,000, 1952; \$786,000, 1953; \$822,000, 1954; \$858,000, 1955; \$897,000, 1956; \$937,000, 1957; \$980,000, 1958; \$1,023,000, 1959; \$1,069,000, 1960; \$1,118,000, 1961; \$1,167,000, 1962; \$1,221,000, 1963; \$1,276,000, 1964; \$1,332,000, 1965; \$1,392,000, 1966; \$1,002,000, 1967; \$1,048,000, 1968; \$1,095,000, 1969, and \$1,141,000 in 1970. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (May and Nov. 15) payable at holders' option in gold coin of lawful money of Canada at the office of the Provincial Treasurer, Toronto, or at the agents of the Provincial Treasurer in the cities of Montreal, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Regina, Halifax, Calgary and St. John, Canada, or in gold coin of the United States of America of the present standard of weight and fineness at the agents of the Provincial Treasurer in the City of New York, or in London, England, at the fixed rate of \$4.86 2-3 to the pound sterling. Delivery of and full payment for bonds with accrued int. to date of payment to be made in Canadian funds at the office of the Provincial Treasurer in Toronto on June 4 1930. Tenders must be for the whole amount offered and each tender must be accompanied by a certified check for \$300,000.

QUEBEC, Que.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,333,000 5% coupon, registrable as to principal improvement bonds offered on May 13—V. 130, p. 3412—were awarded to a syndicate composed of Dominion Securities Corp., Bank of Montreal, A. E. Ames & Co., and Banque Canadienne Nationale, all of Canada, at 100.5189, a basis of about 4.97%. The bonds are dated May 1, 1930 and mature on May 1, 1960. It is stated that a sinking fund is to be provided, sufficient to retire them at maturity. Interest is payable semi-annually on May and Nov. 1. Principal and interest payable at the office of The Chase National Bank of the City of New York in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness; also payable, at the holder's option, in Canadian gold coin in Canada in the cities of

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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The following is a complete list of the bids submitted for the bonds: Bidder— Rates Bid—
Dominion Securities Corp.; Bank of Montreal; A. E. Ames & Co., and Banque Canadienne Nationale, jointly. 100.5189 99.657
Bancamerica-Blair Corp.; Kountze Bros.; Hanson Bros.; R. A. Daly & Co., and Bank of Nova Scotia, jointly. 100.50
National City Co.; Harris, Forbes & Co., and Guaranty Co. of New York, jointly. 100.1837
McLeod, Young, Weir & Co.; Fry, Mills, Spence & Co.; Bell, Gouinlock & Co., and Canadian Bank of Commerce 99.9228
Greenshields & Co.; Hannaford, Birks & Co.; Societe de Placement du Canada; E. H. Rawlings & Co., and Mead & Co. 99.84 99.57
Wood, Gundy & Co.; Nesbitt, Thomson & Co., and Royal Bank of Canada. 99.78 99.48

QUEBEC (Reverend Sisters of Charity of) Que.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION—LIST OF BIDS.—In connection with the report of the sale of \$550,000 5% bonds, due Feb. 1 1955, to Wood, Gundy & Co. of Toronto, at 98.30, a basis of about 5.16%—V. 130, p. 3412—we learn that the Royal Bank of Canada, of Montreal, was associated with the afore-mentioned investment house in the award. Bids for the issue were reported as follows:

Bidder— Rate Bid—
Wood, Gundy & Co., and Royal Bank of Canada, jointly (purchasers) 98.30
A. E. Ames & Co., and Banque Canadienne Nationale, jointly. 97.92
General Bond Corp. 97.15
Credit Anglo-Francais, Ltd. 97.12
McLeod, Young, Weir & Co. 96.91

REVELSTOKE, B. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 5% water works construction bonds offered on April 23—V. 130, p. 2278—were awarded to Pemberton & Son, of Vancouver, at 95.93, a basis of about 5.40%. The bonds are dated July 15 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 15 1944. Interest was payable on Jan. and July 15. Bonds and interest are payable at Revelstoke.

SHAWINIGAN FALLS, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—A. R. Meldrum, Secretary-Treasurer of the Trustees of the Dissident School Municipality of Shawinigan Falls, will receive sealed bids until 6 p. m. on May 23 for the purchase of \$29,500 5% school bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Due serially in 29 years. Bonds are payable at Montreal.

