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### The Financial Situation.

The resignation of Roy A. Young as Governor of the Federal Reserve Board at Washington deprives the country of the services of a very estimable man, and yet not a person who can be said to have left any distinct impress upon Federal Reserve operations or Federal Reserve policy and affairs. Perhaps too much was expected of him as head of the Board. He succeeded Governor Crissinger, between whom and Mr. Young there was as much difference as there is between night and day. Mr. Crissinger had no qualifications whatever for the position, and ought never to have been appointed. Mr. Young had unusual qualifications, and his nomination was everywhere hailed with satisfaction. President Hoover, in his letter accepting Mr. Young's resignation and commending him for his services, described Mr. Young's qualifications correctly when he said: "You brought to the position of Governor sound banking judgment, based on many years of experience, and a comprehensive knowledge of financial, industrial and agricultural conditions throughout the country and of our national banking system."

Governor Young nevertheless proved a distinct disappointment. The position demanded a man of dominating force. Governor Young did not fill the bill in that respect, though, as already stated, perhaps too much was expected of him. He was not lacking in knowledge of sound banking principles, which the President mentions as one of his important qualifications. Mr. Young by his utterances—and they were many—showed his possession of such knowledge over and over again. He may be said—judging by these utterances, which, however, were not always consistent nor in full accord with other pronouncements, to have had a pretty clear perception of the requirements of the situation—a situation full of perplexities and troubles—but apparently he lacked the dominating characteristics needed to compel acceptance of his views and ideas and to carry his associates with him in any course of action he deemed essential for the purpose. He was too much inclined to acquiesce in what was going on, and very easily satisfied even when he felt impelled to criticize. In other words, he deemed it all-sufficient to criticize when things were plainly going wrong, and to rest contented with that alone.

Under his guidance the Reserve Board issued repeated warnings to the member banks, especially directed against the diversion of bank credit or Reserve credit into speculative channels, but did nothing to enforce these warnings, which, hence, passed unheeded, and, as a matter of fact, the Reserve Board did not itself yield compliance with its warnings, allowing brokers' loans to mount higher and higher, to unheard of figures, meanwhile standing by helpless and impotent. To make matters worse, it could not refrain from constantly indulging in self-praise and in voluble assurances that there was not the slightest occasion for any feeling of uneasiness, though its own criticisms incontrovertibly proved that there was the very strongest ground for uneasiness, even apprehension, and the plain facts of the situation left not the least doubt in that regard.

When Mr. Young came to the Reserve Board the Board had just entered upon its easy money policy, which was destined to start the speculation in the stock market which two years later was to have such disastrous results. The Board then reduced the rediscount rate of all the Reserve Banks to 3½%, arbitrarily compelling one of the Reserve Banks to accept the lower rate against its violent protests. As part of its easy money policy, the Reserve Banks also indulged in the purchase of U. S. Government securities and bankers' acceptances by the hundreds of millions. Mr. Young acquiesced in this easy money policy, or at least showed no opposition to it. The policy was entered upon under the administration of Governor Crissinger, but the real directing force,

the guiding hand, was Governor Strong of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Mr. Strong did not die until a year later. While Governor Strong lived he dominated everything—one might almost say dominated all the main essentials of Reserve policy and affairs among the whole 12 Reserve institutions, even though he was a very sick man nearly the whole time, seeking a restoration of health first in California and then in repeated trips to Europe. Governor Strong was frankly inflationary. Governor Young, when acceding to control of the Reserve Board, received this easy money policy and inflationary tendencies as a sort of legacy. If he had had the same forceful personality as Governor Strong—the same power to impress his will upon others—he might have steered the Reserve System through the perilous waters into a safe harbor. But Governor Young was destitute in that respect.

The easy money policy of 1927 quickly started a gigantic speculation in the stock market which almost immediately got beyond control. The Reserve Board in the early months of 1928 sought to impose a check, using a double means for the purpose, first, by unloading the huge amounts of Government securities and of bankers' acceptances which it had acquired in the last half of 1927, and, secondly, by repeatedly raising the rediscount rates of several Reserve Banks. But both movements came to an end in the summer of 1928 when the Reserve rediscount rate was up to 5%. After that the Reserve Board contented itself with half-hearted warnings, to which no heed was given and which were often rendered innocuous and impotent because of the way in which they were expressed, or the tergiversation of self-satisfaction which accompanied the same, with assurances that no one really need feel deeply disturbed about what was going on and that everything was sure to come out all right in the end.

Thus in September 1928 we find Governor Young in an address delivered before the Indiana Bankers' Association expressing himself as follows: "If unsound credit practices have developed these practices will in time correct themselves, and if some of the over-indulgent get 'burnt' during the period of correction, they will have to shoulder the blame themselves and not attempt to shift it to someone else." Most singular of all, Mr. Young, in making the foregoing observation, introduced it with the remarkable statement that "many people in America seem to be more concerned about the present situation than the Federal Reserve System is," as if the absorption of billions of bank credit in unbridled speculation did not afford occasion for the gravest concern on the part of everyone, and, most of all, on the part of the Federal Reserve authorities themselves. In the end Mr. Young reached the conclusion "that the Reserve Banks are functioning just as the law intended that they should function"—entirely ignoring the fact that the New York Stock Exchange for the close of August reported brokers' loans to an aggregate of over \$5,000,000,000.

Five months later, in February 1929, when issuing another one of its numerous warnings, at a time when the situation was fast approaching a crisis, with the brokers' loans total, according to the Stock Exchange compilation, up to \$6,735,164,242, and when it was again deemed incumbent to caution against "the extraordinary absorption of funds in speculative security loans which has characterized the credit movement during the past year or more,"

adding some further qualifying remarks, which tended to vitiate the injunction against speculative excesses. Instead of admitting its part in bringing about the unfortunate situation which was working such great mischief (Reserve credit at the end of 1928 was in the neighborhood of \$1,900,000,000), proclaiming that "the economic system of the country has functioned efficiently and smoothly," and that "among the factors which have contributed to this result, an important place must be assigned to the operation of our credit system, and notably to the steadying influence and moderating policies of the Federal Reserve System." Obviously there was an element of the farcical in statements speaking of the "steadying influence and moderating policies of the Federal Reserve" when these policies had directly provoked the situation which the Reserve authorities were now trying to correct, and in the presence of which they found themselves helpless.

Some more warning notes were issued, but proved wholly unavailing in checking the growth of stock speculation, brokers' loans keeping steadily expanding and the following Sept. 30 (just before the stock market crash) reaching a grand aggregate of \$8,549,383,979. While this was going on the rediscount rates of the Federal Reserve Banks were not allowed to go above 5%, and requests of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for permission to advance the rate to 6% were refused week after week. It was not until the following August 1929 that authority was at last given to raise the rate to 6% at New York. An attempt was then made to soften the effect by at the same time reducing the buying rate of the Reserve Bank for bankers' acceptances, but it was then too late.

The folly of all this, and the inevitable disaster which it was sure to invite, was characterized in fitting terms and in prophetic language by that eminent banker, Paul M. Warburg, at the beginning of March 1929, in his annual report as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the International Acceptance Bank. "No central banking system," Mr. Warburg observed, "may safely permit its facilities to expand unless it is certain of its determination and ability to bring about contraction when circumstances require." Continuing, Mr. Warburg said: "The Federal Reserve System, pursuing a well conceived and far sighted policy, rose to a position of world leadership. Yet within the short span of a year it lost that leadership owing to its failure promptly and effectively to reverse the engines at the critical moment." Mr. Warburg added:

"The rudder then passed into the hands of Stock Exchange operators, who have now for many months governed the flow of money, not only in the United States, but in the principal marts of the world. History, which has a painful way of repeating itself, has taught mankind that speculative overexpansion invariably ends in overcontraction and distress. If a Stock Exchange debauch is quickly arrested by prompt and determined action, it is not too much to hope that a shrinkage of inflated stock prices may be brought about without seriously affecting the wider circle of general business. If orgies of unrestrained speculation are permitted to spread too far, however, the ultimate collapse is certain not only to affect the speculators themselves, but also to bring about a general depression involving the entire country."

What Mr. Warburg here outlined has since come to pass, and the whole country, nay, the entire

world, is now suffering from the ill effects. Mr. Warburg added the further remark that "people who express the fear that increase in the Federal Reserve Banks' rediscount rates might hurt business overlook the far greater hurt the country will have to suffer if their advice to permit the situation 'to work itself out' were followed."

The Reserve authorities now felicitate themselves on the various warnings they issued, even though these proved futile, while what they ought to have done and could have done was to prevent the disaster which came as a result of the failure to advance rediscount rates and the twin failure to keep Reserve credit within proper limits. That is the test by which the course of the Reserve authorities and Governor Young as the administrator must be judged, and by that test Governor Young fails. As for the reason assigned by Governor Young for retiring, namely, the small pecuniary remuneration which attaches to the position, \$12,000 a year does seem mighty small pay for a position of such commanding importance.

While on this subject of Federal Reserve policy we deem it incumbent upon us to notice some comments which appeared in the financial columns of the New York "Herald Tribune" on Monday of this week, calling in question the accuracy of statements made by us here in recent weeks. It may be remembered that the Reserve Banks have during the last 12 months been pursuing the policy that they pursued back in 1927 by steadily and heavily enlarging their holdings of Government securities, and that we have been opposing these purchases for a variety of reasons, among others that when the Reserve Banks again feel obliged to dispose of these holdings there is the likelihood that one of the ill consequences will be the demoralization of the Government bond market, just as happened in 1928. The financial editor of the "Herald Tribune" undertakes to show that there was no demoralization of the bond market in 1928—that, indeed, the effect of the large sales made by the Reserve Banks upon the Government bond market was virtually nil. Here are his remarks on the subject:

"One of the critics of the present open-market policies of the Reserve is a well-known and conservative financial weekly, whose editor poses this query: 'The Federal Reserve authorities are repeating their performances of 1927-28, when, in like manner, they reduced their rediscount rate to an unwarrantedly low level, and at the same time added enormously to their holdings of United States Government securities. What will happen when the Federal Reserve authorities undertake to unload their excessive holdings of United States Government securities? In 1928, when they did their unloading, with the intention of stopping stock market excesses . . . the effect was to completely demoralize the Government bond market.'

"Let us see what the evidence is on this point. The volume of Government securities held by the Reserve reached its peak of the period referred to in December 1927, the average holding for that month being \$606,000,000. The bulk of the 'unloading' of these securities came between December and May, when the volume declined \$349,000,000, or to \$257,000,000. Now, if this liquidation 'broke the market' for Government obligations, it should be revealed in the yield on these bonds. As a matter of fact, the Federal Reserve 'Bulletin' for August

1928 shows that the average yield on Treasury bonds during May was 3.35%, as compared with 3.34% in December 1927, and absolutely identical with the January 1928 level. In other words, there is no evidence whatsoever to support the contention that the Federal Reserve's open-market operations adversely affected the bond market at all. It is true that Government bonds, and, for that matter, all investment bonds, suffered severely during the latter half of 1928; but during this period the Reserve's portfolio of Governments was virtually unchanged."

The foregoing looks like a sockdolager. The writer referred to reaches the conclusion that "there is no evidence whatsoever to support the contention that the Federal Reserve's open market operations adversely affected the bond market at all," and in confirmation of his statement points out that according to the Federal Reserve "Bulletin" for August 1928 the average yield of Treasury bonds during May 1928 was 3.35% as compared with 3.34% in December 1927 and absolutely identical with January. The Federal Reserve authorities are very fond of averages, since they hide the extremes, and thereby serve to minimize the fluctuations, but such averages often give a very erroneous idea of what is going on and of the course of the changes. We do not know how the averages in this instance have been computed, nor what significance attaches to them, but we do know that they are entirely misleading and positively erroneous as an indication of the course of Government bond values during the period under discussion. We indicated the exact fluctuations in the case of each issue of Government obligations at the time the Reserve Banks were disposing of their holdings, and have repeated the figures many times since. The comparisons show not only that all the different issues of Government obligations sharply declined during the period in question, but that the declines reached the proportions of an absolute collapse. As the best way to indicate this, we quote the following from an article discussing the Treasury's June financing in 1928, which appeared in the monthly review of the "Bank and Quotation Record" for July 12 1928:

"In the spring of 1927, that is on May 11, the 12 Reserve Banks showed holdings of United States Government securities of only \$253,896,000. And from this the increase to \$627,403,000 on Jan. 4 1928 occurred. At one time toward the close of 1927 an even larger holding of United States Government securities was shown, the amount for Nov. 16 1927 having been reported at no less than \$704,794,000, but that was due to the purchase of \$164,500,000 of temporary certificates of indebtedness from the United States Government in carrying through its financing for the redemption of the remainder of the Second Liberty Loan; \$84,000,000 of these temporary certificates were taken up by the Government the very next week, and the rest the following week. From \$627,403,000 on Jan. 4 1928 these holdings of Government obligations were reduced to \$210,032,000 on June 6 1928, as already shown, and the result of this disposal of \$417,000,000 of Government obligations in the market was what might have been expected. Prices of all the different issues moved to much lower levels. As illustrations, the Fourth Liberty Loan 4½s, which on Jan. 7 had sold at 104, commanded only 101 27/32 on June 8; the Treasury 3¾s of 1946-56, which had touched 108 10/32 Jan. 7, closed June 8 at 105 12/32; the Treasury 3¾s of 1943-47, which sold Jan. 7 at 103 10/32, closed on June 8 at 101 11/32; and the Treasury 4s of 1944-54,

which commanded 111 12/32 Jan. 7, closed June 8 at 108 8/32."

The figures in the foregoing can be verified by reference to the official sheets of the New York Stock Exchange, and they show that the decline on the different issues ran from 2 to 3 full points, a very sensational decline, bearing in mind that fluctuations in United States Government obligations are usually limited to very small fractions of a point. But these big declines do not tell the full story of the part played by Federal Reserve sales in demoralizing the Government bond market. The low points were all reached early in the month of June 1928. Later in that month there was a sharp upward reaction as a result of the discontinuance of sales by the Federal Reserve Banks. The Reserve holdings, as noted in the extract quoted, had been reduced from \$627,403,000 on Jan. 4 1928 to \$210,032,000 on June 6 1928. The June 6 holdings marked the low point in these holdings. After that the holdings again increased, being reported at \$223,296,000 June 13 1928 and \$222,868,000 June 20. With the cessation of sales by the Federal Reserve Banks market prices of United States obligations immediately rebounded upward. Thus the Treasury 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ s, 1946-1956, which on June 8 sold at 105 12/32 and June 5 had touched 105 10/32, closed June 30 at 106 10/32; the Treasury 3 $\frac{3}{8}$ s, which on June 8 were quoted at 101 11/32, closed June 30 at 101 27/32, and the Treasury 4s of 1944-54, which closed June 8 at 108 8/32 and June 5 had sold as low as 108 4/32, closed June 30 at 109 4/32.

In the demoralization certain issues of United States obligations sold well below par, and it deserves to be mentioned that one effect was that the British Government, being able to obtain these obligations (United States 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Treasury notes, series A, 1930-32) at a discount, took advantage of the fact in making its semi-annual payment in June 1928 of \$67,200,000 to the United States on account of the principal and interest of its indebtedness to the United States, it having the option under the debt agreement of making payment either in cash or United States securities. It succeeded in acquiring \$66,617,100 of these notes, and, as they carried \$532,899.63 of accrued interest, was able to meet the whole \$67,200,000 by turning in these notes, the only cash adjustment necessary being a payment of 37c.

The Federal Reserve statements this week show no changes of any great importance. Brokers' loans again register a small decrease, the grand total of these loans the present week standing at \$3,102,000,000 as against \$3,128,000,000 last week, showing a falling off of \$26,000,000, which follows a decrease of \$27,000,000 last week, a decrease of \$59,000,000 the previous week, and of \$14,000,000 the week before. Loans for own account moved up during the past week from \$1,607,000,000 to \$1,665,000,000, while loans for account of out-of-town banks fell from \$714,000,000 to \$655,000,000, and loans "for account of others" from \$807,000,000 to \$782,000,000.

The Federal Reserve Banks in their own statements also show comparatively slight changes. Holdings of United States Government securities are substantially the same as a week ago, being reported at \$601,913,000 Aug. 27 and \$601,940,000 Aug. 20. Member bank borrowing as represented by the holdings of discounted bills is somewhat lower at \$193,275,000 against \$196,179,000, but the total

of acceptances bought in the open market is larger at \$163,274,000 as against \$158,922,000. The result altogether is that total bill and security holdings, representing Federal Reserve credit outstanding, are somewhat larger at \$967,034,000 as against \$964,963,000. Federal Reserve notes in circulation have increased during the week from \$1,323,708,000 to \$1,337,248,000, and gold reserves from \$2,939,419,000 to \$2,965,932,000.

The stock market this week has moved higher and shown a decidedly improved tone. This has been in the face of a number of unfavorable circumstances and developments. A good many returns of railroad earnings have come to hand this week for the month of July, and they have been a depressing feature in being of the same unfavorable character as the returns for the preceding months of the year. The grain markets have shown renewed depression. The cotton market, after having been higher the early part of the week on news that the Farm Loan Board was ready to loan up to 90% of the market, has, the latter part of the week, also shown a downward reaction again. News regarding the copper trade has likewise been adverse, and the Calumet & Arizona has suspended dividend payments on its shares. The one strong feature has been the slightly greater activity of the steel mills, the "Iron Age" showing mills engaged to 54% of capacity against 53% last week and 52% the week before, indicating at least some improvement, even though slight. Some other figures given out earlier in the week made the increase in working operations somewhat larger. These other figures made their appearance on Tuesday afternoon and had the effect of leading to quite a buying movement, probably largely as a result of the covering of outstanding short contracts. The market displayed a rising tendency on Saturday and Monday, but with a slight downward reaction on Tuesday towards the close of the day. On Wednesday the tone remained good, but with the course of prices somewhat irregular until the news referred to concerning the somewhat greater activity of the steel trade gave an upward rebound to the entire list. On Thursday the market was more or less apathetic in view of the approaching holidays, Monday being Labor Day, and the Stock Exchange having voted to close also on Saturday, giving an interval of three days during which trading will be suspended. On Friday, however, in face of the coming suspension, the market became positively buoyant. Call loans on the Stock Exchange ruled unchanged at 2% all week, even on Friday, when preparations had to be made for the 1st of September payments.

The volume of trading has increased somewhat as the week advanced. At the half-day session last Saturday the dealings on the New York Stock Exchange were 690,170 shares; on Monday they were 1,600,230 shares; on Tuesday, 1,746,950 shares; on Wednesday, 2,200,190 shares; on Thursday, 1,437,210 shares, and on Friday, 1,858,820 shares. On the New York Curb Exchange the dealings last Saturday were 122,300 shares; on Monday, 308,500 shares; on Tuesday, 327,800 shares; on Wednesday, 399,300 shares; on Thursday, 325,300 shares, and on Friday, 443,100 shares. Notwithstanding the general advance, no less than 70 stocks have recorded new low figures for the year during the week, but there have also been a few new highs for the year. Both are shown in the following:

STOCKS MAKING NEW HIGHS.

*Railroads*—  
Chesapeake & Ohio new  
Union Pacific pref.  
*Industrial and Miscellaneous*—  
Abraham & Strauss pref.  
American Can pref.  
American Machine & Foundry new  
American Tobacco Co. pref.  
Corn Products Refining pref.  
Diamond Match  
Florsheim Shoe pref.  
General Electric special  
General Motors \$5 pref.

Hackensack Water pref. A  
Interstate Dept. Stores pref. ex-warr.  
Loew's Inc. pref. ex-warr.  
National Lead pref. A  
New York Steam pref. (6)  
New York Steam pref. (7)  
Philadelphia Co. 6% pref.  
Spalding Bros. 1st pref.  
Standard Gas & Elec. \$6 prior pref.  
Tri-Continental Corp. pref.  
Virginia Elec. & Power pref. (6)  
Virginia Iron, Coal & Coke pref.  
Warren Bros. conv. pref.

STOCKS MAKING NEW LOWS.

*Railroads*—  
Atlantic Coast Line  
Gulf Mobile & Northern  
New York State Railways  
*Industrial and Miscellaneous*—  
Abitibi Power & Paper  
American Hawaiian SS. Co.  
American Hide & Leather  
Austin, Nichols & Co.  
Bohn Aluminum & Brass  
Butte & Superior Mining  
Callahan Zinc & Lead  
Calumet & Arizona Mining  
Celanese Corp. of America  
Cuban-American Sugar  
Gardner Motor  
Goodyear Tire & Rubber  
Hartman Corp. class B  
Hoe (R.) & Co.  
Houdaille-Hershey class B  
Indian Motorcycle  
International Telep. & Telegraph

*Indus. & Miscell. (Concluded)*—  
Jordan Motor Car  
Kayser (J.) Co.  
Kenesott Copper  
Mandel Bros.  
Marine Midland Corp.  
Miami Copper  
National Steel Corp.  
Oliver Farm Equipment  
Packard Motor Car  
Petroleum Corp. of America  
Phillips-Jones Corp.  
Prairie Oil & Gas  
Reis (Robert) & Co.  
Rio Grande Oil  
Royal Dutch Co. (N. Y. shares)  
Shell Union Oil  
Skelly Oil  
Truax-Traer Coal  
Vadco Sales  
Willys-Overland (The)  
Western Dairy Products class A

As compared with Friday of last week, gains are the rule (some of them large-size), though with the usual exceptions to the rule. Fox Film A closed yesterday at 49<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> against 43<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> on Friday of last week; General Electric at 73<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> against 70<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>; Warner Bros. Pictures at 29<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> against 25<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; Elec. Power & Light at 72<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> against 67<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; United Corp. at 33<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> against 31<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Brooklyn Union Gas at 130<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> against 122 bid; American Water Works at 91<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> against 89<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>; North American at 105<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> against 99<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; Pacific Gas & Elec. at 57<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> against 54<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>; Standard Gas & Elec. at 107<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> against 101<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Consolidated Gas of N. Y. at 108<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> against 105<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>; Columbia Gas & Elec. at 61<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> against 60; International Harvester at 81<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> against 78<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>; J. I. Case Threshing Machine at 193<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> against 187<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; Sears, Roebuck at 73<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> against 61<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Montgomery Ward & Co. at 36 against 32<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Woolworth at 64 against 60<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>; Safeway Stores at 69 against 62; Western Union Telegraph at 171 against 170; American Tel. & Tel. at 215<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> against 211<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>; Int. Tel. & Tel. at 41<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> against 44<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; American Can at 132<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> against 127<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; United States Industrial Alcohol at 71 against 63<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>; Commercial Solvents at 26<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> against 25<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>; Corn Products at 94<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> against 91; Shattuck & Co. at 37<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> against 36, and Columbia Graphophone at 17 against 13<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.

Allied Chemical & Dye closed yesterday at 271<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> against 262<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> on Friday of last week; Davison Chemical at 27<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> against 27; E. I. du Pont de Nemours at 118 against 113<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>; National Cash Register at 45<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> against 45<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>; International Nickel at 24 against 22<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; A. M. Byers & Co. at 74<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> against 70; Simmons & Co. at 26<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> against 25; Timken Roller Bearing at 68 against 67<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; Mack Trucks at 58<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> against 56; Yellow Truck & Coach at 21<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> against 23; Johns-Manville at 96 against 93; Gillette Safety Razor at 68 against 68<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>; National Dairy Products at 55<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> against 53<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>; National Bellas Hess at 93<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> against 81<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; Associated Dry Goods at 34<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> against 32<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>; Texas Gulf Sulphur at 58<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> ex-div. against 57<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>, and Kolster Radio at 27<sup>8</sup>/<sub>8</sub> against 23<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.

The steel shares have shown special strength. United States Steel closed yesterday at 171<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> ex-div. against 167<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> on Friday of last week; Bethlehem Steel at 83<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> against 80<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, and Republic Iron & Steel at 34<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> against 33<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>. The motor stocks have lagged

somewhat behind. General Motors closed yesterday at 45 against 45 on Friday of last week; Nash Motors at 33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> against 33; Chrysler at 28<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> against 28<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Auburn Auto at 111 against 108<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; Packard Motors at 12<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> against 13<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>; Hudson Motor Car at 30<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> against 31, and Hupp Motors at 13<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> against 13<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>. The rubber stocks have been inclined to weakness. Goodyear Rubber & Tire closed yesterday at 54<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> against 59 on Friday of last week; B. F. Goodrich at 22<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> against 22<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>; United States Rubber at 20 against 20<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>, and the preferred at 39 against 38<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> bid.

The railroad stocks have shown growing firmness, notwithstanding the poor returns of earnings that have come to hand for the month of July. Pennsylvania RR. closed yesterday at 73<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> against 71<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> on Friday of last week; Erie RR. at 40<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> against 37<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; New York Central at 163<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> against 158<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; Baltimore & Ohio at 101<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> against 97<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>; New Haven at 107<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> against 103<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; Union Pacific at 218<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> against 211; Southern Pacific at 115<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> against 116; Missouri-Kansas-Texas at 42<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> against 39; St. Louis-San Francisco at 92<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> against 88<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>; Southern Railway at 85<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> against 75<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Rock Island at 99 against 95, and Northern Pacific at 74<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> against 69, and Great Northern at 78 against 77 bid.

The oil shares have also been under pressure at times. Standard Oil of N. J. closed yesterday at 70<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> against 69<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> on Friday of last week; Standard Oil of Calif. at 60<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> against 61<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Simms Petroleum at 18<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> ex-div. against 20<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>; Skelly Oil at 27<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> against 28<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>; Atlantic Refining at 34<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> against 35<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>; Texas Corp. at 51<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> against 51<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>; Pan American B at 54<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> against 57<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Richfield Oil at 14<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> against 15<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; Phillips Petroleum at 34 against 31<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>; Standard Oil of N. Y. at 31<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> against 31, and Pure Oil at 19<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> against 20<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>.

The copper stocks have been distinctly weak, and some further dividend reductions furnish the reason. Anaconda Copper closed yesterday at 45<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> against 45 on Friday of last week; Kennecott Copper at 33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> against 34; Calumet & Hecla at 13<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> against 13<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>; Calumet & Arizona at 49 against 54; Granby Consolidated Copper at 22<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> against 22 bid; American Smelting & Refining at 69<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> against 66<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and U. S. Smelting & Refining at 20 bid against 20<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>.

The monthly report of the Midland Bank, Ltd. (London), contains some extended and interesting observations on the Young plan and the future of the Bank for International Settlements. Promising that it is "impossible to foresee either the course of world prices or the development of Germany's economic life over a period of nearly sixty years," the report finds "at least one ground for assurance" in the conclusion that "if the purchasing power of gold were to double within, let us say, 30 years, the debtors on both reparation and allied-debt accounts would be reduced to such a condition that a wholesale remission of all these related settlements would be rendered inevitable and urgent for the salvation of Europe's economic structure." The Young plan, it is pointed out, "does not in any outstanding manner contribute to an improvement in Germany's balance of payments, and therefore relies for its success, in the same measure as the Dawes plan, on the prospects for a favorable natural development of Germany's trading position or a continuance of the willingness of world investors to place fresh money year by year at Germany's disposal."

The Bank for International Settlements, the report suggests, "will provide regular occasions for intercourse and free discussion between the world's leading bankers," and in this way "may make a solid contribution to the advancement of central bank co-operation." It "may act as a clearing house for central banks by virtue of its powers of holding gold specifically earmarked to their individual credit," it may participate actively "in monetary affairs in different markets with a view to facilitating equilibrium by the international movement of funds," and it may possibly work in the direction of the stabilization of gold. The future of the Bank is seen as largely conditioned by the attitude of the central banks.

Share prices on the important European stock exchanges were slightly improved this week, notwithstanding some irregularity in the early sessions. Perhaps even more significant than the price improvement was a distinct turn for the better in business sentiment, due partly to the approach of cooler weather and partly to more cheerful reports from some industrial centers. Great Britain was especially cheered by the first notable increase in employment reported in the official statistics in many weeks. An announcement issued Tuesday gave the total of unemployed as 2,017,057, compared with 2,050,737 in the previous report. The gains occurred chiefly in London and the rural south and southeastern counties. German unemployment figures continue to mount, the most recent statistics showing 2,845,000 persons out of work in the Reich in mid-August, an increase of 80,000 since the end of July. This unfavorable showing was attributed, however, entirely to the poor domestic market, German business men taking keen satisfaction in foreign trade figures which indicate that exports from the Reich have been well maintained so far this year. French trade and industry, which have heretofore held up very well, have begun to show some signs of slackening, according to the reports, but satisfaction is taken in a rather favorable tourist season. Money rates remain extraordinarily easy in London and Paris, and even in Berlin it is said first-class borrowers are getting funds at  $1\frac{1}{2}\%$  for call money.

Business on the London Stock Exchange was small in the opening session of the week, and prices moved irregularly. International issues were strong, owing to favorable week-end advices from New York, but British industrial stocks were easy. British funds showed the results of some liquidation in loans with early maturities, investors preferring to put their money into longer dated issues. Tuesday's market at London was again somewhat uncertain, with business on a very moderate basis. British funds were strong on a renewal of the suggestions that a lower discount rate might be named soon by the Bank of England. The Anglo-American section showed recessions as overnight reports from New York were less hopeful. In Wednesday's dealings, however, a much better tone was apparent. More activity was reported than in many months past and prices improved generally. Gains were substantial in the industrial sections, which have been almost continually depressed of late, while all international issues were marked up. The gilt-edged list was fairly active and slightly improved. Further strength developed at London Thursday, with bear covering in evidence. Dealers reported a fair amount of business,

particularly in the international issues. British funds were firm on some brisk buying occasioned by a movement of exchanges in favor of London. Gains were again reported throughout the list in yesterday's trading at London.

Stocks were heavy on the Paris Bourse in the initial session of the current week, with business again discouragingly dull. Gains were registered by a few issues, notably St. Gobain, but most stocks dropped steadily under the small offerings, as buyers appeared entirely indifferent. Unsettlement in oil shares upset the Paris market Tuesday, and a small selling wave developed which carried almost all leading stocks further downward. The weakness was pronounced at times, as the selling orders gained in volume when short sellers stepped in. Citroen shares were among the largest sufferers, the issue dropping to 650 francs, while Bank of France shares lost 325 francs. An upturn followed Wednesday and most issues staged a good recovery, notwithstanding small trading. Oil stocks joined in the upswing and registered their first improvement in many days on the Paris Bourse. Prices rallied further Thursday and business also showed marked improvement, one report remarking that the session might almost be termed brilliant in comparison with the weak trend and dull market of previous days. The upward tendency was maintained from the opening to the close, and the outstanding stocks finished with good gains. Citroen climbed to 683, while Bank of France shares were up 900 to 22,250. Some irregularity developed in yesterday's dealings at Paris, with bank stocks in supply.

Trading at Berlin was almost at a standstill Monday, and the confident tone shown by the Boerse at the opening was superseded by a weak trend. Selling orders appeared in volume from Amsterdam, it was said, and this easily upset the market in view of the small volume of business. Although little business was transacted Tuesday on the Boerse, leading stocks again showed losses. Traders were depressed by reports of bankruptcy of an Amsterdam brokerage house, and by the omission of its dividend by an important German insurance company. A much improved trend developed Wednesday, however, largely on the basis of better reports from New York. The Boerse was firm all along the line and leading issues gained as much as 7 and 8 points. Reichsbank shares were prominent in the rise, while the mining group also was favored. An uncertain session followed Thursday, adverse rumors causing general weakness at the opening. This was succeeded by a smart recovery which wiped out the early losses, but at the close weakness again appeared. Net changes were not important, with the exception of one or two issues. The uncertain movements were continued in yesterday's session.

A quick and almost bloodless revolution in Peru terminated the eleven-year rule of President Augusto P. Leguia in that country Monday after only two days of uncertainty. The revolt took its origin in student demonstrations against the dictatorship established in Peruvian affairs by Senor Leguia. Mild disorders in student circles in Lima, Arequipa and Cuzco have been reported from time to time since early in July, but detailed information on the movement was lacking owing to a strict censorship established by the Lima Government. Reports reaching La Paz, Bolivia, two weeks ago said the Uni-

versity of San Marcos in Lima had been closed by President Leguia owing to the revolutionary influence of the students. The movement against the Leguia regime was suddenly taken up actively by military forces in the Department of Arequipa, in southern Peru, with the first reports of this occurrence reaching the outside world last Saturday. In a Lima dispatch to the Associated Press it was indicated that the revolt had spread to the Departments of Puno and Cuzco, and that the military forces were rallying around the rebel leader, Lieut. Col. Sanchez Cerro. Conflicting reports threw doubt on the developments of last Sunday. Lima remained calm, and President Leguia, apparently little disturbed by the events, went to a near-by race course and watched the races. Official announcement was made, on the other hand, of the resignation of the Cabinet, which is appointed by the President and holds office at his pleasure. The revolt reached the capital late on the same day, a military junta taking command of the situation and frustrating several efforts by the President to form a new Cabinet. A suggestion that he resign was promptly accepted by Senor Leguia and early Monday morning he wrote out a resignation which said: "I hereby close another chapter in Peru's history."

Senor Leguia promptly left the capital and embarked at Callao on the Peruvian warship *Almirante Grau*, which proceeded to sea in order to transfer the former President to the British ship *Orduna*. After steaming out a short distance, wireless orders were received from the military junta in Lima instructing the commander of the vessel to return to Callao and threatening the officers with court martial if they disobeyed. The cruiser returned and it was said in Lima that the former President will be brought to trial for his "misdeeds" in the eleven years he ruled Peru as a dictator. Fears were expressed at one time this week that Senor Leguia had been executed, but it appeared that he was only ill. The rule of President Leguia, which was thus terminated, was begun in 1919, when he took over political control by a coup d'etat and established a strong government. He was reinaugurated in 1924 and again in 1929, to hold office until 1935.

Violence broke out in Lima shortly after the resignation and flight of the President became known, but the disorderly elements were soon brought under control. Several members of a mob which ransacked the home of the former President were killed, and a further incident developed among political prisoners at the central prison. Some uncertainty followed regarding the formation of a new Government, with the military junta in Lima, led by General Manuel Ponce, at loggerheads with the Southern group led by Lieut. Col. Sanchez Cerro. The junta in Lima named a regime Monday, appointing General Ponce President of the Council, and giving the post of War Minister to Lieut. Col. Cerro. Congress was dissolved by the junta and the entire functions of government were assumed by the military clique. The diplomatic corps called en masse upon General Ponce and asked for guarantees of the right of asylum. They received the promise of the military leader that international laws and courtesies would be observed. Commercial transactions, banking and the ordinary life of the community were continued, with the central thoroughfares of the capital thronged. After some negotiations between the two

military factions in the North and South, Lieut. Col. Sanchez Cerro flew north Wednesday and was acclaimed in Lima as the strong man of the country. The military leaders in Lima resigned their self-appointed government posts and turned the command over to Senor Cerro, who promptly organized a new Government, which included three members of the Lima junta. One additional fatality was reported Wednesday, Colonel Ricardo Luna who held the office of Governor of Tacna Province, being assassinated by a mob. Since the new regime was established, however, complete peace and normal activity have reigned in the South American country.

Developments in Peru were followed with the closest attention in Washington, where it was pointed out that Senor Leguia was one of the warmest friends of the United States in South America. His welcome was the most friendly extended to President Hoover on the pre-inaugural tour of the Latin-American countries made by the Executive. No great apprehensions were felt in official circles regarding the safety of American investments in Peru, as it was assumed that all existing obligations would be recognized by the new regime. American interests in the country were estimated at more than \$200,000,000. One incident that caused some apprehension was the arrest by the Cerro forces in Arequipa of Captain Harold Grow, a former officer of the United States Navy, but latterly chief of the Peruvian flying forces. The State Department instructed Ferdinand L. Mayer, American Charge d'Affaires at Lima, to make all necessary representations for the release of Captain Grow. The question of recognition of the new regime has not yet been considered in Washington, it was said. The Cabinet formed by Lieut. Col. Sanchez Cerro follows:

- Secretary of War, Major Alejandro Barco.
- Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Colonel Ernesto Montague.
- Secretary of Government and Police, Major Gustavo Jiminez.
- Secretary of Finance and Commerce, Colonel Ricardo Llona.
- Secretary of Public Education and Religion, Lieut. Col. Armando Sologuren.
- Secretary of Public Works and Industry, Colonel Eulogio Castillo.
- Secretary of Marine and Aviation, Commander Carlos Rotalde.

Disquieting rumors of political upheavals and conspiracies gained currency in Argentina this week, apparently on a sufficiently sound basis to cause the Government to take unusual precautions. Buenos Aires was armed Thursday night against a possible revolutionary outbreak, an Associated Press dispatch said, as a warning of an impending rebellion was understood to have been conveyed to President Hipolito Irigoyen by Dr. Juan de la Campa, Minister of Justice. The impression was gained, however, that an attack against the President was feared rather than an outbreak against the State. Soldiers were posted late Thursday on the roofs of houses near that of the Executive, while two companies of gendarmes armed with machine guns guarded the approaches to his home. Members of the Cabinet and political supporters remained with the President all night. Although no official statement was made, it was allowed to be understood that information of an intended attack on the President had been received. "The nature of the precautions indicate a more serious threat," a dispatch to the New York "Times" said. Among the steps taken was a surprise visit of high army officers to barracks of the Third Infantry early Friday morning. Conditions in Argentina, Buenos Aires reports explain, are similar to those in other countries afflicted by the wide-

spread depression, and President Irigoyen is being bitterly criticised for the economic crisis. Disappointed job-hunters have left his party by the hundreds of thousands, it is said, and many are stirring active opposition to him.

A formal statement on the plans of the Mexican Government for dealing with the national indebtedness was issued in Mexico City Monday by Finance Minister Luis Montes de Oca, who recently negotiated a settlement of Mexico's external debt with a group of bankers at New York. Earlier reports that \$5,000,000 will be deposited with the bankers pending ratification of the agreement by the Mexican Congress and its approval by the bondholders were confirmed by the announcement. It was also reiterated that the Mexican Government could not consider the external obligations without taking into consideration the internal debt as well. It appears, therefore, according to an Associated Press report, that Mexico's national indebtedness, including her agrarian debt and the claims of foreigners for revolutionary damages, will be settled in one integral plan based upon Mexico's capacity to pay. The agreement covering the external and the railway debts is to be submitted to the Congress at the session beginning Sept. 1. A further interesting development in Mexican finance was the publication late last week of the budgetary estimates that will be submitted to the new Congress for approval. Expenditures in 1931 will amount to 280,000,000 pesos (\$140,000,000) under these estimates, a Mexico City dispatch to the New York "Times" said. The new estimates were generally regarded as satisfactory, the dispatch added, as they do not differ materially from those of the current year.

A move that emphasizes the growing interchanges between the United States Government and the League of Nations was made in Washington last Saturday, when Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson appointed Prentiss B. Gilbert of Rochester, N. Y., as American Consul at Geneva. This step follows the acquisition of new and larger headquarters for the American Consul in the downtown section of Geneva, near the League of Nations headquarters. It was expressly remarked by a State Department official, according to a dispatch to the New York "Times," that the assignment of Mr. Gilbert should not be interpreted as a step toward bringing about any closer connection between the United States and the League, or as an important change in the policy which the Washington Government has maintained in its relationship with that organization. The appointment was viewed, however, as the consummation of a policy determined upon some time ago by Secretary Stimson, for representation at the seat of the League by an experienced diplomat whose previous work had fully equipped him as a competent observer of the League's activities. "That the State Department has been anxious to be represented at Geneva by a diplomat of prominence and long experience was admitted and Mr. Gilbert was selected with that in mind," the dispatch said. "It is considered obvious, also, that this Government could not be otherwise than greatly interested in the increasing activities of the League." Mr. Gilbert has held important posts in the State Department, his recent activities embracing those of assistant chief of the European Division

of the Department. He received the rank of Consul, it is said, because Geneva, not being the capital of Switzerland, rates only an officer of consular rank so far as the United States is concerned. The appointment was considered especially interesting in view of the stir caused in Europe by the plan of the French Foreign Minister, Aristide Briand, for a federation of European States. It was also recalled that the United States last year participated in the work of 22 international commissions and tribunals and was represented in 48 international conferences and congresses, many of which were under League of Nations' auspices.

Special plans for the discussion of Foreign Minister Briand's project for a union of European States have been made in connection with the customary September gathering of national representatives in Geneva for the sessions of the League of Nations Council and Assembly. Although the meetings will run concurrently, separate sessions are to be held for consideration of the Federation scheme, the Council sessions and the Assembly meeting, and the discussions will thus fall into three distinct phases. The Council was originally scheduled to meet Sept. 5, but the shortness of the agenda caused a postponement until Sept. 8. Invitations for concurrent conversations on his proposal for a European Federation were sent by M. Briand late last week to the 26 countries which answered his memorandum of last May, and a sufficient number of affirmative replies has already been received at the Quai d'Orsay to insure adequate representation for this purpose. It appears, therefore, that Council meetings will be held on the mornings of Sept. 8 and 9, while those of the European Federation conference will be held in the afternoons of those days. Whether the discussion of European Union can be completed in two afternoons is as yet uncertain. According to the plans so far divulged, M. Briand will read on the first afternoon his report on the replies received to his memorandum of May 17, while subsequent sessions will be devoted to consideration of the report and a decision as to the next step. The comprehensive annual gathering of the League Assembly will begin its deliberations Sept. 10, and considerable discussion of the European Federation may also develop at these meetings.

Formulation of his report by M. Briand occasioned much discussion in France over the last week-end as Cabinet meetings were held in order to consider the official attitude of the French Government toward a union of European States. Details of the report were closely guarded and press correspondents in Paris were unable to do more than suggest that it will emphasize the wide approval given in principle to the idea. The document was approved by the Cabinet, reports said, but it is understood a resolution was adopted advising M. Briand to restrict his work at Geneva to a modest and objective report of previous consultations. In France as elsewhere party leaders are said to hold widely divergent viewpoints regarding the plan and its possible consequences. Uncertainties regarding the British attitude toward separate discussions of M. Briand's plan were dispelled early this week by the announcement that the invitation for such conversations had been accepted by the London Government. In the reply made by Great Britain last month it was broadly



hinted that further discussions should be confined to the League Assembly. Little significance is attached, however, to the acquiescence of the British Government in the separate consideration of the project. The comment was made in a previous London dispatch to the New York "Times" that England's delegates will go to Geneva for the Briand plan conversations "very much in the mood of polite but not deeply stirred mourners at the funeral of a dear friend's favorite aunt." In addition to the definitely cool attitude of Britain, M. Briand will have to cope with the not entirely friendly Italian views and with the perplexing difficulties foreseen in the German, Dutch and other replies to his memorandum.

Sessions of the League Council have seldom proved important in the past when held in conjunction with the Assembly meeting, as the latter gathering overshadows the smaller Council sessions. The Council meeting now in prospect has accordingly received little attention in recent European dispatches. Some 25 subjects are expected to come up at the Assembly meeting, but the order of business will not be fixed definitely until after the Assembly chooses a new President. Previous proposals to harmonize the League Covenant with the Kellogg-Briand treaty will again come up, it is said, while a further important item of discussion will be an Italian suggestion as to internal reorganization of the Secretariat of the League. A factor that has already caused some comment is the hampering influence on the German delegates of the present situation in the Reich and the forthcoming Parliamentary elections. In connection with recent nationalistic utterances of Dr. Gottfried Treviranus, Minister for Occupied Territories in the Reich, reassuring statements were made by the Foreign Office in Berlin last Sunday. No attempt will be made by the German Government to project discussion of the Polish corridor and the Eastern frontier into the sessions of the Council or Assembly, officials said.

Publication in Europe Monday of a report of the League of Nations Mandates Commission in which the British mandatory regime in Palestine is sharply criticized aroused much interest in official circles. The official report carries an appended memorandum of the British Foreign Office, in which Foreign Secretary Arthur Henderson makes an equally sharp retort. In summing up its investigation of the grave disorders of August 1929, between Jews and Arabs in Palestine, the League Commission complains that the trouble should have been foreseen. The mandatory power is held largely responsible for the fatal riots owing to the inadequacy of the military and police forces and the lack of preventive steps. It is further maintained that Arab interests were not fully safeguarded in the face of Jewish colonization, and that the Arab outbreak was incited primarily by Arab disappointment over non-realization of their political aspirations. The Palestine Government, according to the Mandates Commission, has shown itself unable to provide security for persons and property, the essential condition for the development of the Jewish national home. Mr. Henderson remarks tartly in his rejoinder that the Mandates Commission itself did not foresee the disorders of last August, although fully informed through annual reports of conditions in Palestine. Resentment against

Britain had no part in the manifestations, he continued, as there was no attack upon any representative of British authority. The Shaw Commission, Mr. Henderson points out, has held that the attacks were not premeditated, and this leads to the stated conclusion that they could not have been foreseen. With reference to previous recommendations of the Mandates Commission, it is remarked that the Palestine Government has not unlimited funds for agricultural and other developments.

One of the periodic Cabinet overturns common in Poland occurred in that country over the last weekend, with the result that the military Dictator, Marshal Joseph Pilsudski, again assumed the formal trappings of office as Premier. Announcement of the resignation of Premier Walery Slawek and his Cabinet was made unexpectedly last Saturday, Colonel Slawek stating that he felt worn out by the strain occasioned through the combination of the offices of Premier and leader of the Pilsudski party in the Warsaw Parliament. Marshal Pilsudski promptly announced his readiness to assume the Premiership, and he declared that he reserved for himself the decisions in important matters, leaving for the Cabinet meetings only general business. The new Cabinet, which was announced Monday, consists largely of members of the famous "Colonels group" with which Marshal Pilsudski has surrounded himself, and since the former Cabinet was of the same order, no change of any significance is seen in the present development. Marshal Pilsudski, who has long been at odds with the Sejm, or lower house of the Polish Parliament, signalized his accession to formal office by issuing further violent attacks against democratic institutions generally and the Sejm in particular. "He scores the Deputies," a dispatch to the New York "Times" said, "in terms which one must abstain from translating." The people of Poland seemed to view the return of the Marshal to the helm of the State favorably and hopefully, the dispatch said. Members of the new Cabinet formed Monday are:

- Premier and Minister of War, Marshal Joseph Pilsudski.
- Vice-Premier and Minister without portfolio, Colonel Joseph Beck.
- Foreign Affairs, August Zaleski.
- Interior, General Felician Skladkowski.
- Justice, Dr. Stanislaw Car.
- Education and Public Worship, Slawomir Czerwinski.
- Labor, Colonel Alexander Prystor.
- Commerce, Eugene Kwiatkowski.
- Agriculture, Leon Janta-Polczynski.
- Agricultural Reform, Witold Staniewicz.
- Finance, Colonel Ignacy Matuszewski.
- Posts, Colonel Ignaz Boerner.
- Public Works, Max Matakiewicz.

Skirmishes between British forces and insurgent tribesmen on the Northwest frontier of India were reported on several occasions this week, but quiet prevailed otherwise in India, notwithstanding further extensions of the non-co-operation campaign aimed at British rule. A British Army captain and 41 other British and native fighting men were killed in an encounter in the Northwest Frontier Province Monday. In contrast with this development official announcement was made at Simla on the same day that an important tribal clan had surrendered after their villages had been subjected to heavy air bombing by British airplanes. That the Indian boycott campaign has entered a new phase was indicated in a London report to the New York "Herald Tribune." Officials of certain Indian municipalities, notably Ahmedabad in the Bombay Presidency, have

reached the decision, it was said, to withdraw their official deposits from British-owned institutions and place them in Indian-controlled banks. Further extensive arrests of Gandhist leaders were made by the British authorities Wednesday, almost the entire membership of the All-India Congress meeting in New Delhi being taken into custody. They were sentenced Thursday to six months' simple imprisonment. A new working committee, composed of six Moslems and six Hindus, was promptly formed. No disclosures have been made in the meantime regarding the negotiations between Viceroy Lord Irwin and Mahatma Gandhi for cessation of the civil disobedience campaign. Indian moderates, who mediated in these negotiations, carried a letter from Mr. Gandhi to Lord Irwin on Aug. 21, but the contents of the epistle were not divulged. The efforts toward adjustment of the difficulties were resumed this week.

The Bank of Finland on Tuesday reduced its discount rate from 6½% to 6%, and the Banco Central de Bolivia on Tuesday reduced from 9% to 7%. Other than this, there have been no changes in the discount rates of any of the central banks of Europe during the week. Rates remain at 6% in Spain; at 5½% in Austria, Hungary, and Italy; at 4½% in Norway; at 4% in Germany, Denmark, and Ireland; at 3½% in Sweden; at 3% in England and Holland, and at 2½% in France, Belgium, and Switzerland. In the London open market discounts for short bills yesterday were 2 1/16% against 2 3/16% on Friday of last week, and at 2 1/16% also for long bills against 2 3/16% the previous Friday. Money on call in London yesterday was 1½%. At Paris the open market rate continues at 2½%, but in Switzerland there has been a decline from 1¾% to 1 1/16%.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended Aug. 27 shows a gain of £522,181 in bullion and since this was attended by a contraction of £923,000 in circulation, reserves increased £1,445,000. The Bank now holds £155,887,696 of gold compared with £137,633,677 a year ago. Public deposits fell off £2,873,000 while other deposits rose £1,138,827. Public deposits consist of bankers' accounts and other accounts. The former increased £934,446 and the latter £204,381. The proportion of reserves to liabilities is at 48.02% now compared with 46.06% a week ago and 29.29% a year ago. Loans on Government securities decreased £230,000 and those on other securities £2,901,820. The latter includes discounts and advances, which increased £345,130 and securities which fell off £3,246,950. The rate of discount remains 3%. Below we give a comparison of the various items for five years:

## BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
	Aug. 27.	Aug. 29.	Aug. 30.	Aug. 31.	Sept. 1.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	360,868,000	364,044,000	135,440,000	137,448,885	141,288,970
Public deposits.....	18,172,000	20,518,000	19,228,000	22,148,776	15,731,775
Other deposits.....	96,398,547	94,130,977	95,303,000	93,200,320	108,580,583
Bankers' accounts.....	62,599,815	57,990,151			
Other accounts.....	33,798,732	36,140,826			
Government securities.....	49,141,247	73,276,855	29,141,000	58,446,999	38,056,779
Other securities.....	28,646,876	26,018,431	43,443,000	41,638,510	70,568,095
Disc't. & advances.....	6,459,675	3,752,639			
Securities.....	22,187,201	22,265,792			
Reserve notes & coin.....	55,019,000	33,587,000	60,176,000	33,540,739	33,959,827
Coin and bullion.....	155,887,696	137,633,677	175,867,362	151,239,624	155,498,797
Propor. of res. to liab.	48.02%	29.29%	52.54%	29.08%	27.32%
Bank rate.....	3%	5¼%	4¼%	4¼%	5%

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

The Bank of France statement for the week ended Aug. 23 shows a gain in gold holdings of 242,378,271 francs, raising the total of the item to 47,194,608,679 francs. Gold last year stood at 38,803,740,570 francs, and the year before at 30,361,673,115 francs. Credit balances abroad contracted 250,000,000 francs, whereas bills bought abroad gained 32,000,000 francs. A decline of 662,000,000 francs appears in note circulation, reducing the total of notes outstanding to 72,016,400,955 francs. The same item last year amounted to 64,353,267,925 francs. French commercial bills discounted and advances against securities decreased 100,000,000 francs and 14,000,000 francs, while creditor current accounts went up 537,000,000 francs. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items for three years:

## BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	for Week. Changes Francs.	Status as of		
		Aug. 23 1930.	Aug. 24 1929.	Aug. 25 1928.
		Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Gold holdings.....Inc.	242,378,271	47,194,608,679	38,803,740,570	30,361,673,115
Credit bals. abr'd.....Dec.	250,000,000	6,805,125,242	7,248,293,083	14,064,322,425
French commercial				
bills discounted.....Dec.	100,000,000	5,083,235,429	9,164,726,474	4,431,699,350
Bills bought abr'd.....Inc.	32,000,000	18,773,338,119	18,542,444,232	17,173,576,599
Adv. agst. secur's.....Dec.	14,000,000	2,737,209,979	2,368,046,230	1,938,598,836
Note circulation.....Dec.	662,000,000	72,016,400,955	64,353,267,925	60,318,658,605
Cred. curr. acct's.....Inc.	537,000,000	17,864,521,198	20,271,464,712	17,390,660,509

The Bank of Germany in its statement for the third week of August reveals a decrease in note circulation of 179,374,000 marks, reducing the total of the item to 4,049,763,000 marks. Circulation a year ago aggregated 4,153,109,000 marks and the year before 3,969,597,000 marks. Other daily maturing obligations and other liabilities rose 153,836,000 marks and 2,751,000 marks, respectively. The asset side of the account shows a decline in gold and bullion of 21,000 marks and in bills of exchange and checks of 71,401,000 marks, while deposits abroad remain unchanged. An increase is recorded in reserve in foreign currency of 44,952,000 marks, in silver and other coin of 12,200,000 marks, in notes on other German banks of 4,085,000 marks, and in investments of 1,610,000 marks. The Bank's bullion now totals 2,618,999,000 marks, as against 2,177,022,000 marks the same time a year ago. Advances against securities fell off 20,240,000 marks and other assets gained 5,820,000 marks. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items for the past three years:

## REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week. Reichsmarks.	Status as of		
		Aug. 23 1930.	Aug. 23 1929.	Aug. 23 1928.
		Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.
Assets—				
Gold and bullion.....Dec.	21,000	2,618,999,000	2,177,022,000	2,240,909,000
Of which depos. abr'd.....	Unchanged	149,788,000	149,788,000	85,626,000
Res've in for'n curr.....Inc.	44,952,000	143,175,000	312,213,000	211,412,000
Bills of exch. & checks.....Dec.	71,401,000	1,464,429,000	2,042,533,000	1,972,311,000
Silver and other coin.....Inc.	12,200,000	179,372,000	144,307,000	111,371,000
Notes on oth. Ger. bks.....Inc.	4,085,000	23,227,000	23,916,000	27,181,000
Advances.....Dec.	20,240,000	57,130,000	43,685,000	27,136,000
Investments.....Inc.	1,610,000	102,625,000	92,744,000	93,819,000
Other assets.....Inc.	5,820,000	685,229,000	548,198,000	560,998,000
Liabilities—				
Notes in circulation.....Dec.	179,374,000	4,049,763,000	4,153,109,000	3,969,597,000
Oth. daily matur. oblig.....Inc.	153,836,000	600,782,000	444,841,000	631,996,000
Other liabilities.....Inc.	2,751,000	224,982,000	344,272,000	236,442,000

Money rates in the New York market showed no deviations this week from previous levels. Call loans were 2% on the Stock Exchange in all sessions, while in the unofficial outside market funds were available every day at 1½%. This occasioned some surprise among money brokers, who looked for a slightly tighter market yesterday owing to the added

currency requirements of the extended holiday. Time loans also were unchanged. Gold movements again came into prominence, as shipments were resumed to France and Canada. Withdrawal of \$1,000,000 gold for shipment to Canada was revealed in the daily statement of gold movements issued by the Federal Reserve Bank, Thursday. The outward flow was augmented yesterday by a shipment of \$3,500,000 to France on the fast ship Europa. This brings the total export since the movement started July 16 to \$80,800,000, of which France received \$65,300,000, while Canada received \$15,500,000. The gold exports of the current week were not included in the weekly gold statement of the Federal Reserve Bank, which covered the week to Wednesday night. The weekly statement revealed imports of \$1,039,000 from Latin America, with no exports or changes in the stock of gold held earmarked for foreign account. Brokers' loans declined \$26,000,000 in the compilation of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for the week ended Wednesday night.

Dealing in detail with the call loan rate on the Stock Exchange from day to day, all loans on every day of the week were at 2%, including renewals. Time money has continued dull and without noteworthy trades in any of the important maturities. Rates have remained unchanged. Quotations all week have been 2@2¼% for 30 days; 2¼@2½% for 60 days, 2½@2¾% for 90 days, 2¾@3% for four months, and 3@3¼% for five and six months. Prime commercial paper continued steady throughout the week, though the turnover was limited by an acute shortage of satisfactory offerings. Rates are unchanged, extra choice names of four to six months' maturity being quoted at 3%, while names less well known and shorter choice names are offered at 3¼@3½%.

There has been no let-up during the week in the demand for prime bankers' acceptances. There is still a great shortage of bills. The 12 Reserve Banks further increased their holdings of acceptances during the week from \$158,922,000 to \$163,274,000. Their holdings of acceptances for foreign correspondents further declined from \$478,315,000 to \$471,522,000. The posted rates of the American Acceptance Council continue at 2% bid and 1⅞% asked for bills running 30 days, and also for 60 and 90 days; 2⅞% bid and 2% asked for 120 days, and 2⅞% bid and 2¼% 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	2¾	2¼	2¾	2¼	2
—90 Days—		—60 Days—		—30 Days—	
Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills	2	1¾	2	1¾	2
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.					
Eligible member banks	2¾ bid				
Eligible non-member banks	2¾ bid				

There have been no changes this week in the rediscount rates of any 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 Aug. 29.	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Boston	3	July 3 1930	3½
New York	2½	June 20 1930	3
Philadelphia	3½	July 3 1930	4
Cleveland	3½	June 7 1930	4
Richmond	3½	July 18 1930	4
Atlanta	3½	July 12 1930	4
Chicago	3½	June 21 1930	4
St. Louis	3½	Aug. 7 1930	4
Minneapolis	4	Apr. 15 1930	4½
Kansas City	3½	Aug. 15 1930	4
Dallas	4	Apr. 8 1930	4½
San Francisco	3½	Aug. 8 1930	4

Sterling exchange is irregular and dull and on average slightly easier than last week. The rate has moved gradually downward for the past month. The range this week has been from 4.86⅞ to 4.87 for bankers' sight bills, compared with 4.86 13-16 to 4.87 last week. The range for cable transfers has been from 4.86⅞ to 4.87⅞, compared with 4.87 to 4.87 3-16 a week earlier. The relative firmness of sterling can be gauged from the fact that present rates compare with the high for the year of 4.88 1-16 and with the low of 4.85 11-16 for cable transfers. The ease of the past few weeks is attributable largely to the approach of autumn pressure, together with the failure of international business to improve, to the decline in commodity prices and to the low money rates in all international markets. Money rates continue to drop in London. On Thursday two-months open market discount rates touched 2%, the lowest yet reached. At these rates the Bank of England's 3% official rate of rediscount is evidently far above the market and would even point to the possibility that a cut in the Bank's rate might be expected. In fact rumors to that effect were circulating in the market this week. However, most bankers regard it as improbable since even with a 3% rate the action of sterling has not been altogether satisfactory.

Weakness against French francs and German marks has been apparent for some time, while as against dollars London exchange has been gradually losing ground for nearly a month. While a 2½% Bank of England rate would be more in line with the open market, a further reduction, seems illogical in view of the fact that the Bank of England's gold holdings are already open to attack from Paris. The autumn pressure against the European currencies will be strongly in evidence as September advances. At present they are largely favored by tourist transfers, but these drop off sharply in the middle of September. It was with the greatest difficulty that the Bank of England built up its gold holdings to meet autumn pressure last year and therefore bankers believe that the Bank will not increase its difficulties this year by lowering its official rediscount rate at this juncture. This week the Bank of England shows an increase in gold holdings of £522,181, the total standing at £155,887,696, which compares with £137,633,677 a year ago. On Saturday the Bank of England sold £8,741 in gold bars and exported £2,000 in sovereigns. On Tuesday the Bank sold £27,531 in gold bars. There was a total of £757,000 South African gold available in the open market, of which £29,000 was absorbed by India and the trade, and the balance taken for shipment to France and Switzerland at a price of 85s. ¼d. It is understood in the London bullion market that the bulk of this gold was for Switzerland. On Wednesday the Bank of England

bought £56 in foreign gold coin and received £164,000 in sovereigns from abroad. On Thursday the Bank of England sold £22,724 in gold bars. On Friday the Bank bought £28 gold bars, received £250,000 in sovereigns from abroad, sold £6,867 gold bars, and exported £2,000 in sovereigns.

At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week Aug. 21-Aug. 27 inclusive, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of \$1,091,000, of which \$1,039,000 came from Colombia and \$52,000 chiefly from other Latin American countries. There were no gold exports and no change in gold earmarked for foreign account. In tabular form the gold movement at the Port of New York for the week ended Aug. 27, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was as follows:

GOLD MOVEMENT AT NEW YORK, AUG. 21-27, INCLUSIVE.

Imports.	Exports.
\$1,039,000 from Colombia	
52,000 chiefly from other Latin American countries.	None.
\$1,091,000 total	

Net Change in Gold Earmarked for Foreign Account.  
None.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York announced during the week that \$5,935,000 had been received at San Francisco, of which \$5,285,000 was from Japan and \$655,000 from China. On Thursday the Reserve Bank reported a shipment of \$1,000,000 gold to Canada, bringing the total of such shipments since the third week of July to \$15,550,000. Yesterday, Friday, the Federal Reserve Bank reported an additional shipment of \$3,500,000 gold to France. This brings the total gold shipments to Paris since the second week of July to \$64,810,000.

Montreal funds continue firm, ranging from 7-64 of 1% on Saturday and 5-64 of 1% Monday to an average quotation of 3-32 of 1% for the rest of the week.

Referring to day-to-day rates sterling exchange on Saturday last was dull and irregular. Bankers' sight was 4.86 $\frac{7}{8}$ @4.87; cable transfers 4.87 $\frac{1}{8}$ . On Monday sterling was under pressure. The range was 4.86 13-16 @4.86 15-16 for bankers' sight and 4.86 31-32@4.87 1-16 for cable transfers. On Tuesday, exchange was again under pressure. The range was 4.86 11-16@4.86 13-16 for bankers' sight and 4.86 $\frac{7}{8}$ @4.86 15-16 for cable transfers. On Wednesday sterling was steady. The range was 4.86 $\frac{5}{8}$ @4.86 13-16 for bankers' sight and 4.86 15-16@4.86 31-32 for cable transfers. On Thursday sterling was higher. The range was 4.86 $\frac{3}{4}$ @4.86 $\frac{7}{8}$  for bankers' sight and 4.87@4.87 1-32 for cable transfers. On Friday sterling was slightly easier, the range was 4.86 11-16@4.86 13-16 for bankers' sight and 4.86 $\frac{7}{8}$ @4.87 for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were 4.86 11-16 for demand and 4.86 $\frac{7}{8}$  for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4.86 $\frac{5}{8}$ , 60-day bills at 4.84 13-16; 90-day bills at 4.83 15-16, documents for payment (60 days) at 4.84 13-16 and 7-day grain bills at 4.86 $\frac{5}{8}$ . Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4.86.

Exchange on the Continental countries are firm for this season. As in the case of sterling, tourist requirements continue to be a strong support for the Continentals, offsetting the approach of autumn pressure and the low money rates, low commodity prices and the general retardation of business. French francs are apparently an exception to the

general list and continue to show firmness not only against the dollar, but against sterling and the majority of the leading exchanges. For the time being at least, it would seem that the French private banks are yielding to the express wishes of the Bank of France that gold should not be taken in large quantities from other markets, especially from London. The French bankers, nevertheless, continue to take the bulk of the open market gold, although this week the largest share seems to have been taken for Swiss account. While the Federal Reserve Bank reported no gold exports from New York during the week ended Aug. 27, nevertheless it reported that yesterday an additional \$3,500,000 was sent to France on the S. S. Europa. This brings the total American gold shipments to France to \$64,810,000 since the second week in July. The firmness in francs is attributed to the steady repatriation of French balances in New York, London and other markets. Although this movement has been going on for some time, it is believed that the French foreign credits other than those held by the Bank of France continue to be of very considerable size, so that repatriation can go on for some time if it remains profitable. Should money rates firm up in New York the movement would doubtless be brought to a close, but as it is the repatriation from this side could reach large proportions before the usual fall seasonal firmness in money becomes evident in New York. This week the gold holdings of the Bank of France are at record high, standing at 47,194,600,000 francs on Aug. 22, which is an increase over the previous week of 242,300,000 francs. Present holdings compare with 38,803,000,000 francs a year ago and with 28,935,000,000 francs reported in the first statement following stabilization of the franc in June 1928. The Bank's ratio of reserves to liabilities is also at record high, standing at 52.51% as compared with 45.85% a year ago and with legal requirements of 35%.

German marks continue firm. The firmness in the mark may be gauged from the fact that closing quotations for cable transfers this week, 23.88 $\frac{1}{4}$ , compares with dollar parity of 23.82. Marks were high this year at 23.91 $\frac{1}{2}$  and low at 23.80. Money continues easy with credits abundantly offered in Berlin. It is understood that American lenders are especially active in the German field. The Reichsbank's rediscount rate of 4% is entirely out of line with the slack demand and low rates ruling in the Berlin market. Interest rates there on long-term loans are still declining and the bond market after its recent reaction is again generally firm. The Berlin rate for day money is at 2@4%, but this is partly nominal, considering that first-class borrowers are getting money at  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1%. Private discount rates are at 3 $\frac{1}{8}$ %. In foreign exchange circles it is thought that the Reichsbank authorities will resist any further lowering of rediscount rates, even though the official rate is so far out of line with the market.

Italian lire continue firm, deriving their greatest strength at this season from tourist expenditures and emigrant remittances. According to dispatches from Rome, Italy's international trade movement is moving in a way favorable to lire exchange. It is pointed out that although exports from Italy during the first seven months have fallen to 7,242,000,000 lire as against 8,619,000,000 lire last year, imports have been reduced much more rapidly, from 13,529,000,000 lire to 10,630,000,000 lire. Therefore,

the seven-months surplus of imports was cut down from 4,910,000,000 lire last year to 2,380,000,000 lire in the present year.

Finnish exchange is one of the most inactive in the New York market, but it is of interest in view of the easier trend in money rates to point out that the Bank of Finland reduced its rediscount rate on Aug. 27 from  $6\frac{1}{2}\%$  to  $6\%$ .