THREE RIVERS, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—Jacques Denechaud, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 4 p.m. on May 19, for the purchase of the following issues of various improvement bonds aggregating \$2,377,600, to bear interest at either 5 or 5 1/2 %, stated in proposal: \$1,839,500 bonds issued by virtue of by-laws Nos. 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62 and 63. Dated May 1 1928. Due in 49 annual instalments. 225,000 bonds issued by virtue of by-law No. 69. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Due in 20 annual instalments. 132,400 bonds issued by virtue of by-laws Nos. 64a, 66 and 68. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Due in 30 annual instalments. 100,000 bonds issued by virtue of by-law No. 70. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Due in 40 annual instalments. 45,000 bonds issued by virtue of by-law No. 64. Dated Nov. 1 1928. Due in 30 annual instalments. 35,700 bonds issued by virtue of by-law No. 65. Dated May 1 1929. Due in 30 annual instalments.

Interest on all of the above bonds will be payable semi-annually on May 1 and Nov. 1.

The offering notice says: Both the principal of these bonds and the interest thereon will be payable at the holder's option, at the chief office of the Banque Canadienne Nationale, in the City of Montreal, or at any of

the branches of the said bank in the city of Three Rivers, or in the city of Montreal, or in the city of Quebec. These bonds shall be issued in denominations of \$100.00 or multiples of \$100.00 at the purchaser's option. The said tenders will be considered at the meeting of the Council of the City of Three Rivers, on May 19 1930, at 8 o'clock p.m., or so soon thereafter as the Council or its Committee can do so. Each tender must be accompanied by a certified check payable to the order of the city of Three Rivers, equal to 1% of the par value of the issue. The check of the tenderer whose offer is accepted shall be handed to him after the completion of his contract, without interest. The accrued interest on the bonds must be added to the price of the bonds at the time of their delivery.

TORONTO, Ont.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 5% coupon, registrable as to principal bonds aggregating \$13,396,000 offered on May 14—V. 130, p. 3412—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the National City Co., Dillon, Read & Co., Bankers Co. of New York, Guaranty Co. of New York, Harris, Forbes & Co., all of New York City, Dominion Securities Corp. and the Canadian Bank of Commerce, both of Toronto, at a price of 100.2149, a basis of about 4.96%.

\$8,229,000 local improvement North Toronto sewerage system bonds. Due as follows: \$381,000, 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 \$13,396,000 bonds are dated April 1 1930 and mature 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; \$1,136,000, 1941; \$1,191,000, 1942; \$1,248,000, 1943; \$1,308,000, 1944; \$1,369,000, 1945; \$1,433,000, 1946; \$1,500,000, 1947; \$1,569,000, 1948; \$1,641,000, 1949, and \$1,718,000, 1950.

BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.—The successful bidders are reoffering the bonds for public subscription at prices ranging from 100.81 for the 1931 maturity, yielding 4.00%, to 101.89 for the 1950 maturity, yielding 4.85%. Principal and semi-annual interest (April and Oct. 1) payable at the holder's option in U. S. gold coin at the agency of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in New York City, or in Toronto in Canadian gold coin, or in London, Eng., at a fixed rate of 4.86 2-3 to the pound sterling.

An official tabulation of the bids submitted for the bonds follows:

Bidder— Rate Bid—
The National City Co., Ltd.; Dillon, Read & Co.; Harris, Forbes & Co.; Guaranty Co. of New York; Bankers Co. of New York; the Dominion Securities Corp., Ltd.; the Canadian Bank of Commerce. \$100.2149
Wood, Gundy & Co. Ltd.; A. E. Ames & Co., Ltd.; the Royal Bank of Canada; the Chase Securities Corp.; the Continental Illinois Co. 100.179
Bank of Montreal; McLeod, Young, Weir & Co., Ltd.; Fry, Mills, Spence & Co.; Bell, Gouinlock & Co.; Hanson Bros., Inc.; First National Bank, N. Y.; First National Old Colony Corp.; Hallgarten & Co.; Stone & Webster and Blodgett; Salomon Bros. & Hutzler; First Detroit Co., Inc.; Eldredge & Co. 99.9183
Bancamerica-Blair Corp., N. Y.; Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., N. Y.; First Union Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago; Kountze Bros., N. Y.; E. H. Rollins & Sons, Boston; Guardian Detroit Co., Detroit; R. A. Daly & Co., Ltd., Toronto; the Bank of Nova Scotia, Toronto; Matthews & Co., Ltd., Toronto; the Dominion Bank, Toronto; Fleming, Denton & Co., Toronto; W. C. Pitfield & Co., Toronto; Wells, Dickey & Co., Minneapolis 99.788
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