The London check rate on Paris closed at 123.76 on Friday of this week, against 123.83 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at 3.93 5-16, against  $3.93\frac{1}{4}$  on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 3.93 7-16, against  $3.93\frac{3}{8}$ ; and commercial sight bills at  $3.93\frac{1}{4}$ , against 3.93 5-16. Antwerp belgas finished at 13.97 for checks and at 13.98 for cable transfers, against  $13.96\frac{1}{4}$  and  $13.97\frac{1}{4}$ . Final quotations for Berlin marks were  $23.87\frac{1}{4}$  for bankers' sight bills and  $23.88\frac{1}{4}$  for cable transfers, in comparison with 23.88 and 23.89. Italian lire closed at  $5.23\frac{3}{4}$  for bankers' sight bills and at  $5.23\frac{7}{8}$  for cable transfers, against 5.23 13-16 and 5.23 15-16. Austrian schillings closed at  $14.13\frac{3}{4}$ , against  $14.13\frac{3}{4}$ ; exchange on Czechoslovakia at  $2.96\frac{3}{4}$ , against  $2.96\frac{1}{2}$ ; on Bucharest at  $0.59\frac{5}{8}$ , against  $0.59\frac{5}{8}$ ; on Poland at  $11.23\frac{1}{4}$ , against 11.23; and on Finland at  $2.51\frac{3}{4}$ , against  $2.51\frac{3}{4}$ . Greek exchange closed at  $1.29\frac{5}{8}$  for bankers' sight bills and at  $1.29\frac{7}{8}$  for cable transfers, against  $1.29\frac{5}{8}$  and  $1.29\frac{7}{8}$ .

Exchange on the countries neutral during the war is dull. Holland guilders have been exceptionally steady more as a result of quiet trading than of any fundamental factors affecting exchange. The ease in the guilder, however, is only relative, as present quotations averaging around  $40.28\frac{3}{4}$  for cable transfers compare with dollar parity of 40.20 and with low points this year of  $40.07\frac{1}{4}$  and with the high of  $40.34\frac{1}{2}$ . The relative firmness of the guilder despite the approach of autumn is due largely to the repatriation of Dutch funds from this side effected since October 1929, while whatever weakness the unit shows proceeds from transactions on the European side, which involve transfers of funds from Amsterdam to other centres where they can be more profitably employed. Swiss francs continue to display firmness and, as noted above, the larger proportion of the London open market gold this week, as on several recent occasions, was taken for Swiss account. The firmness in the unit is attributed largely to requirements in connection with operations of the Bank for International Settlements and of course seasonal factors, especially tourist requirements, will favor the currency until toward the middle of September. The Scandinavian currencies are firm, with exchange on Stockholm especially so. This firmness is due very largely to the great number of visitors now in that country, coming particularly from the United States. Spanish pesetas continue to fluctuate widely and puzzle the market. Pesetas, it will be recalled, moved up sharply on Friday of last week so that cable transfers sold at 10.98. On Saturday last they sold as high as 10.99, but in Wednesday's trading they fell to a new low record of 10.59. The sudden easing reflected the market's lack of confidence and was to some extent a psychological reaction to the Government's ideas of establishing an "economic dictatorship" and stringently regulating all exchange transactions, private, public, and specula-

tive. The steady fall in the value of the peseta has made Spanish prices run counter to the world trend.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at  $40.28\frac{1}{4}$ , against  $40.26\frac{3}{4}$  on Friday of last week; cable transfers at  $40.29\frac{1}{2}$ , against 40.28; and commercial sight bills at 40.25, against  $40.23\frac{1}{2}$ . Swiss francs closed at  $19.43\frac{3}{4}$  for bankers' sight bills and at  $19.44\frac{3}{4}$  for cable transfers, against  $19.43\frac{1}{2}$  and  $19.44\frac{1}{4}$ . Copenhagen checks finished at  $26.80\frac{1}{4}$  and cable transfers at  $26.81\frac{1}{2}$ , against  $26.81\frac{1}{4}$  and  $26.82\frac{1}{2}$ . Checks on Sweden closed at  $26.88\frac{1}{2}$  and cable transfers at  $26.89\frac{3}{4}$ , against  $26.87\frac{1}{4}$  and  $26.88\frac{1}{2}$ , while checks on Norway finished at  $26.79\frac{1}{2}$  and cable transfers at  $26.80\frac{3}{4}$ , against  $26.80\frac{3}{4}$  and 26.82. Spanish pesetas closed at 10.65 for bankers' sight bills and at 10.66 for cable transfers, which compares with 10.97 and 10.98.

Exchange on the South American countries, with the exception of exchange on Chile, is showing decided weakness. Argentine pesos are especially weak as the result of disquieting rumors of political uprising in Argentina. On Thursday dispatches and private cable advices from Buenos Aires stated that an outbreak of some sort was expected momentarily and that the Government chambers and the home of President Irigoyen were being heavily patrolled and that the Government was said to be seriously alarmed as to the possibility of a political movement of a military nature. It does not seem likely, however, that a revolt of the proportions of the recent Peruvian movement can materialize. Fundamentally the weakness in the peso arises from low world prices and the record decline in volume of Argentina's exports, while at the same time the Government refuses to permit the exportation of gold to offset the decline in the exchange. Brazilian milreis continue their downward course and are quoted at the lowest levels in recent years. It would seem quite impossible that Brazil can afford to ship more gold to either the United States or London to support the milreis. Bankers think that there will be no appreciable strengthening in Brazilian exchange unless the authorities at Rio are able to float a long-term loan. Chilean exchange continues firm, owing to the improved position of the Chilean nitrate trade. Contributing factors to the firmness in the Chilean peso are lack of all political uncertainties, complete absence of unemployment, a balanced budget, 100% gold cover for circulation, large Government public work programs, and stable individual municipal finances. Argentine paper pesos closed at 35 11-16 for checks, as compared with 36 3-16 on Friday of last week; and at  $35\frac{3}{4}$  for cable transfers, against  $36\frac{1}{4}$ . Brazilian milreis finished at 9.47 for bankers' sight bills and at 9.50 for cable transfers, against 9.60 and 9.63. Chilean exchange closed at 12.15 for checks and at 12.20 for cable transfers, against 12 3-16 and  $12\frac{1}{4}$ ; Peru at 32.25, against 32.75.

Exchange on the Far Eastern countries continues weak, but is unchanged in all important respects from recent weeks. The Chinese units are slightly improved over a few weeks ago as a result of better silver prices. It is understood that the Indian government is again selling silver to the Hong Kong government. Each time such sales take place there is a drop in silver prices. The reason for the transactions



in many countries, and for several years has been industriously agitated in Germany. Ever since the Peace Conference, and indeed during the Conference itself, it has been recognized that the peace treaties contained inequalities and injustices incompatible with a stable peace, and the opinion has been freely expressed that Germany, once it had recovered in its economic life and been admitted in full right to the League of Nations, would not rest content with the arrangements which Allied vengeance imposed upon it.

The time seems opportune, accordingly, for an examination of the peace treaties with a view to determining what of their provisions, after a lapse of eleven years, must apparently be allowed to stand, and what may with propriety be modified or done away with altogether. No one, presumably, will contend that the new States of Eastern Europe that came into existence as a result of the World War should or can be now abolished. Whatever criticisms may be made of the way in which Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia were created, the recognition of independence, once accorded, cannot now be revoked. The old Austro-Hungarian Dual Monarchy is dead, and there can be no hope of restoring it. If the States which were once under Austrian rule are ever to be reunited, it must be, as far as one can now see, by voluntary action of those States themselves.

It seems equally clear that the question of reparations, dealt with at first temporarily by the Dawes Plan and now finally by the Young Plan, cannot with propriety be reopened. To tear up the Young Plan would produce only chaos. There are many who suspect that a later German generation which knows the war only as fateful history will not go on for years and decades paying reparations on any scale of annuities, but that break, if it comes, must be left to the future. For the moment, at least, Germany, the largest debtor, has acquiesced in the Young Plan settlement and the Bank for International Settlements is administering the system. The other debtor nations are in the same position. It is useless to imagine that the Allied Governments would consent to a reopening of the question now, or that the debtor nations could repudiate their obligations without facing the danger of war.

Certain of the territorial arrangements of the peace, on the other hand, have a different bearing. There is not a word to be said for the maintenance of the fantastic Polish Corridor, nor for the continuance of the "free" city of Danzig under the virtually complete domination of Poland. It would be entirely possible to insure to Poland all the advantages of a free port which it now enjoys at Danzig without continuing the Polish zone along the Vistula as a passage-way to the Baltic. Germany may rightfully claim the restoration of its old territorial connection with East Prussia. The example of Alaska, which is separated from the continental United States by British Columbia, has no bearing upon the case of East Prussia, for the United States never had any territorial contact with Alaska. The anomalous Polish Corridor was established primarily as a device for weakening Germany, and only secondarily as a means of giving Polish commerce access to the Baltic. As long as the Corridor remains it will constitute a justifiable grievance to Germany and embitter the relations between Germany and Poland.

There are other grievances in Europe which lend themselves to adjustment. The assignment to Belgium of the former German towns and districts of Eupen and Malmédy is an irritation which Belgium might, with good grace, be the first to remove. The Saar basin is a thorn in the flesh to Germany. The rich coal mines of the region were turned over absolutely to France, while the territory was placed under the jurisdiction of the League with the proviso that a plebiscite should, not later than 1935, determine the political allegiance of the region. In practice France has dominated the Saar administration, and has made every effort to insure a permanent French hold. There is no reason in justice why a plebiscite should not be held earlier than 1935, and the Saar returned to Germany if its people so vote. The enforced demilitarization of a 50-kilometre zone on either side of the Rhine, intended to enhance French "security," has no longer, if it ever had, any justification, especially now that Germany is a member of the League and the Allied troops and commissions have been withdrawn. Finally, the prohibition of political union between Germany and Austria should be removed. No action of the Peace Conference has been more roundly condemned than that which on the one hand stripped Austria of economic resources and left it the "pauper State" of a reconstructed Europe, and on the other forbade it to join with Germany if its people so desired and Germany were willing to receive it.

There remains the question of the former German colonies. The Peace Conference, in its mad attempt to prevent for all time the commercial recovery of Germany, stripped it of all its overseas possessions in Africa and the South Pacific, and placed those territories under the supervision of the League, which in turn assigned them under mandate, the African colonies to Great Britain, France and Belgium, the Pacific possessions of New Guinea and Western Samoa to Australia and New Zealand. Count Karolyi, the former Hungarian political leader who is now in exile, has lately declared that the restoration by France of some of the German colonies would go a long way toward allaying German resentment, and has pointed out that the colonies are of little value to France since they are not being developed and French people will not emigrate. The mandate system is, after all, only a thin device for screening what the mandatory Powers have intended should become permanent ownership, and the pointed criticism which the Mandates Commission of the League has just directed at Great Britain for its administration of Palestine is a striking illustration of the inherent defects of the mandate system. If Great Britain has been negligent and ineffective in Palestine, as the Mandates Commission reports, nothing better, certainly, is to be hoped for from France or the British Dominions in the treatment of more primitive regions. A return of the German colonies would be an act of simple justice, entirely feasible without regard to other provisions of the peace settlement.

The greatest obstacle to the accomplishment of any of these objects is, of course, France. As long as France continues to think of Germany as a potential enemy and a Power bent upon revenge, it will continue to insist, as M. Poincaré long insisted, upon the letter of the law in regard to the territorial arrangements in Western Europe, and will support its ally Poland in resisting any alteration of the

eastern German frontier. It would probably enter a strong protest if Great Britain should propose a return to Germany of the colonies now under British mandate. A special interest, accordingly, attaches to the forthcoming session of the League, not because the question of treaty revision may be directly raised but because that issue is now seen to be bound up with the action that may be taken on M. Briand's Pan-European scheme. A strong section of French public opinion is reported to be opposed to going forward with the union proposal until Germany shows its hand clearly about treaty revision, and the French Cabinet is believed to have advised caution on M. Briand's part. M. Briand, on the other hand, is reported to be as zealous and hopeful as ever. It will be interesting to see whether, if revision is found to stand in the way of union, he will throw his influence on the side of revision and merely ask that a union be perfected first. The one thing that is clear is that the responsibility for maintaining peace in Europe depends now upon the former Allies rather than upon Germany. As long as the injustices of Versailles continue, so long will they keep peace in jeopardy. The Allies can remove the jeopardy whenever they so will.

#### **Caution vs. Fear in Business.**

Hypnotism is a scientific fact; suggestion is a mental force. Panic, we admit, is contagious. And the "mob-mind" is largely irresponsible. But we cannot readily apply these truths to business conduct. An interview with Herbert N. Casson, editor "Efficiency Magazine," London, England, published in the Aug. 15 issue of "Forbes," and later used as an advertisement, contains an admonition to American business against yielding to the psychology of Fear in the present "depression." It begins by citing the fact that in the San Francisco earthquake "hundreds of cripples," "jumped up and ran for their lives." It introduces the story of the Master who said to the paralytic, "Rise, take up thy bed and walk," and the man did as he was told. It recounts the resources and financial power of the United States. It continues: "There is now a golden opportunity for every man who has eyes to see it. . . . Dollars are now being sold for 30c. Practically every security in the United States is now being sold at less than its value. . . . The way to create a fortune is to buy from pessimists. Pay your money and take the risk. . . ."

"In five years from now, most American business men will belong to the 'I-Wish-I-Had Club.' . . . When a horse balks, the balk is in his head, not his legs; he moves on when he thinks he will. . . . And when an American business man is depressed, the slump is in his head. There is nothing serious to prevent him from making money if he thinks he will. . . . When Fear rules the will, nothing can be done; but when a man casts Fear out of his mind, the world becomes his oyster. . . . This silly depression has gone on long enough. Get rid of it. It is inside of you. . . . Rise and walk!"

Now we would like to think that money can be made as easily as this advertisement indicates, but we cannot even "will" to think so. Somewhere between shouting optimism and sorrowing pessimism there is a tableland of reason, caution, and courage. And it is perfectly idle to tell the United States and the world that in present conditions there is nothing

the matter and that the "depression" is all a kink in the mind. One might tell the Western farmers so, but unless this statement will restore the vanished crops they will not believe it. You cannot hypnotize a man against his will. If one tells this story to those who were hit hard by the October smash of last year they cannot take up their beds and walk, for they have no beds.

The "unemployed" cannot be made to believe their "depression" is "silly"; giving them jobs would be much more potent. Wholesale merchants, seeing the price of commodities fall day after day and month after month, would like to turn the tables by so simple a "twist of the wrist," but they cannot. All this "psychology" is a brave and beautiful "suggestion," but it will not change physical conditions that are outside of the man. He is bound to exercise common sense, and mere "plunging," regardless of circumstances, is pretty sure to lead to grief. And one thing the matter now is that we have been compelled to come to earth after indulging in a long period of "psychological prosperity"—that kind which we deluded ourselves into *thinking* existed when, in fact, it did not, a kind created by constant repetition by master minds. To apply this logic is to dash ahead without any reasonable motive save the "will" to do.

Everything has not gone to the "demnition bowwows" by any manner of means. But plucking 30c. dollars from every bush that grows is not really possible. In fact, 30c. dollars are hard to find. They are *now* worth much more than that by any sort of rational computation. Even pessimists are not giving them away. And while our people have a huge domestic market, inexhaustible resources, and untiring energies, we cannot by any legerdemain of "will" make a "silk purse out of a sow's ear." Here and there, to be sure, there are bargains in mills and marts and mines to be obtained from the discouraged, the startling fact remains that we have been compelled to reduce many of our wants to needs and the whole scope of business has shrunk in accordance with the change.

There is money to be made. But it will not be made by blindly forging ahead without rhyme or reason; it will not be made by courage without caution; nor will it be made by shouting from the housetops that the "depression" is a delusion. It is not. It is a direct consequence of over-optimism, of over-production, of over-speculation, of too much disregard for the natural laws that rule, and sometimes ruin when they are thwarted. We cannot come back to normalcy by this sort of "psychological" subterfuge. The curve has turned downward, and the end is not yet.

No man knows what five years will bring about. But he who guides his business ventures by human needs will be prepared to take advantage of whatever comes. The present is no time to try to start another boom in optimism. Legitimate investments founded on reason and common sense are all right, but speculative investments are as dangerous as ever. Who knows where the *bottom* price is in stocks while the vacillations on the Exchange are of daily occurrence, and the turns are sharp, quick, and sometimes extensive? It was continual preaching of the magnitude of America, the possibilities of industry, the plethora of opportunities, that built up the "longest bull market in history." We do not want another. The "higher they go the harder they fall."



Those who find good in adversity, who see a salutary reaction in "hard times," who advise moderation in business initiative and enterprise, have the best of the argument. We have been playing with our "chances," tossing our "opportunities" about like rubber balls, hitting the punching-bag to see it bound, racing the speedboats to cut the waves—and in so far as these things represent permanent accomplishments we have little to show.

What sense is there in preaching an invincible United States, and at the same time warning us not to be alarmed because business is temporarily slack? If everything is fundamentally all right with us, then let present reaction work its own cure. Business is not made up of promises and prophecies. It is a service to supply a human need. We plant crops and harvest them. We make, in foundries and factories, articles and machines that save labor and minister to common welfare. We gather goods from all the world and sell them to the people who live in their own communities and cannot go abroad. We transport passengers and freight over a close network of railways that each may partake of the labors of all, and this is real business. It is always going on, and it always will. Here is the supply to the insistent and continuous demand. Here is multitudinous opportunity. He who will think and work can therein "make a living." His only check to effort is the timely needs of the people. But if his sole object is by speculation to discount the future and make money *faster* than anyone else, then he is not following the laws of certainty and satisfaction.

We have ourselves thought of the "stock smash" as an episode brought on by over-inflation and other influencing causes. We may now look upon "the drouth" as one of those contingencies in the course of nature that come from no fault of the people and which must be borne bravely and with counteracting increased effort. Time will obliterate both of them. Each causes suffering, differing in kind and extent. Each slows down momentum, changes the direction of effort, teaches its own lesson as to motive and method, but neither checks the need for the right principles and policies in the business world. Rather, they emphasize the potency of deliberation and caution.

To try to whistle down the effects of our own greed, and deride the loss of our crops, is mere folly. There is enough to do for everyone. By the law of service business is always "good." Opportunities lie in the lowlands as well as the high. To try to dissipate the "depression" by mere talk, by claiming the things that are to come before they arrive, is distortion and delusion, productive of harm rather than help.

What we most need is to change our motive. The "get-rich-quick" era is passing. In manufacture, as in agriculture, there is surplus; agriculture has already felt the brunt of lessened foreign demand, and manufacture approaches the same state. Now, to say that mere force, mere "will," can correct this condition is to nurse an error. Meantime, caution in "business" is the watchword all along the line. Not Fear—but caution. We do not argue for a closer internationalism when we advise a closer study of the relations of peoples. If the natural laws of interchanging and intercontinental effort are to work out the common destinies of peoples, then nationalism must not set up obstacles in the way, must not strive by means of walls and hurdles

to limit and interfere with exchange. Meantime, in domestic relations there must be less selfishness and striving between the great divisions of industry. We need to "go slow and comprehend." We need to measure effort first by necessities, not luxuries. Nothing can withhold from us the rewards of rational living.

**Who Rules the United States?**

A list of the men who "rule the United States" has been given out by James W. Gerard, former Ambassador to Germany. Following are the names:

- John D. Rockefeller Jr.
- Andrew W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury
- J. P. Morgan
- George F. Baker, Chairman of the Board First Nat. Bank of N. Y.
- John D. Ryan, Pres. Anaconda Mining Co.
- Walter C. Teagle, Pres. Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey
- Henry Ford
- Frederick E. Myerhaeuser, millionaire lumber king, Tacoma, Wash.
- Myron C. Taylor, Chairman of the Finance Committee U. S. Steel Corp.
- James A. Farrell, Pres. U. S. Steel Corp.
- Charles M. Schwab, Chairman Bethlehem Steel Corp.
- Eugene G. Grace, Pres. Bethlehem Steel Corp.
- H. M. Warner, Pres. Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc.
- Adolph Zukor, Pres. Paramount-Public Corp.
- William H. Crocker, Pres. and director Crocker First National Bank of San Francisco, and officer and director of many large railroad, mining and lumber organizations in the West
- "The Van Sweringen Bros."—O. P. and M. J. Van Sweringen, officers directors and heavy investors in the Missouri-Pacific and many other railroads.
- W. W. Atterbury, Pres. Penn. R.R.
- Arthur Curtiss James, director of several railroads and one of the largest owners of railroad securities in the world
- Charles Hayden of Hayden, Stone & Co., financiers
- Daniel C. Jackling, Pres. Utah Copper Co.
- Arthur V. Davis, Pres. Aluminum Co. of America
- P. G. Gossler, Pres. Columbia Gas & Electric Corp.
- R. C. Holmes, Pres. Texas Corp., oil producers
- John J. Raskob, a director of General Motors and other corporations, and Chairman of the Democratic National Committee
- Edward J. Berwind, financier and director of many large corp'ns
- Daniel Willard, Pres. B. & O. RR.
- "The Dupont Family," including P. S. Irenee, Lamont, H. F., Eugene, A. Felix, and Eugene E. duPont; all officers and directors of the E. I. duPont de Nemours & Co., or allied concerns
- Sosthenes Behn, Chairman Int. Tel. & Tel. Corp.
- Walter G. Gifford, Chairman Amer. Tel. & Tel. Corp.
- Owen D. Young, Chairman General Electric Co.
- Gerard Swope, Pres. Gen. Elec. Co.
- Thomas W. Lamont, a member of J. P. Morgan & Co., a director Guaranty Trust Co. and officer and director of a number of other firms
- Albert Chase Wiggin, Chairman of the Board Chase National Bank
- Charles E. Mitchell, Chairman of the board National City Bank
- Samuel Insull, Pres. Chicago Edison Co., the Commonwealth Edison Co., the Insull Utility Investments, Inc. and an officer in many other concerns, one of the largest owners of public utilities in the country
- "The Fisher Brothers" of the Fisher Bodies Corp. of Detroit, including the seven Fisher Bros., Fred J., Charles T., Lawrence P., William A., Edward F., Albert J. and Howard Fisher; founders and original owners of the Fisher Bodies Corp. and now officers or directors in the General Motors Corp. and other large concerns
- Daniel Guggenheim and William Loeb, both Mr. Guggenheim and Mr. Loeb are financiers and have been or are officers or directors of mining and utility companies
- G. W. Hill, Pres. Am. Tobacco Co.
- Adolph S. Ochs, publisher of the New York "Times"
- William Randolph Hearst, publisher of the Hearst newspapers
- Robert R. McCormick, Editor Chicago "Tribune"
- Joseph Medill Patterson, publisher Chicago "Tribune"
- Julius Rosenwald, Pres. Sears, Roebuck & Co.
- Cyrus H. K. Curtis, Pres. H. K. Curtis Publishing Co.
- Roy W. Howard, publisher Scripps-Howard newspapers and President of the United Press

It is a notable list! Most of the names are familiar to the reading public. There are others not included which will at once suggest themselves. But the list is so large as to be truly representative. "These men," Mr. Gerard is quoted as saying, "rule by virtue of their ability. They themselves are too busy to hold political office, but they determine who shall hold such office." Emphatically these men do *not* rule the United States, nor do they *determine* who shall hold office. As a people, we do not live under a political oligarchy of wealth. Flat and stale as may seem the statement, the people rule the United States, and these men, eminent and powerful as they are, are ruled by the people. We think we make no mistake in this. No great corporate enterprise can flourish *against* the competitive energies of 120,000,000 free men. Not one but lives under and by the resources of the country. None prospers that does not serve. And if we are to take the flat statement as a truth our representative democratic form of government is a failure. Despite all our

trends and tendencies, despite the interferences and tyrannies of government, despite our mistakes, evils, experiments, excesses in living, the rust and riot of the get-rich-quick life, the people by their independent initiative and enterprise rule. Not one of these great corporations could flourish without the good-will of the people, their patrons and supporters. It is necessary to qualify the meaning implied in this list of our leading bankers, industrialists, railroad men, before we can accept. It is true they are not politicians seeking office. But it is equally true that the world of politics in this sense is wide apart from the world of business.

We concern ourselves not with this phase of the subject. Many will say, at once, that "the ballot" rules. Others that "the politicians" rule. Others will call attention to our lawyers, preachers, educators and ask have these no part in "rule"? What seems to us of the utmost importance is that these men, leaders in industry, banking, transportation, commerce, do not rule the people—*because the people are not ruled by these divisions of our business life themselves.* Does manufacture or banking or transportation rule the people? If so, how, when, where? These men are at the head of great enterprises that stand out like lighthouses in the midst of the efforts of all the people. Enterprises that are fed by the capital savings, the tributary works, the support, the toil, of countless thousands who have no such leadership. These men will pass from the scene and leave no successors by reason of their appointment. And while they exercise marked "ability" in promoting, developing, combining enterprises, others are at work in the same fields in the same way. They may, and sometimes do, approach government for favors, privilege and protection, because government (the people) permits them to do so. They may, and sometimes do, take advantage of the laws that are ostensibly made to control them. But in all these things they are in fact the ruled and not the rulers. Corporations may extend, divide, combine, but no thinker expects that they will ever be discarded.

The occasion of Mr. Gerard's statement arises from a pamphlet he recently published in England advocating free trade in the Empire and British protection against the outside world. In this there is a contradiction to his "rulers of the United States." How many of these men are favored by our domestic policy of "protection"? Would the same policy bring prosperity in like manner and degree to the Empire? If so, what of competition between the United States and the Empire, even if the non-contiguous territories of the latter did not alter the situation? Many of these designated leaders are already reaching out for world trade, and they must sometime soon possess it or the "saturation" produced at home will depose them from this alleged financial and industrial control. No; they do not rule; but are ruled by environment, resources, energies, of an unresting people, upon whom they rest for power and patronage. This is the important fault in the statement.

As to the "ruling" influence of those outside the charmed circle of those who manage the millions, it is so diffused through the whole mass as to be "the rule," if there is one, that is definable as democracy. In reality ideas and ideals rule. Not always wisely or consistently, and often unconsciously to those ruled. These ideas and ideals may spring from any individual and spread from and continue long after.

We speak of a machine age. Each machine is an embodied idea. We condemn politicians and praise our statesmen. Men are apotheosized for the millions they give away and the beneficent institutions they create that live and function after them. Educators live on in the tendencies of our youth. Expounders of faith and creed build in the immaterial palaces of rest and ruth and make happy the hearts that are sorrowing and in doubt.

All men, their works and ideas, merge together in that opinion which civilizes and reigns and rules. The leaders in finance and industry hold small power over the masses, for new men and new minds spring from all the ranks and soon defeat and disperse the structures which are made of millions alone. It is wholly in error to try to name a list of these "rulers." On a subsequent day Mr. Gerard added three names that he had omitted to mention. Scores more might be added. But no list, however long or short, can convey the real power that rules the United States, for it is ruled alone by *all* the people.

### **Robert H. Bean of American Acceptance Council offers Explanation for Increased Use of Bankers' Acceptances—Expansion in Part Ascribed to Development Abroad of Business of American Concerns.**

The increased use of dollar bankers' acceptances, particularly in foreign undertakings is discussed by Robert H. Bean, Executive Secretary of the American Acceptance Council in an article which is to appear in the Council's bulletin which is to make its appearance next week. An advance copy of Mr. Bean's comments has been made available, and we give the same herewith.

#### *Dollar Credits Abroad.*

The latest reports to the Council by American banks, bankers and foreign banking corporations show that on July 31 the volume of bankers dollar acceptances used to finance the storage of readily marketable staples abroad and the shipment of goods between foreign countries had reached the record total of \$495,041,888.

As this division of our total acceptance business now approaches the half billion dollar mark, is of greater amount at the present time than any of the other five divisions and is very close to the total of all acceptances in August 1926, it will be of interest to review its development, since the beginning of 1925, when all accepting banks reported a total of only \$10,000,000 used for transactions in and between foreign countries.

The increase in the use of acceptance credits of this character, as shown in Table A, has been remarkably steady during the past six years, constantly becoming more important in amount as new banking contacts have been developed and the reliability of dollar acceptances have become better appreciated.

A large measure of credit for this expansion is due to the energy of our banking institutions, blazing new trails to markets throughout the world, developing new business connections and offering to takers of credit in other lands a carefully protected method of financing their business, at rates that have on many occasions and over long periods been lower than those obtainable in other important world money markets.

The question is often asked how all this business is secured. There is no difficulty in finding an answer when it is seen to what extent our American banks have become international in their scope and operation.

As Dr. Phelps shows, in his article in this issue of the bulletin, we had in 1914 only eight banks that had any offices abroad and these numbered only 12, all located in London and Paris. To-day 16 of our great banks located in New York, Boston, Chicago and San Francisco have 238 permanent offices in 38 foreign countries, to say nothing of hundreds of special foreign representatives constantly on the move in touch with every market. It is any wonder dollar acceptance credits are known, used and respected, throughout the world?

Another explanation of the growing internationalization of the dollar is found in the increasing number of foreign production branches of American manufacturing concerns. Their demand for raw materials may not always be supplied from this country and when large purchases in other countries must be financed, it is natural that preference be given to American bank credit.

Another not unusual question is what sort of business is financed by these credits; what kind of goods are stored and how much and of what nature are the goods shipped between foreign countries.

The record of one of our largest banks, classifying the kind of business so financed, is fairly indicative of what the normal experience for all banks would be.

This bank with offices and representatives in foreign countries was financing in a recent month, for foreign clients, the shipment of cotton chemicals, iron and steel, woodpulp, hardware, machinery, coal, iron ore, wool, copper, cereals, flour and electrical equipment.

The countries to or from which these commodities passed were many, including most of Europe, Australia and South and Central America. Briefly then we find that the same staple products as form the basis of our own import and export acceptances are behind the bills drawn abroad and that it is a genuine normal part of world commerce in which the United States now becomes particularly interested because of the use of its banking credit.

So far as the use of American bank credit against readily marketable staples in foreign warehouses is concerned, there is nothing that needs more than casual mention. It represents only a very small part of the

present \$495,000,000 and is chiefly against coal and good American cotton.

The third question that may be in the mind of some people, is whether these acceptances on foreign transactions, rank equal to those used in our own import and export trade, i.e., are they as well protected and as liquid as home drawn bills.

They have only to remember that bankers and merchants in foreign lands had many years of experience with bankers credits and acceptances before the United States ever entered the field of international banking. Whenever sterling credits could be used, the unwritten rules of procedure of English bankers, gave the taker of credit instructions that could not be mistaken and the same was true of credits arranged through Amsterdam banks.

We have profited by this well grounded training in acceptance fundamentals and find the same spirit of responsibility, to American banks and to the prestige of our acceptance credits, as has governed relations with the older accepting institutions abroad.

Furthermore, on our side of the picture, it is ridiculous to suppose that our great American banks are going to abuse their acceptance privilege and destroy the good name of their bills in the market simply because the bill is drawn and the goods and drawer are in a foreign land.

There is too much at stake, in reputation and dollars, to take any chances if the whole transaction is not strictly correct in every detail.

The record of American banks, as they have steadily expanded their acceptance credit service abroad, has been remarkably clean and reveals the most particular care in the selection of risks and in the observance of the regulations of the Federal Reserve Board.

Certain doubters of the quality of foreign drawn dollar credits reveal their ignorance of the business transacted, while at the same time casting aspersions on their own American banking institutions, reflecting upon the integrity of foreign merchants and the honorable record of bankers throughout the world, who are charged with handling these credits and properly negotiating the bills.

There is another bit of testimony to the prestige which our dollar acceptances have justly acquired, which seems pertinent at this time.

For several years foreign central banks and other investors have found the acceptances of American banks a splendid investment for their temporarily idle funds in this market.

The Federal Reserve Banks alone have acted for foreign correspondents in the purchase of bills, at times carrying for these accounts as much as \$547,000,000. In these purchases are the bills, of our best banks and represent all classes of transactions. The Table B shows the growth of these foreign bank investments in our bills from the beginning of 1927 down to the end of July 1930.

Taking the figures in tables A and B for the years 1927-28-29 and seven months in 1930 it is important to note that the investment in bills by foreign correspondents through the Federal Reserve Banks has averaged \$316,253,000 while in the same period the bills of American banks financing goods stored abroad or shipped between the same foreign countries that buy bills from us amounted in the average to \$230,847,000.

This evidence of confidence in the high quality and security of our dollar acceptances for whatever approved purpose they are drawn cannot be mistaken.

The record of 15 years of acceptance business during which over \$80,000,000,000 of commerce has been financed and in which period no investor in bills has ever suffered a loss will continue to be zealously maintained by our banks. We have established a fine reputation for correct banking credit practices that is being constantly enhanced through our international dealings with acceptance credits in foreign markets of trade.

**Big Decline in Automobile Production in July.**

July production (factory sales) of motor vehicles in the United States, as reported to the Department of Commerce was 262,363, of which 222,459 were passenger cars, 39,663 trucks, and 241 taxicabs, as compared with 335,475 passenger cars, trucks and taxicabs in June, 500,840 in July 1929, 392,086 in July 1928 and 269,396 in July 1927. For the first seven months of 1930 only 2,481,911 cars have been turned out, against 3,726,283 in the corresponding seven months of 1929.

The table below is based on figures received from 144 manufacturers in the United States for recent months, 42 making passenger cars and 113 making trucks (11 making both passenger cars and trucks). Figures for passenger cars include only those designed as pleasure vehicles, while the taxicabs reported are those built specifically for that purpose, pleasure cars later converted to commercial use not being reported as taxicabs. Figures for trucks include ambulances, funeral cars, fire apparatus, street sweepers and busses. Canadian figures are supplied by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

AUTOMOBILE PRODUCTION (NUMBER OF MACHINES).

	United States.				Canada.		
	Total.	Passenger Cars.	Trucks.	Taxi-cabs.x	Total.	Passenger Cars.	Trucks.
<b>1929—</b>							
January.....	401,037	345,545	53,428	2,064	21,501	17,164	4,337
February.....	466,418	404,063	60,247	2,108	31,287	25,584	5,703
March.....	585,455	511,577	71,799	2,079	40,621	32,833	7,788
April.....	621,910	535,878	84,346	1,686	41,901	34,392	7,509
May.....	604,691	514,863	88,510	1,318	31,559	25,129	6,430
June.....	545,932	451,371	93,183	1,378	21,492	16,511	4,981
July.....	500,840	424,944	74,842	1,054	17,461	13,600	3,861
<b>Total (7 mos.)</b>	<b>3,726,283</b>	<b>3,188,241</b>	<b>526,355</b>	<b>11,687</b>	<b>205,822</b>	<b>165,213</b>	<b>40,609</b>
August.....	498,628	440,780	56,808	1,040	14,214	11,037	3,177
September.....	415,912	363,471	51,576	865	13,817	10,710	3,107
October.....	380,017	318,462	60,687	868	14,523	8,975	5,548
November.....	217,573	167,846	48,081	1,646	9,424	7,137	2,287
December.....	120,007	91,011	27,513	1,483	5,495	4,426	1,069
<b>Total (year) ..</b>	<b>5,358,420</b>	<b>4,569,811</b>	<b>771,020</b>	<b>17,589</b>	<b>263,295</b>	<b>207,498</b>	<b>55,797</b>
<b>1930—</b>							
January.....	275,374	236,145	38,657	572	10,388	8,856	1,532
February.....	346,940	296,461	49,457	1,022	15,548	13,021	2,527
March.....	401,313	335,720	64,204	1,89	20,730	17,165	3,565
April.....	443,038	374,913	67,560	565	24,257	20,872	3,385
May.....	417,406	362,522	54,370	514	24,672	21,251	3,421
June.....	*335,477	289,246	*45,773	459	15,990	12,194	2,896
July.....	262,363	222,459	39,663	241	10,188	8,556	1,632
<b>Total (7 mos.)</b>	<b>2,481,911</b>	<b>2,117,465</b>	<b>359,684</b>	<b>4,762</b>	<b>120,873</b>	<b>101,915</b>	<b>18,918</b>

\* Revised. x Includes only factory-built taxicabs, and not private passenger cars converted into vehicles for hire.

**Indications of Business Activity**

**THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.**  
*Friday Night, August 29 1930.*

Some signs are evident of a revival of Fall buying by wholesalers and jobbers. It is not striking, yet it is there such as it is. Trade is better than it was in the middle of the month, though it still remains below the level of a year ago. The retail buying was helped to a certain extent by the approaching reopening of schools. Stocks of goods moreover have become more or less depleted. The buying power of the grain belt has been helped by sharp advances in farm products. Corn in 60 days has risen about 25 cents, and 10 cents during the present month. Wheat has declined 2 to 3½ cents this week as export business lagged, Russia had been offering wheat freely to Europe and the marketings of Canadian wheat are heavy. As to corn the tendency of the crop estimates is to fall below 2,000,000,000 bushels, as against 2,622,000,000, the crop last year, and the high record in 1920 of 3,230,000,000 bushels. As recently as 1923 it was 3,053,000,000. It was a curious fact moreover that No. 2 yellow corn is 12 cents higher than No. 2 red wheat. The price of corn has tended to sustain the price of wheat during the past week; otherwise the decline in wheat would have been greater. No. 2 yellow corn was quoted to-day at \$1.17¼ a bushel and at Chicago No. 2 yellow was \$1 to \$1.01, and No. 2 red wheat f. o. b. all rail at \$1.04¾. Oats have changed but little during the past week, but the consumption of this cereal is very heavy owing to the shortage of pastures and the high price of corn. The cash demand for oats is at once excellent and persistent. Rye has declined slightly, but it has not followed wheat downward so readily as it usually does, for the demand has been better. Even old rye at times has sold more freely. For new rye the demand at times has been brisk. Rye is considered cheap as compared with corn. Provisions have been in the

main steady, with packers buying lard more freely and lard stocks down to a small total. There has been some good buying of January lard.

Cotton despite a setback of 30 points to-day on heavy pre-holiday hedge selling and big into-sight figures for the week and poor spinners' takings shows an advance of approximately ¼c. This is attributable to the spread of the holding back of cotton among the farmers, now that they find the co-operatives lending them 90% on the value of their cotton. For a time this may have the effect of cutting down hedge selling to very moderate proportions. The hedge selling to-day was the usual thing before two or three holidays, for dealers at the South go on trading despite the closing of the exchanges and at such times are apt to sell hedges in advance of their purchases. At the same time some dealers and spinners are understood to be buying cotton without hedging it as the price is 7 cents lower than a year ago, and there is a temptation to take the risk. The spot cotton basis has advanced this week some 15 to 20 points.

Manchester advices have been a little more encouraging. One big mill there will shortly resume work; it is big enough to employ 2,000 workers. It is said too that of late the East Indian boycott on British goods has not been quite so severe. Of course if the boycott were taken off it would be a big thing for Lancashire. In cotton goods here the demand was better, and 38½ inch 64x60s print cloths are said to have sold within a day or two up to 5½c. Sheetings also were in better demand. The same may be said of some lines of fine and fancy cotton cloths such as crepes, voiles and lawns, though the actual sales were not at all large. Finished cottons attracted more attention, embracing a larger variety of goods than for some weeks past and the tone in this branch of the business was firmer. A sharp demand prevailed for sheets, towels, bleached cotton, pillow cases

and other domestic lines for the fall trade. Dress and suit manufacturers were buying fall worsted fabrics on a larger scale; in fact the demand at times was keen. But when it came to men's wear woolens and worsteds it was a different matter; trade was still dull. Broad silks were in fair demand. Raw silk, though quiet, was firm and the week ends with futures 3 to 9 points higher. Hides have been rather active in the outside markets at some advance, but futures at the Exchange ended irregular with September 25 points lower and December was up 32 points. Rubber shows a decline of 10 points, partly owing to an idea that the tire trade is not active and that production may be curtailed, though it will not be in the case of the Goodyear Co. Meanwhile supplies of rubber are large and the demand for actual rubber is far from brisk.

Coffee declined anywhere from 10 to 66 points on Rio futures and 10 to 33 on Santos for Brazilian exchange continued for a time to decline and Brazil, Europe, the trade and others were selling here. But of late the tone has been a little steadier with Brazilian exchange higher.

Sugar futures advanced 5 to 7 points after a sharp downward lurch of prices early in the week, when in a single day the transactions at the Exchange here ran up to 103,000 tons and prices broke 5 to 9 points. But of late a conference of bankers and merchants here looking to stabilization measures in the trade involving the possible restriction of Cuban exports to the United States to possibly 2,800,000 tons per annum caused a noticeable rally partly on Cuban buying and partly on general covering. Cocoa has declined again very sharply, the drop for the week being about 60 points. Finished steel has declined in dull trading but scrap has advanced, a fact which is considered a rather hopeful circumstance. Copper has been dull and the domestic quotation of 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. seems to be more generally accepted. Tin has reached the highest prices seen for several weeks past. Wool has been quiet and steady, but the condition of the market is not satisfactory. That is plain enough.

Lumber output is still below normal at the big centers of production and trade is dull on the North Pacific Coast, in Texas and the Mississippi Valley, where it is only 50% of normal. The pack of canning vegetables will be smaller than that of last year east of the Rocky Mountains owing to the widely prevalent drouth over that big region. Dry weather it is believed has cut down noticeably the production of beans, potatoes, sugar and other crops. Coke is firmer and anthracite coal will be advanced on Sept. 1. Cattle at Chicago advanced early in the week, but weakened later with beef steers \$12.35 as the top and \$10.25 as the average. Hogs averaged \$10. Sheep sold at \$4. Eggs declined and butter advanced somewhat. It is not surprising to learn in these dull times that the jewelry trade is 15% smaller at wholesale than a year ago and 25% smaller at retail than then, so that production of jewelry is below the normal.

The stock market on the 27th inst. continued a rally which had begun early in the week but it was not very emphatic though transactions increased. The early trading on the 27th was the largest in two months. Some large blocks changed hands in the case of some 20 stocks like International Nickel, General Electric, Standard Brands, Commercial Solvents, American and Foreign Power, United States Steel, Warner Brothers, Electric Power and Light, Fox Film, United Corporation, Radio-Keith-Orpheum, and Westinghouse Electric. The day's trading was in 2,200,000 shares. Money remained at 2%. On the 28th inst. stocks declined in a small professional market in which the trading had no real significance. To-day prices advanced and trading reached about 1,850,000 shares. Call money was 2% with the outside rate 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ %. Leading stocks advanced 1 to 3 points. Bonds were higher, though Argentine issues declined sharply and other Latin American bonds declined on the news of a revolt in Brazil. Brazilian and Chilean bonds declined. Mexican bonds on the other hand reached the highest quotations for the year.

At Lowell, Mass., the Lowell Bleachery which has been identified with Lowell for nearly a century will soon it is understood remove to St. Louis. Textiles are dull at Lowell and there is much unemployment there. Manchester, N. H., wired that all departments of the Amoskeag Manufacturing Co. will close Friday night for over Labor Day, reopening on Tuesday morning. The customary two-week shutdown was abandoned this year after a conference between representatives of the workers and the management. The Amoskeag mill has been closed several days, following the refusal of the workers to accept a wage cut said to equal

10%. Columbus, Ga., wired that a number of mills have returned to full time operating schedules, following a curtailment program for some time. Among the mills which are on full time are: the Swift Spinning Mills of this place; the Crown Cotton Mills of Dalton, Ga.; Pepperell Manufacturing Co., Lindale, Ga.; Peerless Cotton Mills of Thomaston, Ga.; Manchester Cotton Mills of Manchester, Ga. and the Bibb Manufacturing Co. of Columbus. There are said to be many indications in the past two or three weeks that all phases of the textile industry in this section are beginning to show signs of improvement. At New Bedford, Mass., notices announcing the immediate closing of the Fisk tire fabric mill there for an indefinite period were posted in the mill and became effective on the 26th inst. The entire plant is said to be included even the office organization. Curtailment of activity in the automotive industry and failure of tire replacement business to show normal seasonal increase were said to have been given unofficially as the reasons for the closing down. Charlotte, N. C., wired that the mill situation appeared a trifle better. While from a sales standpoint little improvement was noted the general tone was more cheerful. It reports that the strike at the two plants of the American Cotton Mills at Bessemer City, N. C., is expected to end next Monday.

Marion, N. C. wired that the Sevier Knitting Mill, at Sevier, N. C. will soon be put in operation. At High Point, N. C. the High Point Yarns Mills are operating five and one-half days per week with 50 hours of night work. This plant manufactures hosiery and yarns. The Amos Hosiery Mills, manufacturers of men's plain and fancy hose, operating 404 knitting machines, announced that the plant is operating on a full time schedule day and night and a number of the knitting machines are being operated on Saturday afternoons. At Valdese, N. C. the Pilot Mill manufacturers of full fashioned hosiery operating 30 knitting machines is operating on full time. At Kings Mountain, N. C. the Phenix Mills Co. manufacturer of print cloths, announced that night operations have been resumed and the plant is now operating on a full time day and night schedule. The Cora Cotton Mills, manufacturer of 20s to 30s carded yarns, operating 20,800 spindles is operating on a full time day schedule.

At Wilmington, N. C. the Delgado Mills which was recently placed in the hands of receivers by the Superior Court of Goldsboro has a considerable quantity of finished products on hand with a number of large orders waiting to be filled. It is expected that the plant will resume operations within the next few weeks. Lexington, S. C. wired that the closing of the Martel Mills, Inc. was announced. It manufactured express stripes, tickings and hickory stripes, sateens and twills. One hundred and forty operatives are affected. The Palmetto Mills of Columbia, S. C. a unit of the Martel Mills, Inc. also closed for an indefinite period and 165 employes are thrown out of work due to the closing of this unit. Market conditions are said to be the cause.

Greenville, S. C., reports said that there may be a gradual lessening in the curtailment schedule which has been in force for the last few months. Three groups of mills, some of which did but little curtailing are said to have gone back on the full time basis or else to have been on the full schedule all the time. They are the Alice mills at Easley and Arail, the Mondall mills at Newberry and the Self mills at Newberry. It is said, however, that many Southern mills will suspend night work indefinitely beginning Nov. 3. At Fieldale, Va., the Fieldale Cotton mills, after giving employes their regular summer vacation, have resumed operations on a four-day per week schedule.

Charlestown, W. Va., wired that the Perfection Garment Co. had resumed full operations at three plants, here at Shenandoah Junction and at Martinsburg, after being on a curtailment program for some time. Orders have been received from all sections of the country, according to an official announcement, which justified resumption of operations. Five hundred and fifty men are employed at the three plants and 200 were affected by the curtailment program. Manchester, England, reported a better tone, even the Labor had not increased much. It added that the Lancashire Cotton Corp. is understood to be reopening five spinning mills at Oldham, Ashton, Rochdale, Bury and Stalybridge, in the near future, giving work to about 2,000 operatives. The corporation also resumed operations at the Blackburn weaving shed a month ago, employing 300 workers. Paris reports that the French cotton industry continues depressed with labor shortage, increasing operating

costs, declining prices of finished goods, and restricted export demand representing the fundamental factors retarding recovery. Strikes are in progress in the textile centers of North France where the employes are demanding wage increases. At Shanghai, China, cotton mills are reported to be operating at full capacity but are hampered by crippled internal transportation both in securing raw material and in marketing the finished products of the mills. Japanese mills are having a better trade.

Bombay reports that the crisis in the Bombay mill industry is rapidly developing. Twelve mills have already been closed and 12 more are likely to close this week, adding a further 20,000 to the unemployed register. Owing to the uncertainty created by the political situation there is no movement of stocks and, despite the shortage of cloth all over the country, there is no demand at Bombay. Akron, Ohio wired that a 10% salary cut for all sales and office employes of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. was declared to parallel the wage adjustment in the factory. Chicago wired that in retail piece goods departments sales during the past few weeks have been more active. There seems to be some doubt as to whether this can be attributed to the early opening of the schools or to be the aftermath of the recent hot wave. Richmond, Va. wired that the Foreign Motor Co. at Memphis has resumed operations with 1,200 men at work, turning out 150 cars daily.

Reports to the American Federation of Labor show there has been a slight increase of employment in August, according to President William Green of that organization. He regards the checking of unemployment and the turn for the better as a good omen. He says the unemployment reports from trade unions this month foreshadow the fall increase in industrial activity. The decrease in unemployment he points out, was 3-10ths of 1%. Even this small improvement is encouraging, because it indicates that a turn for the better probably took place even as early as the first part of this month. The figures of the American Federation of Labor now cover nearly 800,000 union members.

On the 27th inst. Europe was in the throes of intense heat from the stifling tracts of Africa. In many cities it was the hottest weather since 1923. Paris had a suffocating 100 degrees Fahrenheit the hottest since 1870 and at St. Etienne in Southern France it was 122 degrees, with grains of Firan dust from Morocco in the air. In London it was 82 after being 92 the day before and was quite as oppressive owing to the humidity. In parts of England people have been unable to sleep on account of the heat. Here on the 28th inst. as for several days in succession it was 83 degrees. Boston had 64 to 78, Montreal 66 to 82, Philadelphia 66 to 86, Portland, Me. 62 to 84, Chicago 70 to 90, Cincinnati 64 to 76, Detroit 68 to 86, Milwaukee 70 to 92, Kansas City 70 to 90, Savannah 70 to 88, St. Paul 62 to 76, St. Louis 72 to 94, Winnipeg 54 to 78. On the 28th inst. many persons in England died of the heat. In London it was 93½ degrees the highest in 19 years and the people took to iced drinks. The heat was so great that it dislocated a portion of the London and Northeastern Railroad near Harrow. Paris had 94½ degrees the highest of the year and there were fatal cases of heat prostration. In Rome it was 96 degrees.

A heavy rain swept this section on the 23d inst. and went far to replenish the winter supply hereabouts. Reservoirs were far below the normal but in the big storm for 40 miles back of the Cornell dam in the Croton River, its swollen tributaries poured water into the Lakes and reservoirs of the City's big system. Some streets here were flooded especially from 40th to 43d Sts. and 9th Ave. An air pipe at 152d St. and St. Nicholas Ave. burst and shattered windows. In Brooklyn some streets were flooded. At noon a 45-mile gale struck the city but soon subsided. The rain started at 3 a. m. after a night of occasional showers. The rainfall was 2.66 inches the heaviest since the queer storm of July 24 when 2.70 inches fell. Heavy seas battered the Long Island and New Jersey coasts and 500 cellars at Brighton Beach were flooded, trees in adjacent towns were uprooted and auto accidents occurred from skidding, millions of people were drenched, and it grew so chilly that the warmth from stoves in some parts of the surroundings was not ungrateful.

On the 28th inst. it was 68 to 84 degrees here. Boston had 66 to 82, Chicago 70 to 82, Cincinnati 62 to 94, Cleveland 64 to 86, Detroit 68 to 82, Kansas City 70 to 88, Los Angeles 66 to 90, Milwaukee 70 to 78, St. Paul 62 to 80, Montreal 66 to 84, Omaha 66 to 82, Philadelphia 66 to 86.

To-day it was 85 degrees here at 3 p. m. in contrast with 67 at 8 p. m. Boston and Chicago overnight had 82, Philadelphia 86, Cincinnati 94, Cleveland 86, Milwaukee 78, Kansas City 88, Minneapolis and Seattle 80 and St. Louis 94. In England to-day the heat was unabated. In London it was 83 early but 94 by 3:30 p. m. Big thunderstorms afforded some relief in parts of England and Scotland. Paris had a high record temperature of 104.

#### Guaranty Trust Company of New York Believe's That Genuine Recovery from Depression Will Be Deferred for Some Months.

Business in general has fulfilled expectations by declining to new low levels of activity for the current depression, states the Guaranty Trust Company of New York in the current issue of "The Guaranty Survey", published Aug. 25. "The marked decreases in output in recent weeks are partly due to seasonal factors, but not entirely so," "The Survey" continues. "The monthly index of business activity of the Guaranty Trust Company, which is adjusted to allow for seasonal movements, stands at 76.0 for July, as against 82.6 in June and 109.3 in July, 1929. The current level is lower than was reached at any time during the brief slump in 1924, though it is considerably above the low points of the depression of 1921." "The Survey" comments further as follows:

"It is not yet possible to judge whether any genuine progress toward recovery has been made since the beginning of August, and the reports of the next few weeks will be very carefully examined for any definite signs of improvement. At present it appears that industry and trade as a whole are 'marking time,' ready to respond to the first indication of reviving demand but not yet convinced that higher levels of activity are warranted.

"Conditions have not changed sufficiently to justify any more optimistic view than was possible a month ago. Although business sentiment in some quarters has, as usual, sunk to depths of pessimism by no means warranted by the facts, it must be admitted that any recovery in the near future is likely to be very slight. Such recovery as has taken place in commodity prices is, in large measure, due to the effects of the drouth on prospective farm output and can scarcely be regarded as a favorable business indicator. The uncertainty as to business prospects is reflected in the irregular and inconclusive movement of stock prices, although the greater strength displayed last week may indicate a more optimistic spirit. It still seems likely that September and October will bring the usual seasonal increase in some branches of business, but that the genuine recovery of trade from the existing depression will, according to present indications, be deferred for some months."

#### Federal Reserve Board's Summary of Business Conditions in the United States—Further Decline in Industrial Production—Factory Employment at Lowest Level in Recent Years.

In its summary of business conditions in the United States issued Aug. 24, the Federal Reserve Board states that "business activity declined further during July and industrial production and factory employment reached the lowest levels in recent years. Crops were damaged by prolonged drouth. Wholesale prices declined further until early in August, when agricultural prices increased. Money rates continued easy." The summary continues:

##### Production and Employment

Output of factories and mines decreased by about 6% during July, according to the Board's index of production, which makes allowance for seasonal fluctuations. A number of automobile factories were closed during a part of the month and there was a substantial reduction in output of steel and cotton textiles. Daily average production of bituminous coal, lumber, and shoes continued small. In the first half of August, the output of steel showed a further slight decrease. Some automobile plants resumed operations on a limited scale.

Factory employment and wage payments decreased further, and at the middle of July were at the lowest level since 1922. The reduction in number of workers employed was largest at steel and automobile plants, car shops and foundries, hosiery and cotton mills, and clothing factories. There was a seasonal increase in employment in the canning, flour, and shoe industries. Working forces at bituminous coal mines were further reduced, and the Department of Agriculture reported an unusually small demand for farm labor.

Building contracts awarded during July and the first half of August were in exceptionally small volume, according to reports by the F. W. Dodge Corporation. The reduction from June was primarily on account of smaller awards for public works and utility construction. Building in other lines continued relatively inactive.

Feed crops and pasturage have been severely damaged by drouth, which was not broken until the middle of August. The Aug. 1 crop report of the Department indicated a corn crop of 2,212,000,000 bushels, the smallest since 1901, and the smallest hay crop in ten years. Food crops were less severely affected, with wheat production estimated at 821,000,000 bushels—15,000,000 bushels larger than last year. The cotton crop was estimated at 14,362,000 bales, or slightly less than a year ago.

##### Distribution

Freight car loadings have been in smaller volume than at the same season of any other recent year. Department store sales declined in July to the lowest level since the Summer of 1924.

##### Wholesale Prices

The sharp downward movement of wholesale prices continued through July, and the Bureau of Labor Statistics index fell to a level of 14% below that of a year ago. The most pronounced decreases from June to July were in the price of cattle, beef, wheat, cotton, silk, and rubber, and nearly





### Outlook for National Business as Viewed by Silberling Research Corp.—Recent Business Troubles Demonstrate Need for More Careful Control of Operations in Boom Period.

In surveying the outlook for national business and basic industries the Silberling Research Corp., Ltd., of San Francisco, under date of Aug. 16, states that "the recent troubles of business forcibly demonstrate the need for more careful control of operations in the boom period." The corporation adds:

No banking system, no political party, can prevent depressions if business managers are indifferent to excessive production. In our opinion, one of the most powerful channels through which clearer vision and better understanding of the true status of an industry in its relation to the outside market can be attained by business executives is the trade or industry association. By the collection and dissemination of facts and the persistent relating of these facts to the course of the business cycle, generally and regionally, the progressive and alert trade association cannot only be of tremendous value in its own field, but can do much to tone down the peaks and correspondingly raise up the valleys in the entire business picture. This service stands ready to promote such efforts in every possible way and commends the principle to the serious consideration of all groups of allied producers and distributors.

As to the outlook for national business, the corporation says:

While the month of August probably marks the approximate limit of the decline in general buying power and business activity, it has brought conditions to a lower level than June or July, after full allowance for seasonal factors. This has been due in part to the tendency in some important industries to expect recovery prematurely with resultant continuation of operating schedules above actual demand. This has kept inventories from being rapidly and promptly reduced and has created further weakness in commodities.

The withering heat and drouth came as an unexpected factor in the same direction and as a result farm incomes in the corn belt and in a wide expanse of livestock and dairy country will be further curtailed. Wheat, however, has in the main escaped, and its price now appears close to stabilization with better than fair prospects for export demand during coming months.

Another factor which has intensified the depression at this stage has been the cumulative effect of industrial unemployment. When production schedules are curtailed it does not at once reduce payrolls and wage-earner incomes to the point of heavy withdrawal of buying power from retail markets. As more workers are released, and are joined by considerable numbers from the clerical ranks, it presently restricts the purchases of these groups to the extent of forcing merchants in practically all lines to cut down orders for goods. This leads to additional lightening of factory and commercial payrolls and still less active buying, and it is this situation which now confronts us. The solution of the present difficulties besetting a return to more nearly normal general business lies mainly in the gradual reversal of the process which created them. Basic industrial activity will soon respond to new demands emanating from those who have faith in the future and regard the present low prices an inducement to prepare for future needs. As for the factors associated with agriculture and foreign trade, while they undoubtedly offer no immediate encouragement, it is quite possible for moderate recovery to be initiated in domestic industry and trade in spite of this temporary handicap.

### Annalist Weekly Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices.

Further advances in live stock and meats and upturns in prices of grains, cotton, eggs, butter, flour, lard, cotton goods and crude petroleum have advanced the "Annalist" Weekly Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices sharply this week to 124.6, against 122.9 last week and against 148.4, the index on the corresponding date last year. Continuing, the "Annalist" says:

This is the second week during which the index has advanced, and while last week's rise was solely because of higher prices of two commodities (live stock and meats), the advance this week has broadened to include a larger group. Live stock prices, especially steers, have again advanced sharply. Steers now selling for \$11.75 a hundredweight, against \$9.69 two weeks ago. The advance in cotton is not large, but is of some significance because it at least arrests the persistent declines in recent weeks. Among the grains the advance is from 1 to 3 cents a bushel, and is also of some importance as showing that the declines may have been arrested. The advance in food products, especially meats, eggs, flour and lard, are sympathetic with the corresponding advances of crude materials in the farm products group.

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

	Aug. 26 1930.	Aug. 19 1930.	Aug. 27 1929.
Farm products.....	118.4	114.6	147.0
Food products.....	129.2	128.0	154.6
Textile products.....	112.9	112.6	145.9
Fuels.....	164.4	153.7	160.9
Metals.....	107.8	108.3	127.6
Building materials.....	137.0	138.4	153.6
Chemicals.....	126.5	126.9	134.0
Miscellaneous.....	98.3	98.2	127.1
All commodities.....	124.6	122.9	148.4

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

	Aug. 1930.	July 1930.	Aug. 1929.
Farm products.....	114.1	112.2	147.4
Food products.....	127.7	128.2	154.8
Textile products.....	113.5	116.0	145.5
Fuels.....	153.8	153.6	161.3
Metals.....	108.6	109.9	127.9
Building materials.....	138.9	142.7	153.6
Chemicals.....	127.1	128.2	134.0
Miscellaneous.....	98.4	101.8	127.1
All commodities.....	122.8	123.0	148.6

### Business Recession Intensified by Summer Slackness Says Conference of Statisticians in Industry.

Summarizing its monthly statement on business conditions, the Conference of Statisticians in Industry has the following to say under date of Aug. 24.

The downward trend in the current business recession has been further intensified by the usual summer slackness, and the index of general business activity in July fell to the lowest point since the start of the present movement, a little more than a year ago, and to the lowest point since 1922. July activity in manufacturing plants, measured by the consumption of electrical energy, fell to the lowest point since December of 1926. In the production of electric power, the first two weeks of August have shown some improvement. While the exact cause of the increase is uncertain, sales of commercial electric service give evidence of strength in general trade, and the increase seems to show that consumer purchasing power is not so seriously impaired as indicated by other reports. The resumption of work in the automobile and other plants; the low rate of primary distribution, as shown by car loadings during the past few months, in the face of the low volume of manufactured stocks; the drastic reductions in industrial activity that have already taken place, and the low rate of unfilled orders lead to the hope of increased business activity in the near future, perhaps as large as the usual fall pick-up.

### Roger W. Babson Advises Buying—Recommends List of 12 Stocks, First Issued Since 1924—Predicts Business Revival in Fall.

The following from Wellesley Hills, Mass., Aug. 26 was published in the New York "Times":

In response to the numerous inquiries which have been made concerning the recommendations of stock purchases by Roger W. Babson, the Babson statistical organization to-day issued the following statement:

The Babson statistical organization advised clients this week to use a small percentage of their liquid funds to buy a selected list of stocks. This is the first broad list of this character which Babson has recommended since 1924 and is the first modification of the bearish position taken since just before the big break of 1929.

The recommendation advises the use of 20% of the funds for this purpose, and names 12 stocks, all listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

According to United Press advices from Albany (published in the New York "Herald Tribune") Mr. Babson, in an interview on Aug. 28, predicted that business conditions throughout the country will be improved in the next few months. The dispatch added:

He declined to forecast conditions in 1931.

Mr. Babson, who has just completed a 10,000-mile tour of the West, stated that there is as much money in the United States at present, but that it is not being circulated. This has made business appear depressed, he said.

"Business is going to pick up this fall and winter," Mr. Babson asserted, "but of 1931 I have nothing to say. There is just as much money, even more, in the country to-day than before, but it isn't in circulation. Because money is moving slowly, business appears to be depressed."

Conditions in the West, caused by the drouth, are not as bad as Washington officials believe they are, Mr. Babson said.

"We seem to forget that petroleum, not horse feed, is the modern barometer," he declared. "We seem to forget that we eat more fruits and less corn, oat and wheat products. Fruit is the other barometer. To-day it's oil and fruit, and the West is overflowing with both."

"There is a belt through southern Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Iowa where lack of rainfall and drying winds burned up crops," Mr. Babson stated. "But, on the whole, conditions are pretty bright, and I didn't hear many complaints."

The corn crop, he said, will be off about only 25% of normal, with prices approximately 30% higher than they were last year.

### Loading of Railroad Revenue Freight Slightly Larger But Away Below 1929 and 1928.

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended on Aug. 16 totaled 922,823 cars, the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association announced on Aug. 26. This was an increase of 18,666 cars over the preceding week but a reduction of 179,744 cars below the same week in 1929. It also was a decrease of 135,086 cars below the same week in 1928. Particulars follow:

Miscellaneous freight loading for the week of Aug. 16 totaled 360,701 cars, 81,376 cars under the same week in 1929 and 54,504 cars under the corresponding week in 1928.

Loading of merchandise less than carload lot freight amounted to 234,091 cars, a decrease of 25,994 cars below the corresponding week last year and 21,816 cars below the same week two years ago.

Coal loading amounted to 137,669 cars, a decrease of 22,284 cars below the same week in 1929 and 23,057 cars below the same week in 1928.

Forest products loading amounted to 40,803 cars, 27,215 cars under the corresponding week in 1929 and 25,126 cars under the same week two years ago.

Ore loading amounted to 57,633 cars, a reduction of 16,941 cars below the same week in 1929 and 6,593 cars below the same week in 1928.

Coke loading amounted to 8,414 cars, a decrease of 3,271 cars below the corresponding week last year and 725 cars under the same week in 1928.

Grain and grain products loading for the week totaled 62,312 cars, an increase of 801 cars above the corresponding week in 1929 and 1,105 cars above the same week in 1928. In the western districts alone, grain and grain products loading amounted to 46,664 cars, an increase of 1,742 cars above the same week in 1929.

Live stock loading totaled 21,200 cars, 3,464 cars under the same week in 1929 and 4,370 cars under the corresponding week in 1928. In the western districts alone, live stock loading amounted to 15,570 cars, a decrease of 2,988 cars compared with the same week last year.

All districts reported reductions in the total loading of all commodities, compared not only with the same week in 1929, but also with the same week in 1928.

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



	1930.	1929.	1928.
Four weeks in January	3,349,424	3,571,455	3,448,895
Four weeks in February	3,505,962	3,766,136	3,590,742
Four weeks in March	4,414,625	4,815,937	4,752,559
Four weeks in April	3,619,293	3,989,142	3,740,307
Five weeks in May	4,598,555	5,182,402	4,939,828
Four weeks in June	3,719,447	4,291,881	3,989,442
Four weeks in July	3,555,731	4,160,078	3,944,041
Week ended Aug. 2	918,335	1,105,920	1,048,821
Week ended Aug. 9	904,157	1,092,153	1,044,268
Week ended Aug. 16	922,823	1,102,567	1,057,909
Total	29,508,352	33,077,671	31,556,812

**Drop in Output and Consumption of Electric Power in Philadelphia Federal Reserve District.**

The daily output of electric power by 12 central stations in the Philadelphia Federal Reserve District was nearly 5% smaller in July than in June and about 1% less than in July 1929, according to figures released by the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank. In its report the Bank says:

Because of a reduced water supply brought about by prolonged drouth, the daily production of hydro-electric plants showed an exceptionally pronounced decline in the month. The output of electricity by plants using steam showed a gain over the preceding month and a year ago.

Sales of electricity in the aggregate decreased about 8% between June and July but showed virtually no change from the previous year. The decline in consumption of electrical energy during July was widespread, the sale to municipalities for power purposes alone showing an increase. In comparison with a year ago, sales for lighting and power purposes showed gains with the exception of smaller purchases by street cars and railroads. All other sales also declined greatly from a year ago.

Electric Power—Philadelphia Federal District, 12 Systems.	July (Total for Month)	Daily Average.	
		Change from June 1930.	Change from July 1929.
Rated generator capacity	1,840,000 kw.	0	+6.7
Generated output	16,031,000 kwh.	-4.9	-1.3
Hydro-electric	2,094,000 kwh.	-47.2	-1.1
Steam	10,614,000 kwh.	+11.9	+4.0
Purchased	3,323,000 kwh.	-2.4	-12.2
Sales of electricity	16,512,000 kwh.	-8.1	+0.0
Lighting	2,682,000 kwh.	-9.3	+13.8
Municipal	206,000 kwh.	-3.9	+8.4
Residential and commercial	2,386,000 kwh.	-9.9	+14.6
Power	12,670,000 kwh.	-5.2	+3.4
Municipal	298,000 kwh.	+2.9	+19.6
Street cars and railroads	1,770,000 kwh.	-0.5	-7.5
Industries	*10,602,000 kwh.	*-6.1	*+5.0
All other sales	1,160,000 kwh.	-20.1	-28.7

\* Working days average.

**Commodity Prices Show Slight Decline According to The National Fertilizer Association.**

The wholesale price index of the National Fertilizer Association showed a decline of two fractional points for the week ended Aug. 23. The index now stands at 86.1 as compared with 86.3 for the previous week and 97.2 a year ago. Of the 14 groups in the index four advanced, five declined and the remaining five showed no change. The price of 26 commodities advanced and 27 declined.

**Bank of America N.A. Says Indications Are That Bottom of Depression Has Been Reached.**

Indications, small but nevertheless important, justify the view that the bottom of the present depression has been reached, in the opinion of the Bank of America N. A., expressed in its monthly review of business conditions made public Aug. 26. The bank says:

Only a moderate rate of recovery can be expected in the immediate future, but it now seems quite probable that September and October will be considerably better months than July and August.

Uncertainty as to the extent of damage caused by drouth has been the controlling factor in the business situation during the past several weeks, but the general opinion now is that the final results will not be either as unfavorable or as far reaching as was at first anticipated. While the reduction of some 600,000,000 bushels in the corn crop is no small item, much of this loss will be offset by price appreciation. Hay and other feed crops have also been adversely affected by heat and dry weather, and vegetable gardens have been injured to some extent. On the other hand the wheat crop is large, prices are higher, and the prospects for an increase in export demand very good.

The review states that at the present time there is a general inclination on the part of the business world to place the most unfavorable interpretation on any development which might interfere with economic recovery and that, therefore it is natural that the resumption of activity during the past month should have been slow. As the situation clarifies, however, and more definite reports of conditions in agricultural districts have been obtained, some seasonal gain in business is to be expected. The uncertainty as to the extent that drouth damage will affect the purchasing power of agricultural communities is given by the bank as the cause for steel consuming industries depending largely upon the farm demand to go very slowly in planning their future production schedules. Agricultural machinery, tin can manufacturing, and lighter weight automobiles are the lines which are most apt to be directly affected if the loss through drouth proves to be heavy, the bank believes. It continues:

Because of this situation, operations in the steel industry as a whole were estimated to have declined to 52% of capacity in the second week of August, as compared with an estimated rate of 54% the week before. While operations of the largest interest were maintained at 63%, some of the independents were operating at 50%. Uncertainty as to the size of the vegetable pack brought operations in the tin plate industry down to 60% of capacity. Orders for structural steel have continued in very good volume. Orders already booked for structural steel and pipe are responsible for the greater part of the activity in the industry. One encouraging feature in the market recently has been the increase in export business booked by agricultural machinery makers.

Turning its attention to the automobile industry the bank notes that resumption of activity at the plants after mid-summer closings has been slower than had been anticipated and believes that manufacturers are waiting to discover to what extent damage to crops will affect the demand for cars. Some increase in activity was evidenced in the first week in August, but an increase in operations of one large manufacturer of low priced cars was almost entirely responsible for it.

**Union Trust Company of Cleveland Finds Business Sentiment Growing More Confident.**

Business sentiment is growing steadily more confident throughout the country with the approach of early autumn, says the Union Trust Co., Cleveland. There is a general conviction that trade had passed through the worst of the recession. "At the present time there is ample evidence to show that goods of every description are being used up in this country faster than they are being made," says the bank in its magazine "Trade Winds." "Sooner or later this situation must inevitably result in an increased demand for merchandise." The bank further comments as follows:

The most important economic development during the past month has been the widespread drouth. Without question the drouth has seriously depleted purchasing power of the farmers in the sections most severely affected. On the other hand many parts of the country were not hurt by the drouth, and on the whole the better prices for farm products prevail.

While many industries have repeatedly announced that they were making every reasonable effort to keep wages stable and cut worker's incomes as little as possible, such reductions have nevertheless proved inevitable in many instances. Reports of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, covering the period of Nov. 15 to May 15, show that during that period 231 different concerns reported to the Bureau wage cuts affecting 30,000 employees.

These reductions were spread over many industries, including woollens, agriculture, steel, textiles, baking, shoes, automobiles, railroads, copper, coal and silk.

Evidence that the general price decline which has been going on for many months is now being definitely reflected in a decreasing cost of living is shown in statistics of the United States Department of Labor, which states that retail prices of food decreased 2 1/4% from June 15 of this year to July 15, and on the latter date were 9% below what they were on July 15 1929.

Modern mechanization and mass production methods have of recent years made it possible to produce many basic commodities at a much lower cost per unit than was the case a few years ago. In view of this fact, and in view of the enormous production facilities for basic commodities which have been developed, it seems improbable that we may expect substantial recovery in basic commodity prices for some time to come; and that if basic commodity prices advancing somewhat to meet present retail price levels, we may expect that retail prices will decrease still further to conform to basic commodity prices.

This complicated adjustment of the entire price structure is one of the difficult features of the business situation at the present time. In the long run, however, it does not necessarily spell a period of meager profits or operating losses. It does mean, however, that businesses will have to make strenuous efforts to realign their operations to fit new price schedules—and foreshadows, apparently, a period of increased value of the dollar.

**Bank of Montreal Says Low Farm Prices are Detriment to Business.**

In its business summary, issued Aug. 22, the Bank of Montreal said in part:

In all departments trade has been quieter than the normal midsummer condition. The harvest is likely to be irregular, excellent in some sections, poor in others, owing to the vagaries of the weather, with extremes of drought and rainfall, but taken as a whole, crops promise to be better than those of last season. Harvesting is getting into full swing in the Prairie Provinces, but it is too early to forecast the final figures. Low prices are the farmers' handicap, and for many weeks prices have been low, reducing purchasing power on the part of a large portion of the population to the detriment of business in general. In the central and eastern Provinces there are many districts where large crops are being gathered of cereals, roots and fruits, but low prices run over nearly all farm and dairy products and livestock.

The business barometer reading, reflected in statistical returns, is still low. Bank clearings continue below those of last year, as do car loadings of all classes of commodities. The lumber trade is dull and operations in the woods will be considerably curtailed next winter. Manufacturers are, as a rule, working with reduced staffs. Traffics are disappointing to transportation lines. Foreign commerce is about 25% below a year ago. Automobile production now makes a more favorable comparison with 1929, but the output was light at the corresponding time. Tourist trade, on the whole, has been disappointing, fewer visitors having entered Canada than last season, and these have spent less money.

**More Than Seasonal Decline in Daily Hosiery Production in Philadelphia Federal Reserve District.**

The daily output and shipment of hosiery in the Philadelphia Federal Reserve District during July declined more than seasonally after a slight upturn in June, according to figures released by the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank



**Indiana University Reports Drop in Industrial Activity and Employment in Indiana During July.**

Industrial activity and employment during July in Indiana were reduced, but there were signs of an increase in these factors during the early part of August and of improvement in trade and crops, according to the "Indiana Business Review," published monthly by the Fletcher American National Bank of Indianapolis. It is prepared by E. J. Kunst, manager of the Indianapolis division of the Indiana University Bureau of Business Research. "With a few notable exceptions, business and industry in Indiana declined during July and operated at subnormal levels as in June," Mr. Kunst said. "Unusually hot weather was a deterrent to trade, while widespread drouth reduced crop and income prospects in many agricultural districts."

The "Business Review" explains that trade indicators showing gains over last year included gasoline consumption and life insurance sales. Grain receipts and shipments were unusually large in all items and flour production continued much larger than in earlier years. Chain drug sales were only slightly under last year, while other lines of retail and wholesale trade registered declines of 12 to 30%.

**Industrial Employment Conditions in Ohio and Ohio Cities—Further Decline Carries Index to Lowest Point Since January 1925.**

Continued decline in employment in the State is reported by the Bureau of Business Research of the Ohio State University, which in its survey of employment conditions in Ohio and Ohio cities during July says:

*State of Ohio.*

The decline in employment in Ohio, which has been in progress since June 1929 was accelerated in July, when the index of total industrial employment dropped 4% from the preceding month, in contrast with the decline of 3% in June from May, and with the previous monthly declines of 1% or less. The July decline carried the index of industrial employment in Ohio to a point lower than has been reached in any month since January 1925, and to a point lower than has been reached in any July since July 1924. The 4% decline in employment in July from June is all the more significant when it is contrasted with the average June-to-July decline of 1% during the past five-year period. The total volume of employment in Ohio in July was 19% less than in July of last year, and the average for the first seven months of 1930 was 14% behind the average for the same period of 1929. Five hundred of the 892 concerns reporting to the Bureau of Business Research reported employment decreases in July from June, 323 reported increases, and 69 reported no change from June.

Manufacturing employment, which largely dominates the figure for total industrial employment in Ohio, also declined 4% in July from June, while the average change for the last five years shows that manufacturing employment in this State has usually declined only 1% in July from June. Manufacturing employment in July was 21% less than in the same month of last year, and averaged 16% less for the first seven months of 1930 than for the corresponding period in 1929. The decrease in manufacturing employment in Ohio in July from June was due to employment declines in the chemicals, the food products, the metal products, the textile products, the lumber products, the rubber products, the vehicles, the machinery and the stone, clay and glass products groups. The paper and printing group and the miscellaneous manufacturing group both reported no change in July from June. It is significant that no one of the major manufacturing groups of industries of the State reported employment increases in July from June.

The 4% decline in employment in the non-manufacturing industries of the State is substantially greater than the five-year average June-to-July decline of 1%. Employment in the non-manufacturing industries of the State in July was 12% less than in July of last year, and for the first seven months of this year was 5% behind the first seven months of last year. The June-to-July increase of 9% in the construction industry of Ohio compares favorably with the average June-to-July increase of 5% for the past five-year period. The volume of construction employment in July, however, was 14% less than in July 1929 and 8% less for the first seven months of 1930 than for the corresponding period of last year.

Employment in the automobile and automobile parts industries of the State in July was 6% less than in June, which was substantially the same as the average June-to-July decline for the past five years. The actual volume of employment in the automobile industries in July was 33% less than in the same month of last year, while the volume for the first seven months of 1930 was 35% behind the volume for the same period of last year.

In the metal products group of industries, there was a decline of 4% in July from June whereas the average for the past five years shows no change from June to July. One hundred and three of the 162 concerns reporting in the metal products group reported employment decreases in July from June, 8 reported no change in employment from June, and 51 reported increases.

Employment in the machinery industries showed a decrease of 4% in July from June, and a decline of 18% from July 1929. The June-to-July decline in the machinery group is in contrast to a five-year average June-to-July increase of 3%.

In the rubber products group of industries, of which tire and tube manufacturing is the principal industry, there was a decrease of 5% in employment in July from June, which is in contrast to a five-year average June-to-July increase of 1%. The total volume of employment in tires and tubes in July was 26% less than in July 1929 and the average for the first seven months of this year was 21% less than the average for the first seven months of last year. The 12% decline in the stone, clay and glass products group was substantially greater than the five-year average decline of 4% from June to July and the volume of employment was 21% less than in July 1929, while the first seven months of 1930 was 14% behind the first seven months of 1929.

In the lumber products industries, employment in July was 6% less than in June, which compares unfavorably with an average June-to-July in-

crease of 4% for the past five years. July employment in the lumber products industries was 15% less than in July 1929 and the average for the first seven months of this year was 6% behind the average for the same period last year.

All of the chief cities of the State reported a decrease in total industrial employment in July from June. The decreases ranged from 2% in Dayton and Cincinnati to 6% in Cleveland, with Akron, Columbus, Toledo and Youngstown reporting declines of 5%. In Akron, Cincinnati, Dayton and Youngstown the decrease in July from June was in contrast to an average June-to-July increase over the past five-year period, while in Columbus the decline compares with relatively stable conditions from June to July, as indicated by the average June-to-July changes for the past five years. The 2% decline in Cincinnati compares with a five-year average June-to-July increase of 1%.

As compared with July 1929, all the chief cities of the State reported declines in employment in July, ranging from 10% in Columbus to 37% in Toledo. Likewise, all the chief cities of the State showed a decline in total industrial employment for the first seven months of 1930 as compared with the first seven months of 1929, the decline from the first seven months of last year amounting to 5% in Columbus, 7% in Dayton, 8% in Youngstown and Cincinnati, 12% in Cleveland, 19% in Akron and 39% in Toledo.

Construction employment in July increased from June in all the chief cities of the State except Cincinnati, Dayton and Toledo. In Columbus, Akron and Youngstown the increase was greater than the average June-to-July increase for the past five years. The increase of 14% in Columbus compares favorably with the five-year average June-to-July increase of 3%. In Cincinnati, Toledo and Dayton, the employment declines in the construction industry in July were in contrast to a substantial average increase from June to July for the past five-year period. As compared with July of last year, construction employment declined in all the cities except Columbus and in Stark County and for the first seven months of 1930, in all the cities except Cleveland and Dayton.

**INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT IN OHIO.**

[In Each Series Average Month 1926 Equals 100.]  
(Based on the number of persons on the payroll on the 15th of the month or nearest representative day as reported by co-operating firms.)

Industry.	No. of Reporting Firms.	Index July 1930.	Change from June 1930.	Aver. Change July from June 1925-29.	Change from July 1929.	Average January-July Change from 1929.
Chemicals.....	21	81	-1%	0%	-16%	-13%
Food products.....	49	121	-1	-2	-5	-1
Lumber products.....	27	84	-6	+4	-15	-6
Machinery.....	107	96	-4	+3	-18	-11
Metal products.....	162	81	-4	0	-22	-15
Paper and printing.....	41	104	-1	0	-2	+2
Rubber products.....	26	86	-5	+1	-26	-21
Stone, clay & glass products.....	59	76	-12	+4	-21	-14
Textiles.....	42	94	-6	-2	-14	-8
Vehicles.....	60	86	-7	-4	-30	-32
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	35	93	+1	+3	-10	-7
Total manufacturing.....	629	86	-4	-1	-21	-16
Service.....	13	114	-2	-2	-1	+2
Trade.....	31	93	-7	-2	-11	-5
Transport. & public utilities.....	20	112	-1	+2	-8	-1
Total non-manufacturing.....	64	101	-4	-1	-12	-5
Construction.....	199	99	+9	+5	-14	-8
All industry.....	892	90	-4	-1	-19	-14

**Merchandising Conditions in Chicago Federal Reserve District—Increase in Wholesale Grocery and Drug Lines—Declines in Dry Goods at Wholesale—Department Store Trade Less.**

Regarding the status of wholesale and retail trade in its District, the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago in its Monthly Business Conditions Report says:

In wholesale trade, two of the reporting lines—groceries and drugs—recorded sales increases in July over June, the former of 4% and the latter of under 1%; only about half the firms in these groups, however, shared in the gains. In hardware, where a further recession of 5% took place, three-fifths of the firms had larger sales than in June. Declines in dry goods, shoes, and electrical supplies averaged 26, 21, and 8%, respectively, with the majority of firms sharing therein. In all of the groups except groceries and drugs, sales in July totaled more than one-fourth below the corresponding month of 1929, as shown in the table. For the first seven months of 1930 as compared with the same period last year, declines recorded were: groceries 1½%, hardware 20%, dry goods 25%, drugs 8%, shoes 30%, and electrical supplies 17%. Ratios of accounts outstanding to sales were smaller in July than in June for groceries, hardware, and drugs, but larger in the other three lines, and continued, except in groceries and drugs, to average higher than a year ago.

**WHOLESALE TRADE IN JULY 1930.**

Commodity.	Per Cent Change From Same Month Last Year.				Ratio of Accts. Outstanding to Net Sales.
	Net Sales.	Stocks.	Accts. Outstanding.	Col-lections.	
Groceries.....	-4.2	-5.8	-8.9	-6.2	88.5
Hardware.....	-32.0	-11.3	-19.2	-21.3	235.3
Dry goods.....	-39.4	-13.5	-11.1	-24.0	434.9
Drugs.....	-11.8	-7.5	-4.6	-8.5	132.3
Shoes.....	-32.9	-15.8	-6.4	-22.7	507.1
Electrical supplies.....	-28.9	-17.8	-24.1	-20.0	154.9

The seasonal recession during July of 27% in Seventh District department store sales was somewhat heavier than usual for the month. Chicago firms sold 31% less than in June, Detroit 30%, Indianapolis 19%, Milwaukee 22%, and stores in other cities a 21% smaller dollar volume. Business of Chicago and Detroit stores again showed the largest declines from the same month a year ago and for the year through July as compared with the corresponding period of 1929. The trend in stocks continued downward during the month, while the rate of stock turnover remained slower than last year. Collections as measured by their ratio to accounts outstanding, were not quite so good as a year ago.

Sales of shoes at retail by reporting dealers and department stores fell off more than seasonally in July from June, declining 33%, against an

average recession for the month of 25% in the preceding four years; sales totaled one-fifth less than in the corresponding month a year ago. With few exceptions, all firms shared in these declines. For the seven months of 1930, sales aggregated 8% below the same period of 1929, with none of the dealers and only one-third of the department stores recording a gain in the comparison. The dollar volume of furniture and house furnishings sold in July by reporting dealers and department stores of the district declined 25% from the preceding month, as compared with a usual seasonal recession of under 15%, and was 30% below a year ago; installment sales by dealers totaled 22 and 35% less, respectively, in the comparisons. Stocks in both of these lines of retail trade averaged smaller on July 31 than a month previous, although those of shoes were slightly larger than a year ago.

Chain stores reporting to this Bank sold slightly less merchandise in July than in June or the corresponding month last year, although the number of units operated increased in both comparisons. Of the groups included in the aggregate, grocery, drug, and shoe chains had larger sales than in the preceding month, and drug, shoe, women's clothing, and cigar chains sold more than a year ago; declines from June were reported by the five-and-ten-cent, cigar, furniture, musical instrument, and men's and women's clothing groups, and from last July by grocery, five-and-ten-cent, musical instrument, furniture, and men's clothing chains.

#### DEPARTMENT STORE TRADE IN JULY 1930.

Locality.	Per Cent Change July 1930 from July 1929.		P.C. Change 1st 7 Mos 1930 from 1st 7 Mos 1929.	Ratio of July Collections to Accounts Outstanding June 30.	
	Net Sales.	Stocks End of Month.		1930.	1929.
Chicago.....	-19.0	-3.1	-11.7	28.7	31.1
Detroit.....	-27.3	-9.5	-18.6	35.9	42.3
Indianapolis.....	-15.1	-3.1	-7.7	38.2	41.2
Milwaukee.....	-15.4	-0.1	-5.0	---	---
Other cities.....	-14.4	-8.2	-7.6	33.0	36.2
Seventh District.....	-19.5	-4.9	-11.8	34.1	37.9

#### Business Activity in San Francisco Federal Reserve District in July at Lowest Levels of Year.

Business activity in the San Francisco Federal Reserve district declined slightly during July to the lowest levels reached thus far this year. The chief recession was recorded in trade activity, most other phases of business changing little from the low levels of June. We quote from the survey of July conditions in the district made available Aug. 27 by Isaac B. Newton, Chairman of the Board and Federal Reserve Agent of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. Mr. Newton reports further as follows:

Midsummer weather has been favorable for crop development and for harvesting in most parts of the District. Estimates of crop yield were increased slightly during July and it now seems probable that total agricultural production this year will be greater than in 1929, although somewhat smaller than in 1928. Prices for most farm products of the district are at the lowest levels in many years, and it is reported that there is more than the usual tendency for producers to delay the marketing of crops in the hope of obtaining better prices later in the year.

Industrial operations continued at about the same rate as in June, except that fruit canning expanded seasonally. Building activity improved in southern California and in Washington but declined in northern California and Oregon. In such leading industries as petroleum production and copper mining the voluntary curtailment programs in effect during June were observed during July, and in lumbering there was a further sharp reduction in output.

Trade was relatively dull during July. Sales of department stores declined from June and wholesale trade failed to improve, while registrations of new automobiles increased moderately. Railroad freight carloadings declined during the month, largely because of reduced shipments of lumber, while water-borne intercoastal traffic increased as a result of a large eastward movement of gasoline.

The rapidity with which the general level of commodity prices at wholesale has fallen has diminished during recent weeks, following a sharp drop during July. Quotations on some commodities reached new low levels early in August, but an upward movement since then in prices of certain agricultural products affected by the drouth in the mid-West has resulted in slight increases in most weekly composite indexes of commodity prices.

The discount rate of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco was reduced from 4% to 3½%, effective Aug. 8. Between July 15 and Aug. 15 there was a further easing in interest rates charged customers of commercial banks in the Twelfth District, reflecting at least in part the ample supplies of funds available in both local and national money markets. During the first half of August commercial loans of reporting member banks fell off to the smallest volume since the spring of 1929, in contrast with a sharp increase in loans on securities (chiefly to brokers and dealers in securities outside this district) which approached the highest figure on record.

#### August Crude Rubber Consumption Expected to Equal that of July Despite Reports of Curtailment of Tire Output.

Despite reports of curtailment at tire factories, August consumption of crude rubber in the United States will total approximately 30,000 tons, or about unchanged from July, when consumption amounted to 29,894 tons, it was estimated by members of the Rubber Exchange of New York on Aug. 25. The announcement by the Exchange says:

This will bring rubber consumption for the first eight months of the year to 279,775 tons, compared with 349,108 tons consumed during the same period last year. During this month last year the industry consumed 38,274 tons, while in August of 1928 the consumption figure reached 42,925 tons.

#### Uncertainty Hampers Trading in Rubber Says F. R. Henderson Corporation.

Uncertainty continues to hamper trading in crude rubber futures and prices have continued on the downward trend during the past week, says the F. R. Henderson Corp. in its weekly market summary, made available Aug. 25. It says:

The uncertainty continues and until we get more definite news regarding the attitude of the Dutch and British governments, it is quite probable that prices may go lower for want of stimulus, but one must not overlook the fact that this level is much below the cost of production.

World stocks of crude rubber as of July 31 1930, we estimate at 420,000 tons, as compared with 409,000 tons at the close of the previous month.

#### Automotive Parts-Accessory Business Moderately Lower.

July shipments of automotive parts-accessory manufacturers fell below June, as was expected, due to the general seasonal slowing up in the automotive field. Business of suppliers of original equipment to the car and truck manufacturers declined more than usual due to the fact that many of the car and truck plants were closed for inventory and vacation periods during the last month and were not accepting shipments, according to the Motor and Equipment Association. August business is expected to hold up about even with July. Sales of the group of member wholesalers in the Association to the retail trade were slightly ahead of June and may show a further slight increase for August. Member wholesalers business in July ran ahead of June in nine of the 12 Federal Reserve districts and also in Canada. The report continues as follows:

The grand index of shipments for all groups of manufacturer members reporting their figures to the Association in July stood at 88% of the January 1925 base index of 100 as compared with 116 in June, 144 in May and 188 in July a year ago. Reports by divisions of member manufacturers' business in July follows: Parts-accessory makers selling their products to the car and truck makers for original equipment made shipments aggregating 83% of the January 1925 base index as compared with 119 in June, 153 in May and 205 in July 1929. Shipments to the trade by makers of service parts were 127% of the January 1925 base index as compared with 131 in June, 137 in May and 152 in July 1929. Accessory shipments to the trade in July were 65% of the 1925 base figure as compared with 71 in June, 78 in May and 92 in July last year. Service equipment shipments, that is, repair shop machinery and tools, in July were 115% of the 1925 base as compared with 128 in June, 165 in May and 170 in July a year ago.

#### Contrasting Conditions in Rubber Industry.

The Rubber Exchange of New York, under date of Aug. 28, says:

A survey of operations in the rubber manufacturing industry this week reveals operations of a contrasting character. While some of the larger tire making concerns have planned reduced operating schedules for September, others are to maintain their present rate of activities.

In the rubber boot and shoe field, one manufacturer, the Servus Rubber Co. has resumed operations at its Rock Island, Ill., plant on a five-day-a-week basis with a force of 800 men and women returning to work for the first time since the July inventory.

Day and night operation was reported yesterday at the rubber reclaiming plant of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. at Gadsden, Ala., whose product is used extensively in the manufacture of various rubber goods. Over 90% of the output at Gadsden is shipped to Akron, Ohio.

#### Ford Plants at Long Beach (Calif.) and Richmond (Va.) Resume.

From its Los Angeles bureau the "Wall Street Journal" of Aug. 25 reported the following:

The Ford Motor Co. assembly plant at Long Beach has resumed normal operations after a short period of suspended production. The current payroll of the plant is estimated by officials to be \$200,000 monthly with approximately 2,000 persons employed.

Present production calls for approximately 232 vehicles of all types daily. This output is distributed to dealers in southern California and Arizona. Capacity production of plant is approximately 325 motor vehicles daily.

A Richmond (Va.) dispatch to the same paper Aug. 25 said:

Ford Motor Co. plant at Memphis, Tenn., has resumed operations, with employment of 1,200 men. Production schedule calls for daily output of around 150 units.

#### West Coast Lumbermen's Association Weekly Report.

According to the West Coast Lumbermen's Association, reports from 227 mills show that a total of 123,165,273 feet of lumber were produced, 124,817,229 feet ordered and 126,291,291 feet shipped during the week ended Aug. 16 1930. The Association's statement follows:

COMPARISON OF CURRENT AND PAST PRODUCTION AND WEEKLY OPERATING CAPACITY (349 IDENTICAL MILLS).  
(All mills reporting production for 1929 and 1930 to date.)

Actual production week ended Aug. 16 1930.....	142,875,478 feet
Average weekly production 33 weeks ended Aug. 16 1930.....	174,014,868 feet
Average weekly production during 1929.....	208,358,979 feet
Average production last three years.....	215,592,059 feet
x Weekly operating capacity.....	302,653,279 feet
x Weekly operating capacity is based on average hourly production for the twelve last months preceding mill check and the normal number of operating hours per week.	

WEEKLY COMPARISON (IN FEET) FOR 227 IDENTICAL MILLS—1930. (All mills whose reports of production, orders and shipments are complete for the last four weeks.)

Table with 5 columns: Week Ended, Aug. 16, Aug. 9, Aug. 2, July 26. Rows include Production, Orders (100%), Rail (33%), Domestic cargo (48%), Export (11%), Local (8%), Shipments (100%), Unfilled orders (100%), etc.

182 IDENTICAL MILLS.

Table comparing 1930 production, orders, and shipments with 1929 and 1930 data for 182 identical mills.

DOMESTIC CARGO DISTRIBUTION WEEK ENDED AUG. 9 '30 (124 mills)

Table showing domestic cargo distribution by region: Washington & Oregon, California, Atlantic Coast, etc., with columns for Orders, Cancellations, Shipments, and Unfilled Orders.

Lumber Production Curtailment Shown for Eighth Consecutive Week.

An improvement in the ratio between lumber orders and production is indicated for the week ended Aug. 23 in reports of 878 leading hardwood and softwood mills to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association.

Lumber orders reported for the week ended Aug. 23 1930, by 610 softwood mills totaled 242,018,000 feet, or 4% below the production of the same mills.

Reports from 289 hardwood mills give new business as 23,729,000 feet, or 15% below production. Shipments as reported for the same week were 26,121,000 feet, or 7% below production.

Unfilled Orders.

Reports from 487 softwood mills give unfilled orders of 725,426,000 feet, on Aug. 23 1930, or the equivalent of 15 days' production.

The 371 identical softwood mills report unfilled orders as 664,512,000 feet, on Aug. 23 1930, as compared with 1,027,763,000 feet for the same week a year ago.

West Coast Movement.

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wired from Seattle that new business for the 228 mills reporting for the week ended Aug. 23, totaled 132,690,000 feet, of which 56,460,000 feet was for domestic cargo delivery.

Southern Pine Reports.

The Southern Pine Association reported from New Orleans that for 141 mills reporting, shipments were 2% below production, and orders 3% below production and 1% below shipments.

New business taken during the week amounted to 45,612,000 feet, (previous week 43,659,000 at 142 mills); shipments 46,200,000 feet, (previous week 45,003,000); and production 47,086,000 feet, (previous week 47,218,000).

The Western Pine Manufacturers Association, of Portland, Ore., reported production from 89 mills as 45,837,000 feet, shipments 35,121,000 and new business 37,045,000 feet.

The California White & Sugar Pine Manufacturers Association, of San Francisco, reported production from 14 mills as 15,084,000 feet, shipments 10,666,000 and orders 9,906,000 feet.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers Association, of Minneapolis, Minn., reported production from 7 mills as 6,218,000 feet, shipments 3,565,000 and new business 3,830,000.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association, of Oshkosh, Wis., reported production from 21 mills as 2,161,000 feet, shipments 1,866,000 and orders 1,458,000.

The North Carolina Pine Association, of Norfolk, Va., reported production from 98 mills as 6,281,000 feet, shipments 7,349,000 and new business 6,331,000.

The California Redwood Association, of San Francisco, reported production from 12 mills as 5,633,000 feet, shipments 4,786,000 and orders 5,146,000.

Hardwood Reports.

The Hardwood Manufacturers Institute, of Memphis, Tenn., reported production from 268 mills as 25,738,000 feet, shipments 24,338,000 and new business 22,490,000.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association, of Oshkosh, Wis., reported production from 21 mills as 2,343,000 feet, shipments 1,783,000 and orders 1,239,000.

CURRENT RELATIONSHIP OF SHIPMENTS AND ORDERS TO PRODUCTION FOR THE WEEK ENDED AUG. 23 1930 AND FOR 34 WEEKS TO DATE.

Table showing current relationship of shipments and orders to production for various associations like Southern Pine, West Coast Lumbermen's, etc., with columns for Association, Production, Shipments, P. C. of Prod., Orders, and P. C. of Prod.

The Crops in the Dominion of Canada.

With the co-operation of agriculturists of the Dominion Department of Agriculture and of the statisticians of the Provincial Departments of Agriculture, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics issued on Aug. 27 the eleventh of a series of 12 weekly telegraphic reports on the crop situation, as follows:

General Conditions.

Western telegraphic reports received this morning are more optimistic because of rapid completion of harvesting, considerable threshing of high grade wheat, and generous precipitation in many districts to help late crops and pastures.

Since our report of the 19th daily advices of the Meteorological Service show that the weather in the West has been fairly hot, with frequent thunderstorms and some soaking rains. In the last two days, temperatures have become considerably lower.

is still a general complaint in that province. The harvest is proceeding satisfactorily, although cutting has been hindered more than in the previous week of ideal weather.

The late growing season in Manitoba has not been as favorable as in the two provinces further west, so the early promise of very high yields has not been maintained. The average yield will still be higher than those of Saskatchewan and Alberta and the crops are more uniformly good over the province. Drouth and rust continue to reduce the yields of late grain crops. Pastures and land to be fall ploughed are greatly in need of rain. Cutting is practically completed and threshing is proceeding rapidly in the dry weather.

In Saskatchewan, binder cutting is nearing completion and threshing is under way. Harvesting weather has not been as favorable as in Manitoba, but the showers have been welcomed for their beneficial effect on late crops. The feed situation shows an improvement.

In Alberta, 50% of the wheat is cut in the south, 80% in the centre, and binding is under way in the Peace River country. Good rains have greatly improved the live stock situation. Pastures have been restored and green feed encouraged to new growth and filling. The earlier promise of high yields in the north and west continues, while the southeast and central regions will harvest light crops of good quality.

#### REPORTS FROM CORRESPONDENTS.

##### Manitoba.

*Department of Agriculture, Winnipeg.*—Past week, weather hot, few local showers but generally dry. Crop mostly cut. Threshing in progress. Work advancing rapidly. Entire absence of frost. Liberal supply winter feed. Good rain needed soon to aid plowing.

*Experimental Farm, Brandon.*—Weather dry. Rapid progress made in saving crops. In south of province, yield and quality better than anticipated. Wheat going ten to thirty bushels, with good percentage of good yields. In north, rust damage quite serious. Later maturing crops adversely affected by prolonged drouth.

*Experimental Station, Morden.*—Threshing well advanced. Yields of wheat variable, fifteen to forty bushels, oats forty to ninety, barley twenty-five to fifty. Early wheat grading mostly one northern, barley sample good, oats fair. Late wheat and oats affected by rust. Pastures poor. Corn drying up. Sufficient help.

##### Saskatchewan.

*Experimental Station, Swift Current.*—Binder cutting finished. Threshing and combining well started, but progress has been retarded by showers. Threshing returns so far indicate average yield of about ten bushels in district near Swift Current. Grades one to four, average two.

*Experimental Station, Rosthern.*—Continued hot, dry weather with scattered rains. Cutting completed and threshing general. Wheat yielding eighteen bushels, oats thirty, barley twenty-five. Wheat grading one, two and three.

##### Alberta.

*Department of Agriculture, Edmonton.*—Wheat cutting well advanced in southern Alberta, general in central part of province, and under way at all northern points. Yield light in southeastern Alberta; also below average on spring plowing in central Alberta, but better on irrigated land. Northern and western sections estimate thirty to thirty-five bushels per acre on summerfall. Drouth and high winds this spring caused short crops and uneven ripening in some districts. Peace River reports recent dry period slightly reduced yield of oats and barley, but wheat not affected. Recent fairly general rain over province improved pastures and green feed. Sugar beets and potatoes doing well.

*Supervisor of Illustration Stations, Lethbridge.*—Fifty per cent of wheat cut in southern Alberta. Separator threshing will be general next week. Weather ideal for harvesting operations. Quality of grain threshed particularly high. Yields from summerfall fifteen to thirty bushels, second crop twelve bushels to nothing. Sugar beet prospects excellent. Crop more mature than usual.

*Experimental Station, Lacombe.*—Hot, dry weather during August rushed ripening all crops, but lowered yields and grades. 2.4 inches rain since Aug. 16 delaying cutting. All wheat ripe, 80% cut. Twenty per cent oats and 10% barley cut. Rain too late for grain crops, but will help reseeded green feed.

*Experimental Sub-Station Beaverlodge.*—Weather since last report cool with occasional sprinkles, favorable to filling but retarding maturity. Cutting well under way in most districts and a few growers of early varieties nearly through harvesting. Some premature cutting done, yields and grades doubtless reduced thereby. Barring further frosts, wheat should average twenty-five bushels throughout the Peace and oats forty or better.

### Conferences Held in New York on Cuban Proposal to Curb Sugar Production—Would Also Limit Exports to United States.

The first step in what it is hoped will result in a series of international agreements to stabilize the sugar industry of the world was taken by Cuba on Aug. 26, at a conference held in New York at the Biltmore of representatives of the sugar industry of Cuba and the United States and its insular possessions. The New York "Times" in reporting this, indicated the proposal in the following:

Addressing about 30 beet and cane growers from Cuba, Porto Rico, the Philippines and the United States, Dr. Viriato Gutierrez, member of the Cuban Senate, outlined a proposal to limit sugar exports to relieve the American growers. In return he asked no restriction in output, but suggested a steady of production. "We only ask," he said, "that they do not rush into a campaign of increases, which can only result in a return and accentuation of the present demoralization."

#### Outlines Conditions.

That a drastic change must be made in the present situation was emphasized by Thomas L. Chadbourne, of the law firm of Chadbourne, Stanchfield & Levy, chairman of the conference. In outlining the general state of affairs he said:

"In common with many others, the sugar industry of the world is demoralized. An aggregate capital investment approximating more than \$6,000,000,000 is to-day not earning its keep. It suffers from overproduction and underconsumption.

Mr. Chadbourne alluded to the plan as presented by Dr. Gutierrez, and concluded by saying that if this plan for bringing about an economic equilibrium were accepted it would benefit growers in 28 of the United States, in Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines.

#### Cuban Proposal Read.

Dr. Gutierrez then read the following proposal, which was met with approbation by those present:

"1. If the program outlined in 2, 3 and 4 hereinbelow can be effectively arranged, Cuba will limit her exports to the United States so that:

"(a) They will not exceed 2,800,000 long tons in the calendar year 1931.

"(b) During the calendar year 1932 Cuban exports to the United States will be limited to 2,800,000 long tons, plus whatever increase in consumption may be shown to have taken place in the United States in the calendar year 1931 over the consumption during the calendar year 1930.

"(c) During 1933 Cuban exports to the United States will be limited to the amount fixed by the provisions of paragraph (b) above, plus whatever increase in consumption may be shown to have taken place in the United States in the calendar year 1932 over consumption of the calendar year 1931.

"(d) During the calendar years 1934 and 1935 Cuban exports to the United States will be limited to the amount fixed by the provisions of paragraph (c) above, plus one-half of whatever increase in consumption may be shown to have taken place in the United States in each of the years 1933 and 1934 over the years 1932 and 1933, respectively.

"(e) Not less than 1,000,000 long tons of sugar will be segregated from the Cuban crops of 1930 or 1931, to be sold during the 5-year period, but none of it will be sold in the United States.

"2. The crops of the United States beet growers and the planters of Louisiana, Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippine Islands during the years 1931, 1932 and 1933 shall not exceed the crops made by these respective growers and planters in 1930.

#### Plans for Year 1934.

"5. In the calendar year 1934 the crops of the United States beet growers and of the planters of Louisiana, Porto Rico, Hawaii and Philippine Islands shall not exceed the crops made by these respective growers and planters in the calendar year 1930, plus one-half of whatever increase in consumption may be shown to have taken place in the United States in the calendar year 1933 over the calendar year 1932.

"4. In the calendar year 1935 the crops of the United States beet growers and of the planters of Louisiana, Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippine Islands, shall not exceed the amount fixed by the provisions of paragraph (3) above, plus one-half of whatever increase in consumption may be shown to have taken place in the United States in the calendar year 1934 over the calendar year 1933. In this paragraph (4) and in the preceding paragraph (3) the beet crop and the Louisiana crop are assumed to fall entirely within the calendar year in which they begin.

"The crops of Cuba, Hawaii, Porto Rico and Philippine Islands are assumed to fall entirely within the calendar years in which they end.

"5. A plan shall be worked out between Cuba and the planters of Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands looking to an orderly distribution of the respective crops from such sources over the 12 months of each year in co-operation with the Hawaiian beet sugar growers.

6. A committee shall be formed to consult with respect to any questions which may arise out of the proposals above outlined.

"7. Cuba will use its best efforts to further an international conference among the producers of the world other than the American producers with a view to a general stabilization of the industry."

The conferences, which are expected to last during the current week, will be resumed this morning at Mr. Chadbourne's offices, 25 Broadway.

As to the conference on Aug. 27 we quote the following from the "Times" of Aug. 28:

"We are highly satisfied," said Mr. Chadbourne, "that this conference will lead to excellent results. We have decided, for the present at any rate, to split the general conference into small meetings and to thresh out the problems that are confronting the sugar planters and manufacturers everywhere in this part of the world. The general conference will later be resumed."

Frank H. McIntyre, trade commissioner of the Philippines in this country and adviser to the Philippine Sugar Association, left yesterday for Washington, but is expected to return to attend the conferences in a few days. The other 30 members of the committee are remaining in New York until the close of the conferences, which are expected to last for the balance of the week.

The seriousness of the situation was discussed yesterday by members of the committee, who pointed out that four of the eight sugar factories in Michigan had closed and that in Louisiana, where normally 300,000 tons are produced each year, only 170,000 tons were being manufactured at the present time.

The fear of indiscriminate dumping of surplus sugar has been one of the main reasons for the calling of the present conference, said Mr. Chadbourne yesterday. In all parts of the world there has been overproduction, and stabilization is not only necessary on this side of the Atlantic but in Java and at other points, where the supply outmeasures the demand. Markets like China and India, where internal strife has interfered with normal business, have become demoralized, he added.

A hopeful sign was indicated yesterday with a flood of inquiries from China, where the results of the conference apparently are awaited with interest.

The conferences were continued on Aug. 28, the "Times" referring thereto in part as follows:

Following several small committee meetings yesterday, Mr. Chadbourne announced that excellent progress had been made and that the members of the committee were more than ever convinced that the situation within the sugar industry must be adjusted.

"To put it baldly," he said, "it is a case of regulate or die. We have found a spirit of co-operation among the American growers, especially the smaller ones, who fear that a prolongation of the present demoralization will completely exterminate them. We have encountered no real obstacles and our progress has been more than we hoped for. The belief is strong among those who have taken part in the conferences that not only will a method be worked out for the American market but a real advance made toward correcting the present unfortunate world conditions, which affect the growers of Germany, France, Poland, Hungary, Belgium, Czechoslovakia and the Netherlands, the latter of which, through Java, is a great factor in sugar cane production."

The meetings, it was announced, will be continued for several days.

The same paper quoted Dr. Gutierrez as stating on Aug. 28:

"Cuba proposes a method of permitting consumption to catch up with production and is trying to follow the same policy which the United States Federal Board is trying in helping the wheat and grain growers of the United States. Cuba respects the United States tariff in regard to sugar and does not ask that it be changed. We expect to have an international conference and to secure the co-operation of both growers and governments."

### Louisiana Opposes Cuban Curtailment Plan.

An Associated Press dispatch from New Orleans, Aug. 26 stated:

Ernest A. Burgulieres of the American Sugar Cane League of U. S. A., Inc., speaking here to-day in behalf of the league, said that the larger sugar concerns of Louisiana were uniformly opposed to the curtailment program advanced by Cuban sugar interests as a means of restoring higher prices.

### Hawaii Backs Sugar Plan.

The following is from the New York "Evening Post" of Aug. 28:

The Hawaiian Sugar Planters Association, representing the sugar industry in Hawaiian Islands, has cabled its promise to adhere to any practical plans evolved during the present conference designed to lead to the international conference attended by delegates from sugar production areas of the world.

### Cuban Sugar Sold in Java—Sales to China.

The following is from the New York "Times" of Aug. 27:

Cuban sugar producers have been able to undersell Java in the latter's market as a result of the present low price of raw sugar in the Western Hemisphere, according to the weekly summary of the sugar market by B. W. Dyer & Co.

Dyer & Co. reported also that 21,500 tons of Cuban sugar had been sold to China within the last week. The bulk of this sugar, the first important sale to China this season, was sold at 1.04 cents a pound, according to the New York sales committee.

### Some Improvement Probable in Outlook for Beef Cattle, Says Department of Agriculture.

Economic conditions in the cattle industry are likely to improve in the next twelve months, according to the beef-cattle outlook report issued by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture. In a survey Aug. 26 the Bureau says:

Market supplies of cattle in the next five or six months probably will be about the same as a year ago, but supplies of fed cattle during the first half of 1931 are expected to be smaller than in 1930. Demand for stockers and feeders this fall will not equal that of last year, and for that reason slaughter is likely to be somewhat greater.

Prospects favor a continuation of low imports of both live cattle and calves and of fresh and frozen beef and veal. Consumer demand for beef probably will improve somewhat in the next six months with the advent of cooler weather, especially if there is an improvement in industrial activity. Prospects favor a material advance in cattle prices in the next 12 months.

Cattle production has expanded moderately since the low point in numbers was reached in 1928. Reduced demand for beef owing to unfavorable business conditions, together with a declining price level for all commodities, has caused a marked decline in cattle prices in the year just past. By mid-August of this year prices of all grades had declined below the low levels of 1926, and prices of slaughter steers were 38% below the level of 1929. This decline, which carried the market to the lowest levels in five years, accompanied the smallest marketings and the smallest inspected slaughter since 1921.

Although feed crops have been reduced somewhat by drouth, the areas affected and the numbers and distribution of livestock are such that, barring further material crop damage, there seems to be no justification for any extensive liquidation of livestock. In those sections of the corn belt where most of the cattle are fed, supplies of hay and feed grains other than corn are fairly large. Although corn production has been reduced materially, the crop in the principal cattle-feeding areas will be relatively better than in other sections. Recent rains have greatly improved corn belt pastures. The deficiency in the supply of coarse grains may be made up in part by feeding wheat where the relation of the price of wheat to that of other grains makes it desirable to do so.

The feed situation is most serious in the South Central States which produce only a small part of the cattle supply. Even there the seriousness of the situation may be relieved somewhat by the reduction in freight rates on feed, hay and livestock which has been put into effect for the drouth areas.

Range conditions in a few of the important cattle States are poor, and prospective supplies of feed and forage are short. From such areas heavy marketings of cattle are likely to occur this fall, since there seems to be little disposition to contract further obligations for the purchase of feed with which to carry increased numbers of cattle. Increased marketings from these areas will be offset to a large extent by decreases in other sections where range and feed conditions are favorable for carrying cattle through the winter.

In previous years of short corn crops and declining cattle prices there has been a pronounced tendency for cattle feeders to curtail feeding operations. This resulted in smaller supplies of fed cattle—particularly long-fed, well-finished cattle—coming on the market the following year, and this in turn caused a marked advance in the prices for such cattle. The movements of cattle prices after the harvesting of a short corn crop were especially favorable for well-finished cattle marketed in the late fall after the harvest and in the following summer, and for the lower grades marketed in the spring.

### New York Raincoat Makers Reject New Agreement Calling for Wage Cut.

A wage cut affecting 1,200 New York raincoat makers was demanded on Aug. 24 by the Association of Raincoat Manufacturers as a proviso for a new agreement with the Raincoat Makers' Union Local 20 of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, superseding the contract which expired on Aug. 1. We quote from the New York "Times" of Aug. 25, which said:

The demand was summarily rejected by Benjamin Schlessinger, President of the International Union.

Since the expiration of the agreement, the shops affiliated with the manufacturers' association have been operating under the terms of the old agreement. Manufacturers, according to Ben Fliegel, President, of 520 Eighth Ave., complain that they cannot stand the competition of non-union plants, employing cheaper labor, which, within the last few years, have moved out of town to escape union supervision.

### Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. Cuts Salaries 10%.

Associated Press advices from Akron, Ohio, Aug. 28, said:

A 10% salary cut for all sales and office employees of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. was declared to-day by P. W. Litchfield, President, to "merely parallel the wage adjustment in the factory."

Mr. Litchfield said the cut enabled the company to retain as many as possible on the payroll and that the salaried worker enjoys a present advantage in a greater purchasing power of the dollar.

### Reduction in Wages of Iron Puddlers.

Youngstown, (Ohio) Associated Press dispatches Aug. 28, stated:

Iron puddlers working under the sliding-wage scale of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel & Tin Workers will receive a reduction of 70 cents a ton, under the bi-monthly settlement announced to-day.

The average price of bar iron was found to have been \$1.80 a 100 pounds during the July-August period as compared with \$1.90 in the May-June period, resulting in the reduction of wages from \$11.30 to \$10.60 a ton.

### Many Shops Vacant on New York's East Side—Survey Shows That of 12,764 in Lower Section More Than 2,000 Are Untenanted—Specialty Centers Gain.

Of the 12,764 stores on the lower east side, a total of 2,013, or more than 15.5%, are vacant, according to a survey of the retail and wholesale district completed this week by the East Side Chamber of Commerce. We quote from the New York "Times" of Aug. 28, which said:

The area surveyed extends from New Chambers St. to 14th St. and from 3d Ave., Cooper Square, the Bowery and Park Row to the East River.

Three hundred kinds of businesses were tabulated on the 83 streets and 500 blocks reported in the survey. Despite the large number of vacancies, some of the specialty centers have shown a gain in recent years, the report indicated. Among these was the wholesale produce center on Attorney St., between Rivington and Houston Sts., where 34 stores were found to be in operation. Division St. showed a total of 79 cloak and suit shops and East Broadway 26 fur firms.

#### Independent Shops Predominate.

The independent merchant continues to hold sway throughout the district with less than 1% of the 10,751 tenanted shops occupied by retail chain store units, although some of the latter have met with good success.

"Along the side streets, including East 1st St. to East 6th St. and from Avenue A down to the waterfront, store rentals in many cases have fallen to prewar levels or even lower," said Joseph Platzker, Secretary of the Chamber. "Delancey St., however, particularly on its north side and from Allen to Clinton St., continues to hold the rental leadership, with front-foot rentals of from \$300 to \$550. Rentals as high as \$250 or \$300 were reported for some stores on Avenue A, East Broadway, 1st Ave., 2d Ave., Orchard, Grand, Essex, Canal, Division and East 14th Sts.

"The heavy list of store vacancies is an argument in the proposal of this organization for vital changes in the zoning ordinance as it applies on the lower east side. Not a single through street or avenue in this section is restricted to residence.

#### New Space Called Unrentable.

"The number of stores is increasing, but the survey indicates that new space cannot be absorbed under present conditions and only adds to the difficulties of existing merchants and property owners.

"Much interest has been displayed recently in the reported purchase by three syndicates of a number of old tenements in the district lying between the Brooklyn and the Manhattan Bridges, where most of the stores are leased for short terms.

"Unusually low vacancy records are shown for space in Chatham Square, Cooper Square, Avenue B, 1st Ave., 3d Ave., Chrystie, Forsyth, Rivington, Hester and Orchard Sts.

"Seventy-four men's clothing shops are located on Stanton St., 33 on Canal and 16 on Hester St. Along Avenue A are 22 furniture stores, and there are 16 brass and copper shops on Allen St. Clinton St. has 29 millinery and 20 lingerie shops."

### European Linoleum Trust Reduces Prices.

From Frankfort on the Main, a cablegram Aug. 22 to the New York "Journal of Commerce" said:

The linoleum trust has reduced its prices to the level prevailing in the fall of 1929 as a result of the intervention of the Minister of Economics of the Reich. This is in line with the new governmental policy looking to stricter regulation of cartel practices, it is pointed out.

In addition the German Post Office administration has threatened to withdraw all orders from the cement cartel because of the allegedly insufficient price reduction it has made.

These moves are said to be part of a general program that the Government is carrying out to force reduction in commodity prices which have been artificially maintained by trade organizations. Similar coercive steps are going to be taken in other directions, according to official indications.

The new cartel regulations are permitting the Government to put teeth into its price reduction program.

### Petroleum and Its Products—Expect Further Cuts in Production to Carry Forward Stabilization Program—Operators Swinging Into Line on Proration—California Operations Curtailed.

There were no important developments in the crude oil division of the market this week, from a price standpoint, but scattered reports from important production territories make it evident that determined efforts will be made during the fall and winter season to further cut production schedules to make effective the program of stabilization which the producing and refining branches of the industry have undertaken.

While isolated instances of defiance of proration orders are still reported, resistance to this compulsory curbing of operations is dwindling and producers are gradually swing-

ing into line with cooperation in the industry's curtailment program. It is generally believed that further drastic cuts will be necessary if the industry is to go through the winter months, the season of lowest consumption, in anything like stable position.

California oil operations are falling off, only 47 new well completions being reported for July, with aggregate daily initial flow of 33,586 barrels, as contrasted with 52 completions, with initial output of 45,522 barrels in the preceding month and 91 completions, with average aggregate daily output of 133,796 barrels, in July last year. There were 9,440 oil wells actively producing in California on July 31, a drop of 6 from the previous month and 965 less than on July 31 1929.

Pennsylvania producers, stimulated by the advance in crude prices during the preceding week, made further progress in curtailing their production, reporting 6,032 barrels daily in the Alleghany district during the week ended Aug. 23, against 6,396 barrels per day in the previous week and 6,888 barrels for two weeks previous. It was reported that more than 85% of the producers in the Alleghany district have pledged their cooperation in continuing the 30% curtailment program previously made effective.

In the Mid-Continent and Gulf areas, leading companies were stressing the unit plan of operation as the solution for overproduction of crude from newly discovered areas, with indications pointing to a more general utilization of this method of operation in the future.

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

Bradford, Pa.	\$2.45	Smaekover, Ark., 24 and over	\$.90
Cornell, Ohio	1.50	Smaekover, Ark., below 2	.75
Cabell, W. Va.	1.35	Eldorado, Ark., 34	1.14
Illinois	1.45	Urania, La.	.90
Western Kentucky	1.53	Salt Creek, Wyo., 37	1.23
Midcontinent, Okla., 37	1.23	Sunburst, Mont.	1.65
Corsicana, Texas, heavy	.80	Artesia, N. Mex.	1.08
Hutchinson, Texas, 35	.87	Santa Fe Springs, Calif., 33	1.75
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—GASOLINE SALES GAIN BUT MARKET WEAKENS AS CLOSE OF PEAK CONSUMPTION SEASON NEARS—REFINERS STILL DRAWING AGAINST GASOLINE STOCKS—FUEL OIL OUTLOOK IMPROVED—LUBRICATING OIL PRICES WEAK.

The Eastern gasoline market is a study in contrasts with consumption running into record totals and prices declining in the face of this development. The Labor Day holiday normally marks the close of the season of heaviest consumption of motor fuel, and with this time at hand the sentiment of the market has turned definitely bearish.

The posted price for U. S. Motor continues at 9 to 10 cents per gallon at Eastern refineries, but 8½ cents is freely being done and considerable gallonage has been placed this week as low as 8¼ cents per gallon.

Further substantial declines in refinery holdings are reported this week and it is probable that with continued curtailed operations at the refineries refiners will draw against stocks to take care of current sales for several weeks to come. It is generally felt in the refined products market, however, that further curtailment will be necessary at Eastern refineries during the Winter months, as indications point to continued heavy shipments of California and South American gasolines into domestic Atlantic seaboard markets.

Reports from Group 3 territory report the closing down of several fair-sized refineries in the Mid-Continent area, and it is expected that other shut-downs will be reported during the next several weeks. Under existing market conditions, refiners are showing a tendency to close down older plants and concentrate refining operations in the newer refineries equipped with cracking apparatus and other more modern refining facilities.

The fuel oil outlook has been improved in the East this week by reports that several large utility companies, among them Consolidated Gas Co. of New York, are using this oil in the manufacture of artificial gas in place of the more expensive gas oil. While this is still in the experimental stage, it is stated in oil circles that the cheaper bunker oil has worked satisfactorily in artificial gas manufacturing operations and that a definite trend toward the use of this oil will be witnessed in the near future. The approach of colder weather has also stimulated buying interest in fuel oil for domestic oil heating units, and indications point to a record volume of business in this field during the Winter of 1930-31.

Lubricating oil prices have shown sharp price declines during recent weeks and the current level of prices is the lowest reached in several years. This is attributed to over-

production on the part of Pennsylvania refiners of cylinder oils, accompanied by lessened export demand.

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

N. Y. (Bayonne) \$ .08 3/4 @ .10	N. Y.—Sinclair Ref. .08 3/4	California..... .08 3/4
Stand. Oil, N. J. .09	Colonial-Beacon .09	Los Angeles, export. .07 3/4
Stand. Oil, N. Y. .09 3/4	Carson Pet. .08 3/4	Gulf Coast, export. .08 3/4
State Water Oil Co. .08 3/4	Crew Levick .09	North Louisiana..... .07 3/4
Rightfield Oil Co. .09 3/4	West Texas..... .06 3/4	North Texas..... .06 3/4
Warner-Quinn Co. .09 3/4	Chicago..... .09 3/4	Oklahoma..... .08
Pan-Am. Pet. Co. .09 3/4	New Orleans..... .07 3/4	Pennsylvania..... .09 3/4
Shell Eastern Pet. .10	Arkansas..... .06 3/4	

Gasoline, Service Station, Tax Included.

New York..... \$ .183	Cincinnati..... \$ .19	Minneapolis..... \$ .182
Atlanta..... .21	Denver..... .18	New Orleans..... .195
Baltimore..... .22	Detroit..... .188	Philadelphia..... .21
Boston..... .20	Houston..... .18	San Francisco..... .201
Buffalo..... .15	Jacksonville..... .24	Spokane..... .195
Chicago..... .15	Kansas City..... .179	St. Louis..... .16

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

N. Y. (Bayonne) \$ .07 @ .07 3/4	Chicago..... \$ .05 3/4	New Orleans..... \$ .07 3/4
North Texas..... .05 3/4	Los Angeles, export. .05 3/4	Tulsa..... .06 3/4

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

New York (Bayonne) \$ 1.15	Los Angeles..... \$ .85	Gulf Coast..... \$ .75
Diesel..... 2.00	New Orleans..... .95	Chicago..... .65

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

N. Y. (Bayonne) \$ .05 3/4	Chicago..... \$ .03	Tulsa..... \$ .03
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Weekly Refinery Statistics for the United States.

According to the American Petroleum Institute, companies aggregating 3,525,400 barrels, or 95.6% of the 3,686,400 barrels estimated daily potential refining capacity of the plants operating in the United States during the week ended Aug. 23 1930, report that the crude runs to stills for the week show that these companies operated to 72.4% of their total capacity. Figures published last week show that companies aggregating 3,528,400 barrels, or 95.7% of the 3,686,400 barrels estimated daily potential refining capacity of all plants operating in the United States during that week, but which operated to only 72.6% of their total capacity, contributed to that report. The report for the week ended Aug. 23 1930 follows:

CRUDE RUNS TO STILLS—GASOLINE AND GAS AND FUEL OIL STOCKS  
WEEK ENDED AUG. 23 1930.  
(Figures in Barrels of 42 Gallons)

District	Per Cent Potential Capacity Reportng.	Crude Runs to Stills.	Per Cent of Total Capacity Report.	Gasoline Stocks.	Gas and Fuel Oil Stocks.
East Coast.....	100.0	3,588,000	84.2	5,555,000	10,622,000
Appalachian.....	91.8	626,000	76.0	1,324,000	1,014,000
Ind., Ill., Kentucky.....	99.6	2,120,000	79.5	6,356,000	4,408,000
Okla., Kansas, Missouri.....	89.3	1,810,000	62.7	3,157,000	4,880,000
Texas.....	90.4	4,085,000	81.9	6,169,000	10,439,000
Louisiana-Arkansas.....	96.8	1,174,000	64.0	1,356,000	1,849,000
Rocky Mountain.....	93.6	445,000	45.7	2,141,000	1,212,000
California.....	99.3	4,013,000	64.3	13,784,000	105,562,000
Total week Aug. 23.....	95.6	17,861,000	72.4	39,842,000	139,966,000
Daily average.....		2,551,600			
Total week Aug. 16.....	95.7	17,939,000	72.6	41,252,000	139,160,000
Daily average.....		2,562,700			
Total Aug. 24 1929.....	93.5	18,965,000	86.2	32,397,000	*140,758,000
Daily average.....		2,709,300			
Texas Gulf Coast.....	100.0	3,100,000	84.1	4,927,000	7,524,000
Louisiana Gulf Coast.....	100.0	810,000	78.4	1,048,000	1,097,000

\* Final revised. x Included above in the totals for week ended Aug. 23 1930 of their respective districts.

Notes.—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.

The United States total figures for 1929 are not comparable with this year's totals because of the differences in the percentage capacity reporting.

Crude Oil Output in United States Increases.

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States, for the week ending Aug. 23 1930, was 2,470,500 barrels, as compared with 2,463,550 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 6,950. Compared with the output for the week ended Aug. 24 1929 of 2,966,350 barrels daily, the current figure shows a decrease of 495,850 barrels per day. The daily average production east of California for the week ended Aug. 23 1930, was 1,862,800 barrels, as compared with 1,843,250 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 19,550 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production, by districts:

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION (FIGURES IN BARRELS).

Week Ended—	Aug. 23 '30.	Aug. 16 '30.	Aug. 9 '30.	Aug. 24 '29.
Oklahoma.....	566,950	538,200	560,750	727,350
Kansas.....	114,650	114,400	117,950	128,650
Panhandle Texas.....	100,050	100,550	97,650	133,850
North Texas.....	72,550	74,900	72,400	95,500
West Central Texas.....	72,550	53,600	53,450	58,500
West Texas.....	281,150	287,200	290,700	374,200
East Central Texas.....	39,700	40,000	39,400	17,950
Southwest Texas.....	94,000	95,150	89,350	78,200
North Louisiana.....	41,500	41,050	42,650	36,350
Arkansas.....	55,050	55,450	55,500	60,700
Coastal Texas.....	177,050	177,800	176,400	134,000
Coastal Louisiana.....	26,800	29,950	32,150	20,600
Eastern (not including Michigan)	117,000	119,500	122,000	109,500
Michigan.....	9,850	10,000	10,050	21,000
Wyoming.....	50,250	45,850	46,350	58,050
Montana.....	9,450	9,100	9,150	11,500
Colorado.....	4,450	4,450	4,400	7,000
New Mexico.....	50,600	43,100	43,450	2,550
California.....	607,700	620,300	616,100	887,900
Total.....	2,470,500	2,463,550	2,480,350	2,966,350



The estimated daily average gross production for the Mid-Continent Field, including Oklahoma, Kansas, Panhandle, North, West Central, West, East Central and Southwest Texas, North Louisiana and Arkansas, for the week ended Aug. 23, was 1,417,350 barrels, as compared with 1,403,500 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 13,850 barrels. The Mid-Continent production, excluding Smackover (Arkansas) heavy oil, was 1,380,000 barrels, as compared with 1,366,200 barrels, an increase of 13,800 barrels.

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

—Week Ended—		—Week Ended—	
Aug. 23.	Aug. 16.	Aug. 23.	Aug. 16.
Oklahoma—		Southwest Texas—	
Bowlegs.....	14,250 15,200	Darst Creek.....	42,300 44,500
Bristow-Slick.....	15,250 15,350	Luling.....	9,000 9,900
Burbank.....	15,600 15,600	Salt Flat.....	16,500 16,500
Carr City.....	5,650 6,950	North Louisiana—	
Earlsboro.....	22,750 23,800	Sarepta-Cartersville.....	3,550 3,850
East Earlsboro.....	18,100 18,250	Zwole.....	4,600 3,950
South Earlsboro.....	9,550 9,850	Arkansas—	
Konawa.....	16,400 15,500	Smackover, light.....	5,100 5,100
Little River.....	22,400 27,350	Smackover, heavy.....	37,350 37,300
East Little River.....	13,400 11,050	Coastal Texas—	
Maud.....	3,850 4,200	Barbers Hill.....	18,250 18,100
Mission.....	7,000 8,000	Racon Bend.....	12,250 12,000
Oklahoma City.....	108,150 70,650	Refugio County.....	27,350 29,700
St. Louis.....	25,650 26,400	Sugarland.....	12,150 11,800
Searight.....	7,500 7,900	Coastal Louisiana—	
Seminole.....	15,150 15,850	East Hackberry.....	2,450 3,750
East Seminole.....	2,300 2,450	Old Hackberry.....	1,200 1,200
Kansas—		Wyoming—	
Sedgwick County.....	19,100 19,350	Salt Creek.....	29,750 26,900
Voshell.....	9,050 7,800	Montana—	
Panhandle Texas—		Kevin-Sunburst.....	5,850 5,850
Gray County.....	69,400 69,300	New Mexico—	
Hutchinson County.....	21,250 21,000	Hobbs High.....	40,800 33,900
North Texas—		Bal. Lea County.....	7,100 6,550
Archer County.....	15,200 16,600	California—	
Wilbarger County.....	22,000 22,000	Elwood-Goleta.....	40,000 50,000
West Central Texas—		Huntington Beach.....	28,800 27,600
Young County.....	17,100 17,700	Inglewood.....	17,400 17,400
West Texas—		Kettleman Hills.....	15,000 12,550
Crane & Upton Counties.....	39,450 39,200	Long Beach.....	103,600 104,400
Ector County.....	8,700 11,350	Midway-Sunset.....	64,000 64,000
Howard County.....	22,800 23,600	Santa Fe Springs.....	107,500 108,000
Reagan County.....	21,900 21,700	Sea Beach.....	20,400 20,400
Winkler County.....	70,200 75,000	Ventura Avenue.....	47,000 48,000
Yates.....	103,200 102,550	Pennsylvania Grade—	
Bal. Pecos County.....	3,400 3,500	Allegheny.....	6,050 6,600
East Central Texas—		Bradford.....	19,400 20,100
Van Zandt County.....	25,350 25,400	Southeastern Ohio.....	8,000 8,150

**Gross Crude Oil Stocks Changes for July.**

Pipe line and tank farm gross domestic crude oil stocks east of the Rocky Mountains decreased 322,850 barrels in the month of July, according to returns compiled by the American Petroleum Institute from reports made to it by representative companies. The net change shown by the reporting companies accounts for the increases and decreases in general crude oil stocks, including crude oil in transit, but not producers' stocks at the wells.

**Oklahoma's Oil Curtailment Program—Temporary Injunction Issued Staying Proration Order.**

From Oklahoma City yesterday (Aug. 29) the New York "Evening Post" reported the following:

Oklahoma's oil curtailment program was threatened again to-day when Chief Justice Charles W. Mason of the State Supreme Court signed a writ of prohibition to prevent the State Corporation Commission from taking any action against the C. C. Julian Oil & Royalties Co. in its enforcement of proration orders.

The alternative writ was made returnable Tuesday when a hearing will be held of the petition of attorneys for the plaintiff that the order be made permanent.

By agreement of operators the Oklahoma City field is producing only 8 1-3% of capacity though the Corporation Commission orders allow 25%. The Julian Co. is one of the 61 companies in Oklahoma called before the Commission Sept. 8 for a hearing to determine if they are violating State proration orders.

Attorneys for Julian said they are requesting on final hearing the "purported law and orders under which the Commission is attempting to proceed be declared unconstitutional and void."

In Julian's petition he charged some fields in the State are producing 100%, with no attempts to limit drilling.

Recently C. C. Julian announced he had never entered into any agreement for the curtailing of production and he did not intend to. Mr. Julian plans to start his own refinery and build up his own marketing outlet. The C. C. Julian Oil & Royalties Co. has three wells in the Oklahoma City field.

From the New York "Times" of Aug. 23 we take the following:

Operators in the South Oklahoma City petroleum pool have agreed to reduce the output of crude oil there to 5% of the total potential flow beginning on Sept. 2, according to reports from Oklahoma City. Under the orders of the Corporation Commission of Oklahoma, they are allowed to produce 25% of the potential capacity, but for several weeks, to aid in clarifying the crude situation as much as possible, they have been producing only 8 1-3%.

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission has set Sept. 8 as the date for hearing complaints filed against a large number of oil companies and operators in that State for alleged violations of various curtailment orders of the Commission, it was also reported from Oklahoma City. It is the belief of the Commissioners, the report stated, that some companies in the proration areas are not abiding technically by the rules rather than showing willful violation.

The penalty for the violation of the conservation laws and proration orders of the Commission can be fixed at a daily fine, or the State may ask receivership of the properties involved, it is said. Of the operators charged with the violation of the law, 59 are in the South Oklahoma City field.

Commenting on the unfavorable developments in the proration agreements in Oklahoma, W. S. Farish, President of the Humble Oil Refining Co., was quoted as saying in Forth Worth yesterday that confidence in the ranks of the oil industry that it will be able to continue its present sensible scale of operations is the industry's remaining need. Lack of confidence, Mr. Farish is reported to have said, revolves around the future of proration in the Oklahoma City field, where certain town lot promoters

are reported planning legal steps to halt or hamper proration. Should they succeed, even temporarily, Mr. Farish is quoted as saying, Oklahoma City would furnish sufficient production to disrupt seriously the situation for some time.

In the meantime Mr. Farish is reported as stating that in his opinion interior refiners are selling gasoline on the basis of expected failure of proration in the Oklahoma City pool, which has resulted in prices at refineries being at the lowest level in a number of years. On the other hand, he is quoted as feeling that if definite evidence that proration in Oklahoma City will be retained the present weakness in the pivotal gasoline market would be reversed.

Mr. Farish is reported as basing his conclusion on the fact that failure of proration in the Oklahoma City field would produce a serious disruption in the present situation on the assumption that 8,000 to 9,000 acres of oil lands are bound to provide an enormous output.

**Non-Ferrous Metal Demand Still Dull—Prices Hold Fairly Steady—Large Copper Producers Firm at 11 Cents—Lead Quiet.**

Trading in the markets for the important non-ferrous metals during the past week continued dull, with little change in prices, "Metal and Mineral Markets" reports. Copper, lead, zinc and tin were all extremely quiet, but prices held quite steady. Producers are inclined to be pessimistic, but feel that current conditions are as bad as they are likely to get. The publication referred to adds:

Little actual change from a week ago occurred in the copper market. Consumers are not as eager to buy copper at 10 3/4 cents as they were a week or two ago, and sellers at that figure are beginning to quote it to possible buyers rather than parcel out the metal to favored customers. Any demand of consequence would quickly absorb all the 10 3/4 cents copper that is available, for all large producers seem as firm as ever at 11 cents. The foreign market has been quiet and unchanged.

Demand for lead during the week was on about the same scale as in the week before; some sellers found the market more active, others quieter. In the East 5 1/2 cents, New York, ruled on all sales. Lead sales for August shipments already exceed those for July and promise to be larger than for May or June as well. Another improvement is expected next month.

Zinc business was quiet during the week, with prices ranging from 4.25 cents to 4.30 cents, St. Louis. There is little zinc available at 4.25 cents, however, and traders have been willing to buy the metal at slightly above that price. Most of the demand was for prompt shipment.

Tin had a mild sinking spell Monday and Tuesday, going below 30 cents, but this stimulated buying sufficiently to send the market back up to the even figure and caused a moderate tonnage of prompt Straits to sell for a little above 30 cents.

**Steel Output Increases Slightly—Business Shows Small Gain—Steel Price Lower.**

Business in iron and steel has shown only a slight change for the better, but sentiment in the trade, though chastened by the protracted depression, is cautiously more hopeful, reports the "Iron Age" of Aug. 28 in its summary of iron and steel conditions. The passing of pessimism engendered by the drouth, scattered evidences of greater interest on the part of steel buyers and additional advances in scrap prices are among the factors that are influencing current appraisals of the future. It is true that the industry, in its present conservative mood, can see little chance for a marked recovery in business this year, but there is growing adherence to the belief that the autumn months will at least bring some measure of seasonal improvement, adds the "Age," which continues to say:

In view of the inconsequential change in actual mill bookings, no general upturn in steel plant operations is yet manifest, but gains exceed declines and average ingot output for the country at large has risen to 54%, compared with 53% last week and 52% a fortnight ago.

The scrap market, although not an infallible index, is always given considerable weight as an augury, particularly when it shows sustained strength. Heavy melting steel has advanced on substantial mill purchases in the three most important buying centers. At Pittsburgh it went up 25c. a ton for the third time in as many weeks. At Chicago and Philadelphia advances of 50c. a ton are reported.

Furnace coke at Connellsville also is stronger, with some sellers now asking \$2.65, compared with a recent maximum of \$2.60.

Prices of finished steel have undergone further declines, although it is noteworthy that both buyers and sellers are beginning to think in terms of longer commitments. Some large consumers are attempting to close contracts for as long as a year ahead at present market quotations. Mills, on the other hand, are reluctant to obligate themselves beyond the end of the quarter, and at least one producer has notified customers that it will advance prices on bars, shapes and plates Sept. 15.

On tonnage for early shipment, concessions are still being made. Bars, except in small lots, have receded \$1 a ton to 1.60c. a lb., Pittsburgh, again being on a common level with plates and shapes. Black sheets also are off \$1 a ton to 2.40c. a lb., Pittsburgh, and 2.50c., Chicago district mill. Galvanized sheets are more commonly available at 3c., Pittsburgh, compared with a recent minimum of 3.05c. Long ternes are down \$2 a ton to 3.45c. a lb., Pittsburgh, and common wire nails have declined to \$2 a keg, a recession of \$1 a ton.

Tin plate specifications, following more definite information on the extent of drouth damage, have shown a spurt and shipments by the leading producer during the week were of record proportions. Large packs on the Pacific Coast will partly offset losses in canning crops elsewhere. Continued uncertainty regarding grain yields is apparently still holding back agricultural demand for wire goods, but steel releases by farm equipment makers have improved.

Road machinery manufacturers are also reported to be taking more steel and business from the oil and gas industry is holding up. A Youngstown mill has booked 35,000 tons of electrically-welded pipe for a gas line from Kentucky to Indiana points, and prospective work indicates that the con-







erable concern is also felt regarding the increased number of unemployed Europeans. The rubber industry is so affected by low prices that leading local European and Asiatic associations have requested a Government inquiry. Discussion regarding measures for restriction of output continues. The credit situation continues difficult, and importers of all lines are reluctant to accept dealers' orders. Money is scarce, particularly in up-country districts, as prices steadily decline for native produce, including spices, sage, tapioca, copra, damar, copal and jelutong. Exporters report very small profits.

CANADA.

Some slight improvement has appeared in the business situation over the week but activity is still considerably below last year's levels. Better Prairie Province demand, traceable to harvesting, is the principal change in the regional position. Retail trade in Quebec also notes some improvement but the wholesale branch there continues dull, and this situation extends to both retail and wholesale establishments in Ontario. Manufacturing continues practically unchanged, many industries working on reduced schedules. Two hundred thousand are unemployed in the Dominion, according to a survey recently conducted under the auspices of the Federal Government. Collections in St. John, New Brunswick, are reported more difficult; Montreal and Toronto note a slight improvement; the Prairie Provinces continue slow, and Vancouver fair to slow. Uncertainty as to what action will be taken by the new Government with respect to the tariff is causing importers to proceed with extreme caution in making commitments. Imports in July, valued at \$84,551,000, and exports, valued at \$76,407,000, are down 26% and 25%, respectively, from the July 1929 totals. Drouth conditions in the United States are encouraging Canadian canners to anticipate an increased volume of business at better prices. Apple and bean prospects, however, are affected unfavorably by lack of rain in Nova Scotia and western Ontario. Threshing operations in the West indicate that wheat will grade high in most sections but yield will vary greatly. According to a Government report, durum and early bread wheats in Manitoba have escaped damage and will give heavy outturns, but the late common wheats have been severely infected by rust and damaged by heat and drouth. Sawflies are causing considerable damage in Saskatchewan. Alberta crops have been forced to maturity by the hot, dry weather and light crops are expected in the southern and central areas. Continued weakness in export demand brought about a further decline in Winnipeg wheat prices during the week, No. 1 Northern cash wheat closing on Aug. 22 at 90 1/4 cents. Slight improvement is noted in the British Columbia lumber position but the Ontario market continues very dull. Automotive dealers in that Province report a little better business in the current month but the turnover in new cars is generally poor. Motorcycles, especially commercial types, are in somewhat better demand in British Columbia. Wholesale foodstuffs continue to move at a fair rate in the Prairie Provinces, and combined sales show improvement with the progress of the harvest; other agricultural implement lines report a fair to good market. Iron and steel business is generally dull. A slightly better demand is noted in Ontario for some of the lighter types of electrical apparatus but heavier lines continue to move slowly. July production of newsprint in Canadian mills amounted to 217,000 tons, 2% above June figures but 5% below production a year ago. Manitoba mining operations are said to be increasingly hampered by lack of capital.

CHILE.

Reports of unfavorable crop conditions in the United States and Europe have slightly bolstered prices for Chilean farm products. However, general business conditions are dull with sales in some lines slightly off from those of last month.

CHINA.

The general trade situation in China continues depressed because of low silver exchange and disordered internal conditions, but the outlook is somewhat improved by favorable crop conditions, particularly in the Yangtze Valley. Conditions in Shanghai are slightly improved. Importers report receiving inquiries and are placing small orders, but dealers will not commit themselves except for immediate requirements. Prices are gradually being adjusted to the new exchange levels and fluctuations during the past month were fairly steady. Shipping is abnormally low for this season of the year, much up-river cargo being held at Shanghai, and Yangtze steamers operating about 5 to 10% of capacity. Freight arrivals at Shanghai are about 40% below normal. Export cargo is about 60% below normal as up-river cargo is being held by owners pending a safer condition for transportation of money. General business conditions in North China show slight improvement over the depression of the past four to six months. Summer slackness in trade is now approaching an end and inquiries regarding new import business are beginning to be heard.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

Economic conditions in the Dominican Republic showed no improvement during August. Business conditions in general are poor and prices for the principal commodities, especially corn and cacao, remain extremely low. Contrary to former reports, the tobacco crop is now reported to be below the average in quality and size, although prices are about normal. General exports are normal for this time of year, although the movements of cacao are now falling off. The credit situation remains very difficult and collections continue to be abnormally slow, with no prospects of an immediate improvement. Building construction work in the northern provinces is practically at a standstill, but there is moderate activity in the southern section. Unemployment was slightly accentuated during August and the factories continue to operate at much less than normal capacity. Custom receipts during July are reported as being about 6% below July of last year. Current remittances to the Receiver General from August 1 to 20 are about 10% below the same period in 1929, and about 7% below the same period of July this year.

EQUADOR.

Economic conditions in Ecuador show no improvement. The returns from the larger cacao crop have been offset by lower prices for coffee, rice and hides, and collections continue exceedingly difficult. The increase in Colombian duties effective in October has resulted in a greater activity in the local textile mills which anticipate shipping textiles to Columbia before the new duties become effective. Business men are appealing to Congress for a reduction in taxes and in custom duties. Cacao deliveries since July 25 were 13,000 quintals. Deliveries of cacao up to Aug. 15 were 42,000 quintals more than in the same period of 1929.

EL SALVADOR.

Retail merchants in San Salvador report extremely poor sales during the August holidays (Aug. 1-7), a period when merchants usually plan to make an entire clearance of stocks in anticipation of new arrivals from abroad. The depressing trade situation is in consequence accentuated, and there appears to be no chance of any betterment in the over-the-counter sales until December when gold drafts will begin to come into the market. It is fortunate that many merchants have, during the past six months, declined to make any purchases, as otherwise conditions would have been much worse than they are. Land values and property

values are still on a downward trend and there is very little building activity. The 1929-30 coffee season may be considered as practically closed, as only a few bags of inferior quality remain in the country. A few small lots of washed coffee of the 1930-31 crop have been sold for early delivery at \$16 per quintal.

HAITI.

There was a slight recession in general business activity in Haiti during August, as compared with the previous month. Banks report the volume of retail trade as on the downward trend. The usual seasonal dullness, combined with continued unprofitable coffee prices, has so affected business circles that leading firms and banks are pessimistic as regards any early improvement. Climatic conditions during August were more favorable to the coming coffee crop, which is maturing earlier than last year. Prospects are that the crop will be of good quality and abundant, but little relief therefrom is anticipated by reason of prevailing price levels. Exporters are advised to continue to exercise the utmost caution as regards granting credits at this time.

INDIA.

The general economic situation in India has not improved during the past month, but from outward appearances the boycott movement is losing force except possibly in Bombay. Some difficulties are being experienced on the frontier, particularly in the Peshawar district where martial law has been established. The current business situation remains very unsatisfactory. At Bombay, sixteen mills are closed and thousands of mill-workers are unemployed. Many of the mills are operating at 50% capacity and stocks of piece-goods continue to accumulate. Bazaar business has not improved and Indian agents of foreign manufacturers find it extremely difficult to obtain orders. Bazaar stocks of staple lines are unquestionably low and any material improvement of present conditions in the market would tend to stimulate business activity in both domestic and imported merchandise. The credit situation remains very poor and collections are difficult to effect. There are no prospects of improvement in the business situation in the near future and consequently caution should continue in making shipment to Indian accounts. The monsoon or rainy season is considered as generally satisfactory. Standing crops are in good condition except along the Indus where floods have caused considerable damage. The continued decline in commodity prices for India's raw and manufactured exports has tended to demoralize most trades. The reduced volume in the value of foreign trade resulting has appreciably curtailed customs and railway receipts, affecting the revenue position of the central government. A record wheat crop this season is expected to show an export surplus of 2,000,000 tons with a corresponding improvement in railway loadings and substantially help the country's trade balance. The money supply is ample with call funds around 2% with small demand. Exchange is dull but steady with few export bills showing and small remittance inquiries. Gilt edged securities are steady. Jute and cotton shares are firm but coals, teas, and miscellaneous shares are being neglected and transactions are limited due to the Bombay exchange remaining closed to forward business.

IRISH FREE STATE.

Some economic setbacks were experienced by the Cork area in the second quarter of the year, according to a report. Agriculture, the basic industry of the district, is extremely sensitive to conditions in the British market, the principal outlet for its livestock and dairy production, and the decline in activity in cross channel industrial centers is the cause of considerable uneasiness. In addition, the drastic curtailment in operations in the tractor plant at Cork has released approximately 7,000 workers, about half of whom are on the dole in Cork city.

JAMAICA.

During August no change of importance took place to alleviate the depression that has characterized economic conditions in Jamaica during the past months. In some quarters, however, hope was expressed that the turning point had been reached, and there are evidences that the heretofore rather pronounced stringency in financial matters is easing back to normal. Building activity increased during August, but collections in general remain slow. The number of tourist visitors from Aug. 1 to Aug. 20 declined 23% as compared with the figures for the corresponding period of the previous year. Prices for the principal agricultural products continue considerably below normal, especially bananas and coffee, both of which showed a further decline during August as compared with the previous month's prices. Cocosnut prices advanced slightly over last month. Exports of cocoanuts from Jan. 1 to Aug. 9 amounted to only 64% of the quantity shipped during the same period last year, while exports of copra over the same period of time increased by 60%.

MEXICO.

Business continues dull in Mexico and is feeling the effect of the world wide decline of commodity prices, particularly for silver and other metals. However, Mexico has an advantage in that there has been no inflation locally, hence no serious failures are expected even though the depression continues indefinitely. Recovery depends on the betterment of commodity prices and on general improvement in the United States. Local merchants are extending credits only to the best firms, and are avoiding large inventories. The cement industry has been prosperous with existing plants making enlargements and a new plant being erected in the State of Sonora. Headway is being made with road construction and street paving throughout the country in spite of the rainy season. The principal highway activities are located in the northern States. Owing to the oil drilling activities in the States of Nuevo Leon, Coahuila and northern Tamaulipas, the Mexican Government has opened an agency of the petroleum bureau at Monterrey. A contract has been let by one of the oil companies for a pipe line from the Furbero oil fields in the State of Tamaulipas to Mexico City, a distance of 230 kilometers.

NETHERLAND EAST INDIES.

General trade conditions have reached unfavorably during August to the lowered prices of export commodities and quieter demand for import lines. Export markets are very quiet, featured by buying for immediate needs only on the part of consumers, the absence of speculation, and very low prices for all commodities. Some price levels, especially for gum damar, rubber, pepper, kapok, tapioca, and copra, are the lowest in many years. Import markets reflect seasonal quietness, which is earlier this year than usual. Stocks of most imported merchandise are slightly below normal and dealer demand has lessened, with the decline in retail buying. Collections continue slow. Because of the lowered produce prices and exhaustion of proceeds from the rice harvest, native money in tight, and several dealer failures are expected.

NEW ZEALAND.

New Zealand merchants continue very hesitant in placing import orders, owing to the very low prices being received for butter, wool and rabbit skins in overseas markets. Building permits have declined sharply and forward orders for all building materials including lumber are being placed with care. The business community is being further disturbed by recent

tariff increases and budget proposals, though no further changes are anticipated during the remainder of 1930.

## SWEDEN.

While business and industrial activities generally record further decrease, the Swedish economic situation is still relatively favorable. The production of sulphate woodpulp is being drastically reduced and many mills have closed down.

Notwithstanding the low prices for principal commodities, general business conditions improved slightly over July and may be considered as generally satisfactory. The outlook for the new cacao crop, beginning in October or November, is extremely promising, owing to perfect weather conditions, and the new crop is expected to exceed the previous ones in volume. The present excellent condition of the cacao trees in all districts is attributed to the obligatory extra cultivation methods imposed on the planters by the Government as a feature of the general campaign to control the witchbroom disease. Coffee crop prospects are also excellent and a record crop is expected, the harvest starting in October. A considerable increase in the production of lime products is expected. The Government plans to undertake a general water development project throughout the island. Also, owing to the rapid development of the grapefruit industry, the Government will erect a central packing plant in the near future, making it obligatory for producers to grade their fruit with a view to exporting mainly to Canada. As a part of the general agricultural development scheme, and to relieve unemployment, the Government plans to build extensive new roads to open up new areas suitable for cacao and banana cultivation.

## URUGUAY.

As a result of the weakness of the peso exchange, the tendency of importers to wait for stabler prices in staple commodities, and general adoption of more cautious credit policy on the part of business houses, business in August receded further and reached a lower level than during the corresponding month of 1929. The extended period of cold and wet weather is not affecting seriously the cattle or crops which are under cultivation, but is retarding the late seeding operations. The encouraging feature in the present situation is the slow but steady improvement in livestock prices and the return of buying interest in the dry cattle hide market. The wool market is inactive and without stocks, the sales of May, June and July having absorbed all the available wool, amounting to nearly 30,000 bales. The wet salted cattle hide market is dull and prices have declined somewhat.

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

## HAWAII.

Business in Hawaii during August has improved somewhat and retailers of necessity lines report that the volume almost equals that of August last year. The sale of non-essential lines, however, is off from 7 to 15%. Time credit sales are increasing, and collections have improved. While sugar, the barometer of Hawaiian business, has reached record low levels, inducing caution and economy, a general spirit of confidence in future adjustments prevails throughout the Island.

Crop conditions in the leeward districts of all islands are exceptionally good, because of well-distributed rains alternating with sunshine and favorable temperatures. In windward districts, however, an over-supply of rain has somewhat retarded field operations. The drouth has been broken in Kau district of the Island of Hawaii by recent rains, and mountain freshets in Kauai and Oahu have filled reservoirs assuring irrigation water for the balance of the year.

## PHILIPPINES.

Heavy rains in July interfered with retail trade, further aggravating the generally unfavorable conditions which continued as a result of constantly falling prices and weak demand for Philippine products. The rains also disrupted planting in rice districts, causing the withdrawal of savings and further difficulties in financing labor payments involved. No improvement in rice areas is expected before late September. Tobacco producing regions are the best situated, due to the relative stability of price and demand. Credits and collections during July were considered more difficult than in any month since 1921, especially in the southern islands and in southern and central Luzon. Somewhat better conditions prevailed in northern Luzon, which is the chief tobacco district. Credits continue to be granted only on a very well secured basis. Unemployment is regarded as more serious than it has been in many years, although the situation as yet is not critical.

### England May Refund Part of National Debt—London Believes Time Is Favorable as Only Gilt-Edged Securities Are in Demand.

From the New York "Herald Tribune" of Aug. 25 we take the following London cablegram (copyright) Aug. 24:

The stock exchange has passed through another bad week, and in spite of attempts at optimism in some quarters it is by no means certain that the bottom has, as yet, been reached. Only British funds were encouraged by the rise of sterling on the foreign exchanges and the strengthening of the Bank of England's position.

Indeed, this has been so marked that there is a revival of rumors to the effect that the Chancellor of the Exchequer is preparing to take advantage of the situation to refund some portion of the national debt on a cheaper basis. The present moment would certainly appear favorable for such an operation since investors are following the policy of safety first and declining to consider anything but first-class, gilt-edged securities. Almost everything else is regarded with suspicion and almost every market is weighed down by selling orders, which meet with but little or no resistance from buyers.

### Gold and Silver Imported into and Exported from the United States, by Countries, in July.

The Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce at Washington has made public its monthly report showing the imports and exports of gold and silver into and from the United States during the month of July 1930. The gold exports were \$42,528,739. The imports were \$21,888,514, of which \$6,289,030, came from Bolivia, \$3,414,166 from Hong Kong, 3,329,243 came from Mexico, \$3,172,673 from Venezuela and \$3,000,000 came from Uruguay. Of the exports of the metal, \$30,001,727 went to France and \$12,511,762 went to Canada. Below is the report:

### GOLD AND SILVER EXPORTED FROM AND IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED STATES, BY COUNTRIES.

Countries	GOLD.		SILVER.			
	Total.		Refined Bullion.		Total (Incl. Coin).	
	Exports Dollars.	Imports Dollars.	Exports Ounces.	Imports Ounces.	Exports Dollars.	Imports Dollars.
Belgium	-----	245	-----	-----	-----	167
France	30001727	58,916	-----	-----	-----	25,515
Germany	-----	-----	211,601	-----	72,763	3,166
Netherlands	-----	8,120	-----	-----	-----	5,857
Spain	-----	4,000	-----	-----	-----	3,465
United Kingdom	-----	-----	674,125	-----	234,600	1,382
Canada	12511762	1,369,281	42,888	1,198,905	122,371	1,052,166
Costa Rica	-----	11,635	-----	-----	-----	-----
Guatemala	-----	28,449	-----	-----	-----	-----
Honduras	-----	32,631	-----	-----	-----	116,016
Nicaragua	-----	39,870	-----	2,040	-----	3,710
Panama	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	138,000
Mexico	-----	3,329,243	-----	2,921,264	114,630	1,668,714
Barbados	-----	1,300	-----	-----	-----	-----
Trinidad & Tobago	-----	17,000	-----	-----	-----	1,150
Other Brit. W. I.	-----	2,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
Cuba	-----	13,230	-----	-----	180	48
Dominican Repub.	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	4,267
Haiti, Republic of.	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	13,200
Argentina	-----	-----	6,430	-----	-----	9,500
Bolivia	6,289,030	-----	-----	-----	2,479	93
Chile	21,214	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Colombia	107,937	-----	-----	156	-----	233,311
Ecuador	239,130	-----	-----	-----	-----	55
Surinam	250	-----	-----	-----	-----	14,926
Peru	-----	96,466	4,501	-----	-----	-----
Uruguay	-----	3,000,000	-----	-----	1,575	10,224
Venezuela	-----	3,172,673	-----	-----	-----	476,059
British India	-----	-----	3,164,290	-----	-----	-----
British Malaya	-----	33,000	-----	-----	1,084,306	-----
China	-----	-----	5,011,412	-----	-----	-----
Java and Madura	-----	279,075	-----	144,007	1,710,140	-----
Hong Kong	15,000	3,414,166	1,077,832	-----	365,635	71,375
Philippine Islands	-----	313,426	-----	-----	-----	2,691
Australia	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	36
Belgian Congo	-----	4,891	-----	-----	-----	97,832
Other Br. So Africa	-----	1,446	-----	-----	-----	37
British West Africa	-----	140	-----	-----	-----	1,779
Total	42,528,739	21,888,514	10,193,079	4,266,372	3,708,679	3,952,741

### Socialists Approve Briand Plan for United Europe—But Delegates at Zurich Stress Federation Must Not Be in Opposition to League.

From the New York "Times" we quote the following Zurich message Aug. 22:

The executive committee of the Socialist International, at secret session here today, unanimously adopted a cautiously worded resolution favoring the Briand plan for a European federation. The British Laborites, who criticized the plan at yesterday's session, were won over to the resolution today after it had been liberally diluted with some of the views contained in the British Government's reply to M. Briand.

The resolution says closer economic collaboration is necessary to prevent the European States from falling into general decay and misery, but insists that such collaboration must not be directed against any one and must not degenerate into European protectionism.

It says the Federation must avoid even a suspicion of appearing to be opposed to the League of Nations and should begin on the simplest basis. The resolution adds that the idea of establishing a European secretariat is premature and favors the inclusion of Russia and Turkey in the federation.

The Socialists express sympathy with M. Briand's proposal for a closer political understanding, saying this is indispensable for the maintenance of peace and stressing the need of Europeans sacrificing some national sovereignty for the common good.

Lacking unanimity on the question of linking the Kellogg peace pact and the League Covenant, the Socialists decided to shelve the question till next year, indicating they did not expect the League Assembly to act on the proposition in September.

Other resolutions passed strongly favor the League's draft convention for giving financial assistance to a victim of aggression and deplore the slowness of the States in ratifying the League decision to oppose the Italo-German plans for the reorganization of the League Secretariat.

Disarmament and the situation in India will be discussed tomorrow. Morris Hillquit of New York, who arrived today, is participating in the meeting on behalf of the American Socialists.

### Reich Cabinet Maps Financial Reforms—Salaries to Be Cut, Insurance for Employed Curbed, and Workers' Homes Built—Tax Unification is Aim.

After deliberating for several days over the Government's most pressing problem, financial reform, which Chancellor Bruening promised to accomplish when he took office, the German Cabinet finally agreed on Aug. 28 on further reductions in the budget for 1931 as the first step. This is noted in a Berlin message to the New York "Times," which also had the following to say:

Secondly, a detailed building program for workmen's houses and rural settlements, covering a period of years, will be adopted with the aim of relieving the housing shortage among the poorer classes. The cost of the new houses to their residents will be based on their paying capacity. The financing of larger apartment houses also will be attempted.

Protective measures are planned to prevent unlimited demands by unemployment insurance without endangering necessary payments. The fourth point is that financial settlement among the Reich, the Federal States and the communities will in the future be reached through different key revenues in accordance with their different purposes and after their independent responsibility has been clarified. This final settlement may become legal as soon as the Reichstag passes its new unitary taxation bill, which has referred to in the Government's emergency decree.

In this connection a simplification of the tax system is planned. Property up to \$5,000 will not be taxed and agricultural taxes will be changed. High salaries in municipal civil services will be reduced in communities where the taxes are especially high.

Credit requirements for public enterprises will be administered and regulated according to unified principles, which will help to cut high interest rates.

These measures are designed to reduce the heavy tax burdens of the German peoples, although the program is to be carried out only gradually. It will be begun in 1931.

**Shareholders' Meeting of National Bank of Belgium—Monetary Situation Sound, Governor Franck Reports.**

From Brussels the "Wall Street Journal" of Aug. 26 reported the following:

At shareholders' meeting of National Bank of Belgium, Governor Franck declared that the monetary situation is sound, with note cover for circulation exceeding 64%. Industries are in a position to surmount world crisis since they have no stocks of raw materials and equipment is first class. Banking situation is exceedingly healthy, according to the Governor, and money cheap.

The Governor insisted on organization of industries with view of developing exports and on economy in public expenditure. The Bourse, which has long been depressed was favorably influenced by the speech.

**Reichsbank to Aid German Exporters—Charter Expected to Be Revised Along Liberal Pre-War Credit Lines—Foreign Markets Aimed At.**

From its Berlin correspondent the New York "Times" reported the following under date of Aug. 21:

German business men heaved a sigh of relief when they learned that the favorable balance of trade attained in 1929 had maintained itself during the first half of 1930. For the secret of Germany's prosperity and even existence lies in exports.

Hence when figures became known which indicated that Germany in the first six months of the current year was the only one among the leading industrial countries of the world to show something approaching stability in exports, a feeling made itself felt through the business world that all might not be lost in spite of very unfavorable signs in the home market.

The medal has, of course, its reverse side. The favorable balance of 500,000,000 marks (about \$120,000,000) was not due to an increase of exports but to a decrease in imports. Germany is not buying these days for a variety of reasons, chief among which is the effect of the world-wide trade depression, although increasing taxes and attempts to cut wages also play a part in reducing buying power.

Nevertheless she is still selling. And although the value of exports of goods has fallen some \$750,000 in the first half of 1930 compared with the same period a year ago if one allows for the fact that prices are lower it can be shown that the volume has even increased slightly.

*Some Reasons for German Success.*

Among the reasons contributing to this country's continued ability to dispose of her products in the world markets are her concentration on manufacturing apparatus—which despite depression stills sells well, buyers apparently wishing to equip themselves for advantageous production when the clouds finally clear away—and to some extent her neutrality, which seems to be giving her at least a momentary advantage in selling in India and China.

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Among the factors enabling the manufacturer to sell so much cheaper abroad is the attitude of the State railways. Being State owned they are naturally partially dedicated to the welfare of the nation. They, therefore, are willing to quote absurdly low rates on freight destined to a seaport for shipment abroad. This was even truer in pre-war days.

In those days, too, the Reichsbank quietly helped by a liberal policy of rediscount. Exporters' credits were guaranteed by the Reichsbank when acceptances were passed up from a private bank with less fuss and ceremony than might have been shown over a home sale. There is a movement afoot now to refashion the charter of the gold discount bank to enable it to exercise a more liberal policy in advancing export credits than is now possible; in other words, to let it follow the well-trodden path of the pre-war Reichsbank.

Quite aside from the disturbance of this favorable balance which may result if trade depression continues throughout the world, or if the tendency to erect tariff barriers spreads, there is a serious struggle going on between the agricultural and industrial interests here which threatens trouble. The agrarians are demanding more and more tariff protection. If they get it there is real danger of retaliatory measures from abroad which may seriously curtail industry's turnover possibilities outside the borders of the Reich.

An indication of what may be in store for German manufacturers if farmers get even a portion of their demands was shown at the end of July when an attempt was made to break off the trade agreement with Finland in order to enable Germany to raise her butter duties. Holland alone has a most-favored-nation agreement and it would have meant stiffening the barriers against Dutch dairy products.

**France Absolved of Political Motives in Demands for World's Gold by J. Henry Schroder & Co.—Defects of French Banking System Largely Responsible.**

The suspicion expressed in London recently that the great inflow of gold into France must have been encouraged for political purposes is branded as unfounded by J. Henry Schroder & Co., one of the largest English banking firms, in its quarterly review just received in New York. The drain of gold to France, it is pointed out by the London firm, can be fully explained without imputing unworthy motives to the Bank of France and the French Treasury. The Schroder firm also says that in the interests of international amity it is very desirable that this explanation should be given. After explaining how France in recent years has built up tremendous balances abroad, amounting to the equivalent of approximately one billion dollars in liquid assets, and citing other reasons for France's power to take gold, J. Henry Schroder & Co. state:

"There are two reasons why gold has been going to France. One is that in spite of an apparently glutted money market currency is wanted there, and the other is that owing to the very primitive arrangements of the

market currency can only be got, with any freedom, by putting gold into the Bank of France and taking out its notes. While during the past year the gold stock of the Bank of France rose by £61,000,000, its note circulation expanded by £68,000,000. The close correspondence between these figures is instructive.

"There have lately been several reasons why money should be wanted on the other side of the channel. The turn of the half-year, the payment of direct taxes, always heavy in July, and the brisk turnover of money by visiting tourists, which reaches its highest point at or soon after this time, are normal causes of stringency. Added to them this year were special operations for regulating the maturity dates of Bons de la Defence, which have led, and will lead until December, to the issue of more of these securities than are redeemed. At the beginning of July about £10,000,000 went into the Bank of France on account of the Reparations "Commercialization" loan, and a City of Paris loan of about £15,000,000, though largely a conversion operation, transferred a considerable amount to the same quarter; and, as will be shown later, it is much easier for the Bank of France to take money in than to get it about again. And, in addition to all these demands for money, seasonal and special, it is stated that the French peasant's incorrigible habit of hoarding is stronger than ever in these days, and is sterilizing, under mattresses or in a safe place up the chimney, a considerable proportion of the Bank of France's note issue.

"It would naturally be supposed that these demands for currency would easily be met, without any inroads on foreign gold stocks, by an increase in its credits granted by the Bank of France. Such is the normal procedure in countries which work the gold standard. If money is wanted, and the central bank has an adequate stock of gold, it grants credits against bills and securities, and the credits are either taken out in notes, or, in countries which have developed an extensive check system, are left on deposit, at the central bank and used as the basis of a check currency, which may be five or more times as great in volume as the credit on which it is founded."

The banking system of England, it is noted, provides for an elasticity of credit and currency which is lacking in France. After explaining how exceptional demands for currency would be met in England without drawing in gold from abroad, J. Henry Schroder & Co. point out the defects in the French system and explain why they have made it necessary for French banks to suck in foreign gold. They state:

"But the arrangements of the Paris money market are old-fashioned to a degree that is astonishing, when we compare it with the keen intelligence and highly developed civilization of our French neighbors in other respects. In practical fact, anyone who wants currency or credit from the Bank of France gets it by handing over gold. There is no central pool of short money, lent by the commercial banks to a ring of discount houses, as in London, which money the banks can call in from the discount houses, which, in turn, replenish their supplies by borrowing from the Bank of England or discounting bills with it. There is no custom, as in the United States, whereby the member banks of the Federal Reserve System can and do rediscount bills at the Federal Reserve Bank, and so widen the basis of credit. On the contrary, the last thing that a French commercial bank wants to do is to take bills to the Bank of France, and for a reason that is interesting.

"Nowadays, central banks that have been established in the light of recent experience are enjoined to confine themselves to acting as bankers to the Government and to the other banks, and do not, or should not, compete with the latter for ordinary banking business. But the Bank of France discounts commercial bills at its 257 branches and auxiliary offices all over the country to a considerable extent—on July 3 it held £45,000,000 worth—and the commercial banks fear that by taking bills to it for rediscount they will be giving away their own business. If they do ask it for advances, it charges them 4½% (2% above the official rate); so when they need more currency, the simplest course for them is to draw on their balances abroad and bring gold home and deliver it to the Bank of France. And the Bank of France is helpless. There is no discount market; moreover, incredible as it may seem, it is forbidden by law to hold investments or to effect open market operations for its own account, and the Bank of France is therefore unable to employ a "hidden hand" to buy Treasury and other bills and so swell credit."

**Paul Reynaud, French Finance Minister, Explains French Imports of Gold—Ascribes \$300,000,000 Increase in Year to Balance of Debts—Buying Abroad a Remedy.**

From the New York "Evening Post" of Aug. 23 we take the following (copyright) from Paris, Aug. 23:

Criticism of the heavy imports of gold into France has evoked a reply by Paul Reynaud, Finance Minister, in his recent speech in Epinal. Concerning the inflow of the metal, which has aggregated more than \$300,000,000 in the past year, he says:

"We have in no manner provoked it. It is the consequence of the fact that our creditor accounts on foreign countries are higher than our debts, and of the strength we displayed in supporting the international crisis.

"In such a country, where the power of accumulating money has always been attracted by long-term investments, the introduction of foreign securities, the issue of these on the French market, are the best means for causing the sales of francs and the purchases of foreign exchanges."

However, it remains to be decided when this policy will be opportune. The foreign markets outlook is not encouraging and it has demonstrated, for some months, that it would have been unpleasant to buy stocks at the very moment when they were falling. By not permitting these introductions the Government has saved a great deal of money to the French investor.

Concerning new issues, M. Reynaud said: "We have refused to authorize flotations for countries which have not fulfilled their obligations with respect to French investors before the war."

Criticism in some foreign papers concerning the French gold policy causes much dissatisfaction. A French financial writer observed that the English protests were unjustified since the gold imports were merely the consequence of the free gold market and gold standard policy, of which England has always declared herself the champion. That absolute freedom does not work as satisfactorily now as before, is evident. The tracks which the precious metal now follow are no more those which it followed before the war. France is not responsible for all the economic troubles, inflation,

stabilization credits and wide capital moves which have thus modified the international financial area.

Furthermore, the fact that our exchange remains steady in spite of the considerable imports of gold, that notwithstanding this inflow our foreign exchanges reserves remain approximately at the same level since many months, that our foreign balances are still large, all this makes the problem very intricate, and it is only by a patient action that these troubles may be resolved.

Desirous as it may be to take the largest part in improving the international outlook, France cannot upset its foreign account balance for the sake of foreign countries. Moreover, should it incline to such a foolish sacrifice, experts would be at a loss to tell how to do it; financial streams are not easily managed, and there is no magic word there. In proportion as the foreign securities market improves, the gold inflow will diminish. But there again, everything does not depend upon France, but also upon the international market, which is not precisely very encouraging now.

### Guaranty Trust Company of New York on Reasons for French Gold Accumulation.

In its "Monthly Survey" published Aug. 25 the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York thus discusses gold exports:

#### Gold Exports Resumed.

After an interruption of about two years' duration, the exportation of gold from the United States has been resumed. Viewed in the longer perspective, the shipment of approximately \$75,000,000 of the metal, mainly to France and Canada, since the middle of July may be logically regarded as a continuation of the process of redistribution of the abnormal and unwieldy gold stock that accumulated in this country as a result of war and post-war influences.

As was the case three years ago, the movement of gold abroad is favored by easy money in the United States and by the policy of the Federal Reserve banks, the principal features of which are the lowest rediscount rates in the history of the system and the injection of funds into the open money market through the purchase of bankers' bills and Government securities.

As far as American finance is concerned, gold shipments under present conditions occasion no uneasiness. The gold stock of this country is not far below the 1927 peak, and the Federal Reserve ratio is more than twice the legal minimum. The return of gold to Canada, moreover, will bring much needed relief, since that country was one of the chief sufferers from the absorption of capital by the inflated American stock market and was forced last year to impose restrictions on gold movements practically amounting to a temporary suspension of the gold standard.

#### Reasons for French Gold Accumulation.

It is remarkable that France, devastated and industrially disorganized by the war and with a substantial import balance in commodity trade, has succeeded in stabilizing its currency and, more recently, in building up such a strong gold position. At the beginning of the program of gold accumulation and for some time thereafter, the metal was bought and otherwise attracted to France by every possible means. The process was facilitated by the fact that, during the period of inflation, large amounts of French capital were converted into foreign currencies and held abroad. With the advent of stabilization, these funds returned to France, and were promptly purchased by the Central Bank and either converted into gold or held in the form of foreign balances convertible into gold. There was also a large quantity of hoarded gold within the country, which came out of hiding after the currency had been stabilized.

Several other factors have aided France in the process of gold accumulation. One is the fact that the country is a rather large investor abroad and that its foreign loans have brought in a revenue that, in recent years, has not been reinvested in foreign countries. Another is the large sums received for reparations and the comparatively small amounts paid to Great Britain and America on account of war debts. A third is the enormous sums spent by American and other tourists in France. These and other "invisible" items in the balance of payments have more than offset the import surplus in commodity trade.

In recent months, with the reserves of the Bank of France far in excess of the amount necessary under the law, the continued import of gold into France has been criticized as detrimental to the interests of other countries, particularly Great Britain, where the Central Bank has at times been hard pressed to maintain its reserve at a comfortable level. Both the French Government and the Bank of France, however, assert that no artificial methods have been used to attract gold during the past year. The latest annual report of the Bank states that the increase in reserves during the second half of 1929 was merely the natural result of the international movement of funds, and that from June to December the Bank never took the initiative in acquiring gold by means of foreign bills.

#### Present Views on French Gold Imports.

The persistent flow of gold to France is, in fact, coming to be regarded with some concern by French financial authorities. The recent experience with inflation in the United States is still fresh in the minds of bankers and economists. Although the plethora of gold in this country did not result in an inflation of commodity prices, it was instrumental in producing the great stock-market boom of 1928 and 1929. The question is being asked, therefore, whether an excess supply of gold can be permanently "sterilized."

Some observers are of the opinion that warning signs are already beginning to appear. It is pointed out, first, that note circulation in France has increased with the gold supply and is now the largest on record; second, that the international trade depression has been felt less in France than in any other important industrial nation, indicating, possibly, the stimulating influence of inflation; and, third, that the decline of wholesale prices has been accompanied in recent months by increases in retail prices, resulting in considerable complaint over the rise in the cost of living.

At all events, it is plain that French financial officials are keenly aware of the fact that too much gold can be fully as embarrassing as too little and that the time will arrive, if it has not arrived already, when further gold imports will be of very doubtful benefit to France. For some time the Bank of France has been emphasizing its wish to check gold imports. Since the monetary law of June 25 1928, does not permit the Bank directly to buy foreign exchange, it is believed that the only practicable means of exerting a downward pressure on franc exchange is by encouraging loans to foreign countries. Even this course is considered objectionable at present because of the weakness of foreign security markets and the belief in France that the low point of the world-wide decline in values may not yet have been reached.

The attitude of international bankers toward French gold absorption has, of course, been colored by the general recognition of the possibility of a world gold shortage at some time in the future. Those who believe that such a shortage is imminent have succeeded in making out a statistical case that has not yet been refuted. So far, however, the majority of bankers have re-

fused to become alarmed over the possibility of such a development, believing apparently that its effects can be largely, if not entirely, offset by economies in the use of gold.

In its more immediate aspects, the current gold movement is, from the American point of view at least, a favorable development. It reduces the danger of inflation, removes an element of needless expense, and increases the potential market for American goods abroad.

### Gold Loss Believed Near End at London—Other Markets are Expected to Avoid Drawing Heavily on Bank's Reserve.

From a London cablegram August 22, to the New York "Times" we take the following:

Monetary conditions continue to shape themselves favorably for Lombard Street and for the Stock Exchange. The large lending banks seem to have abundant funds and have resumed purchasing bills from the discount market. Although European countries are still evidently desirous of obtaining gold in London, there seems to be a feeling among the majority of central banks abroad that the Bank of England should not be called upon to supply these requirements.

This does not mean that purchases of gold on the open London market will be abandoned, but it is considered likely that no serious inroads on the Bank's gold reserve will be made and that no appreciable advance in money rates is likely for some time to come. That belief is reinforced by the absence of any sign of trade revival, while Stock Exchange activity promises to remain at a low ebb.

### Decline of Prices Ascribed in London to Overproduction, Not Gold.

The following from London August 22, is from the New York "Times":

Numerous economic writers in this country continue to attribute the present reduced level of commodity prices to an inadequate or ill-distributed supply of gold. It is safe to say, however, that the average business man and most of the bankers who would not be classed as theorists ignore that possible influence, and ascribe the present position to overproduction and reduced consumption.

It is held that statistics relating to all important commodities strongly support this view. At the moment, while it is thought that in several directions prices are now scraping bottom, it is also believed that no early recovery is likely. The feeling is, however, that if trade were not so universally depressed, there would be hope for a quicker approximation of demand to supply.

### Spain Limits Dealings in Foreign Exchange.

An Associated Press dispatch dated Madrid Aug. 22, and published in the New York "Sun," said:

The Government today ordered transactions in foreign exchange limited to the execution of actual orders of customers as required in business transactions, in a stern effort to end shrinkage in value of the peseta.

An extraordinary Cabinet meeting formulated the plan, the effects of which bankers and other financial operators awaited anxiously.

A cablegram from Madrid Aug. 22 to the New York "Times" stated:

Julio Wais, Spain's newly appointed Minister of Finance, issued his first statement to-night at the close of a Cabinet meeting. He says he hopes to check speculation in the peseta by confining the purchase of foreign money, drafts, bonds, &c., to the Bank of Spain and requiring that even these transactions must be justified by documentary evidence of absolute necessity.

Senor Wais added that Spain's trade balance is improving, with exports at a higher figure and imports lower. He omitted to say, however, that this is largely due to the cheapness of the peseta. For the same reason, Asturian coal has been sold out and there is not enough on hand for public requirements.

All indications are that the Government is unwilling to terminate the petrol monopoly. The Cabinet approved the monopoly's budget, showing reductions at the present exchange rate of nearly \$105,000 which, taken in conjunction with economies effected in the February reorganization, totals \$540,000. One hundred thousand dollars was voted for victims of the earthquake in the Cordova section on July 5.

The Supreme Court has advised the Government to pay back extralegal fines imposed by the recent dictatorship, but the Government says that in view of the legal intricacies involved it will pass the matter on to the new Cortes, which will be elected soon. It is not likely that the Cortes will be convoked until the new year because of the many claims arising out of the recently published voting lists and final ones are not likely to appear until early in December.

### Marked Expansion in Czechoslovak Iron and Steel Export Trade Indicated in Report to Department of Commerce.

Marked growth in Czechoslovakia's iron and steel export trade is revealed in a report from Commercial Attache Karl L. Rankin issued by the Commerce Department. In a statement in the matter Aug. 28 the Department says:

Since 1920, the report shows, this trade has risen from 164,000 metric tons to 732,000 metric tons. Plates and sheets ordinarily constitute the largest single item, followed by bars and rods, pipes and tubes, billets, blooms and sheet bars, and foundry pig iron. Pig-iron exports have shown a declining tendency as a result of largely increased domestic consumption, and shipments of billets have also fallen off in recent years. Increased exports of bars and rods alone, however, have offset these declines, while in the other principal classifications the high rate of 1927 has been rather closely maintained.

Although Czechoslovakia exports iron and steel products to numerous foreign markets, the great bulk of the export trade is with European countries, Russia, Austria, Rumania and Great Britain being the largest export outlets.

The Czechoslovak iron and steel industry, according to Commercial Attache Rankin, although not of the size and comparative importance of several other national industries of Continental Europe, is the equal of any from the standpoint of efficiency of equipment and production. The present



output of 1,569,000 metric tons of pig iron and 21,151,000 tons of raw steel gives it a rank approximately equal to the industries of the Saar and Italy.

In spite of Czechoslovakia's large deposits of iron ore, good transportation facilities and the superior quality of certain foreign ores are giving the latter a preponderant place in the country's iron industry, the report declares. Imports of iron ore have risen from 656,000 metric tons in 1920 to more than 2,000,000 metric tons in 1929. Sweden is the most important supplier with Austria and Russia following.

**Institute to Rationalize Chinese Industry Formed.**

Formation of an institute of scientific management of Chinese merchants and manufacturers, with a view to rationalizing Chinese industry, was reported to the Department of Commerce at Washington on Aug. 20. by Trade Commissioner F. S. Williams, Shanghai. The New York "Journal of Commerce" in its further advices from Washington also has the following to say in the matter:

The creation of the new organization is in keeping with the trend toward rationalization in many of the leading nations.

The organization is the result of a meeting of the Shanghai Bankers Club, attended by more than 200 leaders in Chinese industry, and presided over by the Minister of Industry, Commerce and Labor.

**John F. Barry Reviews European Conditions—Says Tariff Bill Has Postponed Expected Recovery Abroad—Germany Like a Spring Held Down.**

The Hawley-Smoot Tariff Act was an economic blunder perpetrated at what was probably the most ill-chosen time in 20 years, in the opinion of European bankers, according to John F. Barry, President of John F. Barry & Co., who recently returned from a two-months' business trip through Europe. "The psychological effect of the tariff is more harmful than is generally realized here," according to Mr. Barry, who goes on to say:

"I talked with leading bankers and heads of investment trusts in London, Edinburgh, Zurich, Amsterdam, Paris, Berlin and other centers and found extraordinary unanimity of opinion as to the bad effect of the tariff, and the general feeling is that such a law passed at a time when the whole world was in a state of economic depression was, to say the least, not helpful.

"European business men hold that the United States cannot live a self-contained economic life and that our prosperity will always be dependent on the well-being of Europe. There was also a feeling that boosting of our tariff wall will lead to retaliation in self-defense.

"There seems to be a lack of clarity as to the immediate effect of the new law. The publicity which attended its passing, due to the extended debates in Congress, has resulted in considerable muddled thinking, in Europe especially, and it would seem advisable at this time for Washington to issue a statement, or take some action, that will tend to clear up whatever misunderstanding there may be as to the intent of the Act.

"The opinion, more or less generally held, is that the depression in Europe is at its lowest ebb and the tariff is blamed for postponing some recovery that might have got under way this fall.

"Germany is like a spring pressed down. Once the pressure is relieved it may bound forward more quickly than expected. There is an urgent demand for cheap, long-term capital. Although the German bank rate is only 4%, commercial money is not loaning at less than 7½ or 8%. This holds up extensive building programs; it is claimed that there is a backlog of fully 25% in construction which would be immediately undertaken if cheap funds were available. Business in Switzerland and Holland is extremely depressed.

"The situation in Great Britain has reached a stage where the dyed-in-the-wool Free Traders are becoming Protectionists in their search for some way out of the slough of economic despond in which the country is plunged. The movement toward Free Trade within the Empire and a tariff wall against the rest of the world is gaining ground but the best opinion seems to be that this is not 'practical politics' for a variety of reasons, but the next Conservative Government will introduce some form of protection.

"France and the Irish Free State appear to be the only countries enjoying moderate prosperity. In the latter country the prices for livestock and agricultural produce have been good and the income tax is almost 25% lower than in England."

**National City Bank's Advices from Peru Regarding Manifesto for Preservation of Order, Recognition of Obligations, etc.**

The National City Bank of New York was advised last night (Aug. 27) by cablegram from its Lima office that the Peruvian Military Cabinet had issued a manifesto stating that they will preserve public order, respect foreign treaties, recognize existing external and internal obligations legally contracted for, suppress monopolies contributing to high living costs, restore liberty of the press, reduce taxes on the sugar industry, aid in economic crisis, maintain the gold standard, and conserve the gold reserve.

**American Holdings in Peru \$200,000,000—Washington Officials See No Reason for Worry on Investors' Part, Despite Revolution.**

The following United Press advices from Washington appeared in the "Wall Street Journal" of Aug. 26:

State Department officials were hopeful that a strong regime friendly to the United States would emerge from the present revolution in Peru, where American investments are worth around \$200,000,000.

Augusto de Leguia, who resigned as President and fled from Lima, was a friend of the United States, officials said. During his regime American mining, oil and manufacturing interests had sought out Peru as a rich field for investment.

Whether these investments are menaced by newest developments is unknown. Officials, however, emphasized there was no sound reason to believe American investors in Peru had reason to fear. At the same time, it was said this country would follow its traditional policy of protecting American property if events made that necessary.

Bonds, minerals and oil compose the greater share of American investments in Peru, though there are some American-owned manufacturing plants. The Commerce Department estimates this country's stake there as follows: Peruvian Government bonds, \$75,000,000 to \$80,000,000; mines, \$80,000,000 to \$90,000,000; oil property, \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000; manufacturing and other commercial enterprises, \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

The National City Bank of New York and J. & W. Seligman Co., New York investment house, hold the Peruvian bonds. Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, through its subsidiary, International Petroleum Co., controls large oil fields.

Large copper and silver mines are owned by Cerro de Pasco Co. The Guggenheim interests, through the Northern Peruvian Smelting & Refining Co., also have a large mineral stake, it was said.

International Telephone & Telegraph Co. owns the Lima telephone system, while the Foundation Co. of New York is installing paving in the Peruvian capital.

The railroads are largely British-owned.

**Peruvian Bonds Drawn for Redemption.**

J. & W. Seligman & Co. and the National City Bank of New York, fiscal agents of the Republic of Peru, are notifying holders of Peruvian National Loan 6% external sinking fund gold bonds, second series, due Oct. 1 1961, that \$144,500 of these bonds have been drawn by lot for redemption at their principal amount and accrued interest on Oct. 1 1930.

**Decree of Peruvian Government for Appointment of Commission to Establish Regulations Governing Exchange Operations.**

A recent report to the Department of Commerce at Washington, made available Aug. 16, said:

By a supreme decree, dated Aug. 7, the Peruvian Government has authorized the appointment of a commission to determine the policy and establish regulations governing all exchange operations with the purpose of limiting sales to purely commercial transactions. The formation of the commission has been declared necessary because of the fall in prices of export products and the necessity of taking measures to prevent speculation. The commission consists of three members. Business conditions have shown no improvement, with credit becoming tighter. Available export data for the first quarter of the current year show a decrease of 6,809 metric tons and Lp. 153,151 in exports of sugar, cotton, copper, bars and petroleum products, the principal export commodities.

**Dr. Kemmerer Sails for Colombia to Conduct Survey of Economic Conditions.**

From the New York "Times" we take the following cablegram from Balboa, Panama, Aug. 26:

Dr. Edwin W. Kemmerer, authority on government finances, sailed on the liner Santa Teresa to-night, bound for Colombia, to reorganize the Treasury there for the second time. The Bank of the Republic, which has been of great value in the present economic crisis in Colombia, was organized by Dr. Kemmerer in 1923.

At the request of the new President, Dr. Enrique Olaya, a survey of taxes, customs and credit will be made as the basis for the economic rehabilitation of the country. Dr. Kemmerer's assistants have been at work for two weeks.

It is expected four months will be required to complete the survey, but Dr. Kemmerer will not remain that long in Colombia.

The new Government, which appears to have the support of Liberals and Conservatives, probably will recommend legislation at this session of Congress to carry out the reforms recommended after the survey.

Dr. Kemmerer's mission was referred to in these columns July 12, page 204.

**Ecuador Remits \$50,000 to London as Interest on Rail Bonds.**

A cablegram from Guayaquil (Ecuador), Aug. 26, to the New York "Times" said:

The Government has remitted to London \$50,000 as interest payment on the outstanding first mortgage bonds of \$10,600,000 of the Guayaquil-Quito Railway, which is now under Government operation.

The net income of the railway last year was 48,000 sucres (about \$9,600), and this year it will reach 700,000 sucres (about \$140,000), according to the prediction of Manuel Navarro, President of the line.

It is reported a motion may be presented to Congress authorizing a \$5,000,000 loan for irrigation projects.

The case of Harry Tompkins, former American banking superintendent, who is suing the Government for unpaid salary and expenses, is now before Congress and has been referred to a commission for study and report.

**South American Financing in London Held Unlikely—English Bankers Find Money for Foreign Loans Scarce.**

The possibility of London bankers floating South American loans is considered very slight at present, a survey

made by the United Press among bankers, brokers and financial writers revealed, say United Press advices from London, Aug. 27, published in the New York "Herald Tribune" of Aug. 28. Continuing, it says:

"Since the first of June there has been a rapid decline of any available money in London for the purpose of foreign loans, and the market is very tight now," a spokesman for Baring Bros. said. "If money is available it is to be believed that it would be loaned within the British Empire rather than in South America, for obvious reasons."

Another prominent banker declared that the general business depression throughout the world, the low price of agricultural products, Britain's budget problems and her trade position, and the uncertainty in Wall Street made the present a time to lock up the London market.

"Unsettled political and economical conditions in South America, the low prices of minerals, meat and wheat, and the uncertainty of nitrate production practically exclude the possibility of South American loans being raised in London," a prominent broker said. "The trials of the recent excellent Brazilian coffee loan are a forerunner of the difficulties South American loans must experience, even without unsettled conditions."

Financial circles believed that clients and prospective clients feared that unsettled conditions would continue in some parts of South America, although financiers expect Argentina, Brazil, and Chile to continue to maintain unity and progress.

#### Prussian Bonds Drawn for Redemption.

Brown Brothers & Co., fiscal agents for the Free State of Prussia, announce that \$615,000 principal amount of 6% sinking fund gold bonds, external loan of 1927, have been drawn for the sinking fund and will be paid on Oct. 15 at their office, 59 Wall Street.

#### Bonds of City of Berlin Purchased for Redemption.

Speyer & Co., as fiscal agents, have purchased for cancellation through the sinking fund \$186,500 bonds of the City of Berlin 25-year 6½% gold loan of 1925. This represents the tenth sinking fund installment.

#### Guatemala Grants Match Monopoly—Gives Swedish Company Control for Thirty Years and Will Get \$2,500,000 Loan.

From the New York "Times" of August 27, we take the following:

The Swedish Match Co. has concluded negotiations with the Republic of Guatemala for a 30-year monopoly of the match business of the country, it was announced yesterday. Under the terms of the agreement the company has agreed to extend to Guatemala a loan of \$2,500,000, which will take the form of a 7% bond issue to be acquired at 90% of par. The Guatemalan Legislative Assembly has voted its approval.

Under the terms of the agreement the Swedish Match Co. will have the right to import matches into Guatemala free of duty. Of the proceeds of the loan \$2,000,000 will be set aside for the formation of a mortgage bank for farmers and the rest will be spent on public works.

#### Bank of England to Meet Australia's Debts, Taking up \$180,000,000 Liabilities Abroad.

The following Melbourne (Australia) advices, Aug. 22 are from the New York "Times":

Sir Otto Niemeyer, a representative of the Bank of England, left here today amid the plaudits of the Australian press for having found a way out of the country's financial difficulties.

The position of the Commonwealth, as explained to-day by Sir Hal Solebatch, Senator for Western Australia, is that Australia has obligations abroad which she cannot meet upon their due dates without assistance. As a result of the conferences concluded yesterday at Melbourne, he added, the Bank of England has responded generously with offers of assistance, and Australia will be helped through her troubles "in no huckstering spirit."

"We owe no money to the Bank of England," Sir Hal concluded, "but our liabilities abroad, aggregating £36,000,000 (\$180,000,000), for which it is impossible for Australia to make provision as they fall due, will be temporarily met and converted as they fall due into long-dated loans carrying the usual sinking fund interest."

In the meantime J. H. Scullin, Federal Prime Minister, who is ill with pleurisy, was traveling westward to embark for London to attend the Imperial Conference. At Adelaide he frankly admitted he had been "too ill to think about these things." But he emphatically resisted the suggestion that Australia should repudiate her debts.

"We have got to remember," Mr. Scullin said, "that we have our honor as a nation, and repudiation or suggested default would be calamitous to the whole structure of our present system and would inevitably cause a million to become unemployed. Such suggestions are not to be tolerated, and the only hope of restoring confidence in Australia is to maintain our equilibrium, to play the game and when possible to evolve a better system."

Leaders in business and finance are unanimous in believing that the decisions reached at the Melbourne financial conferences under the guidance of Sir Otto Niemeyer will produce substantially improved financial conditions throughout Australia, and especially these leaders commend the requirements that each year's Federal and State budgets shall balance and that monthly financial statements shall be issued.

Negotiations were opened to-day to provide for \$25,000,000 worth of treasury bills, due in London Sept. 20. It is understood that the trial period which will decide whether the Federal budget provisions are adequate to meet the financial position began July and will end Sept. 30.

Members of the Federal civil service, whose positions were assured by Premier Scullin during the last election campaign, now realize that a reduction of salaries is inevitable.

The conferences anent proposed financial reforms for Australia were referred to in our issue of Aug. 23, page 1191—According to a Melbourne cablegram Aug. 28 to the "Times" a threat of press censorship was made by Acting Prime

Minister Fenton on that day, following the publication of proposals by the New South Wales Labor Party's conference for the repudiation of Australian war debts, which that afternoon were endorsed by the New South Wales Labor Council. The cablegram likewise said:

Mr. Fenton declared that undue prominence had been given the opinions of "insignificant persons" and that a repetition of such tactics would be followed by immediate government action.

"There cannot be said to be any thought of repudiation of her war or any other debts by Australia," he said. "Every obligation will be met, whether in the Commonwealth or abroad."

The newspapers, however, remind Mr. Fenton that whether insignificant or not, the New South Wales Labor Party has resolved to withdraw from the Labor ticket any New South Wales member of the Federal Parliament who opposes repudiation of war debts and the Niemeyer economy scheme.

Acute distress now exists among unemployed women of Sydney. About 100 penniless typists, factory girls, shopwomen and even nurses have been ejected from their lodgings and forced to join food lines. Sir Philip Game, Governor of New South Wales, has called a public meeting to raise funds for assistance of the destitute women, who are exposed to manifold dangers in the great Australian seaport, and the Government has devised a scheme of subsidized domestic service to help them.

#### Cities in India Remove Funds in British Banks.

Another phase in the Indian boycott campaign has been inaugurated by the decision of certain Indian municipalities to withdraw their funds from British-owned banks, according to advices reaching London to-day. Copyright advices, Aug. 22, from London to the New York "Herald-Tribune" reporting this added:

The first city to put this decision into practice is Ahmedabad, second richest in the Bombay Presidency, which is understood to have transferred its official deposits to Indian-controlled institutions. This city has an annual revenue of £250,000 (\$1,215,000) and a permanent reserve of more than £300,000 (\$1,460,000). The Ahmedabad decision was taken as the result of the activities of Pandit Motilal Nehru and the boycott committee of the Indian Legislative Assembly.

It is computed that the income of all the municipalities and local bodies in India is about £36,000,000 (\$175,000,000) yearly, and that they keep standing deposits totaling £50,000,000 (\$243,000,000). Presumably, however deposits will be transferred to Indian institutions only where such boards and councils operate with Swaraj majorities.

#### Tariff on Silver is Urged in China—Prof. Hsu Also Favors Gold Export Embargo to Aid Money Stabilization.—Hits Shanghai Speculation—Challenges View That Oversupply and Short Demand Cause Silver Slump.

Under the above caption the New York "Times" in its issue of Aug. 17 printed the following:

The fall in the price of silver that recently has carried that metal to the lowest quotations in history has attracted attention as one of the most serious accompaniments of the current world-wide depression. As a result of the decline the purchasing power of that large section of the world's population resident in China has suffered serious curtailment and it is remarked that Europe and the Western Hemisphere cannot fail to feel the reactions of China's drastically reduced ability to buy abroad.

In most discussions of the decline in silver it has been assumed that the development was world-wide, the result of overproduction and underconsumption of the metal. A Chinese authority, Professor Paquan S. Hsu, recently has challenged this point of view, however. Professor Hsu regards the fall in the price of silver exchange as largely a product of speculation on the Shanghai Gold Bar Exchange. He proposes as remedies for the situation an embargo on the export of gold from China and the placing of a flexible tariff on silver imports ranging up to 50%.

According to Professor Hsu, whose views have been widely published in China, production of silver has been normal. Consumption of silver in India has not greatly decreased, he contends, while in China it has actually expanded. He concludes that the chief influences upon Shanghai silver exchange have been the international balance of payments, the movement of the Japanese yen, the London bar silver price and the gold bar speculation.

#### Stresses Gold Bar Speculation.

Gold bar speculation he considers the most important factor. Until recently, he asserts, the yen rate has exercised the most virulent influence upon silver exchange through the speculation in the gold bar. That is to say, most of the speculation in gold bar has been carried on in anticipation movement. Whenever there was a rise in the yen there was a corresponding rise of the gold bar or a decline in silver. Recently, due to the lifting of the gold embargo in Japan and the return of the yen to parity on a gold basis, movements of the yen have ceased to be the governing factor in silver exchange.

Turning to the subject of gold bar speculation, Professor Hsu recounts that the gold bar price rose steadily all during 1929 and reached a high point of 476 on Jan. 7 of this year when speculators, bankers, business men and all interested parties began to be nervous. There was no agitation, however, he says, until the gold bar took another jump from 476 to 496 on Jan. 8.

"It was on this memorable day in the history of the Shanghai Gold Bar Exchange," Professor Hsu says, "that the vanquished speculators, after shedding tears, broadcast the stories of the gold bar manipulation which finally culminated in the form of an agitation against speculation and for measures to bolster up the silver exchange. It may be added that were it not for that memorable sudden ascension of the gold bar price on that day, the public agitation might have come much later or might even have been postponed indefinitely."

#### Rumors of Dumping by India.

This speculation in the gold bar, Professor Hsu says, was accompanied by the circulation of rumors of all kinds such as levying of import duties on silver by the United States and India and dumping of India's demonetized coins.

While Professor Hsu agrees that in principle it is indisputable that China's monetary system should be thoroughly overhauled, he considers the suggestion untimely at present. In a country which is politically unstable and economically backward, he says, the adoption of the gold standard will

simply complicate the situation and will cause violent fluctuations of the new monetary unit.

"Our people are too poor," Professor Hsu asserts, "to undergo the change which will inevitably involve untold sufferings and sacrifices on the part of the mass during the transition period." He finds other suggested remedies inadequate to meet the crisis and advances the proposal that an export ban on gold be established and an import tariff on silver. As a necessary part of the mechanism of applying these measures he advocates the establishment of a central exchange bank.

"The gold export ban," Professor Hsu says, "is designed to check the influx of silver for dumping purposes and for buying gold in this market on the one hand and will decrease the value of gold on the gold bar exchange, thus strengthening the silver exchange.

#### Strict Enforcement Urged.

"The import ban on silver, when enforced, will immediately raise the silver exchange value and depress the gold bar price. The ban should be strictly enforced when it is on, and could be lifted when the situation warrants."

Professor Hsu considers the imposition of a duty on silver a good compromise substitute for a total import ban. It should be high enough at first, he says, to allow for a further possible decline in silver, and could later be adjusted. He suggests that a 50% duty would not be excessive, and that a minimum of 30% might serve the purpose.

The suggestion of an embargo on gold exports from China is of particular interest to the United States because a substantial part of the increase in the gold stocks of this country in the last seven months has resulted from the influx of gold from the Orient, much of it, particularly of late, having come from China.

Professor Hsu advocates strict enforcement of these measures as they become effective and readjustment when conditions change. He suggests that a tribunal composed of government officials, business men and economists be established and vested with discretionary powers to regulate the importation and exportation of gold and silver, to supervise the tariff on silver when occasion demands and to supervise all other matters pertaining to the problem.

### Chinese Said To Have Bought 15,000,000 Ounces of Silver from India.

From the New York "Times" of Aug. 25 we quote the following:

A private sale of 15,000,000 ounces of silver to the Hong Kong Government by the Indian Government, which, according to reports received yesterday by the Equitable Eastern Banking Corp., took place last week, is believed here to account for the sharp slump in silver last Saturday. News of the transaction surprised the local silver market, which had understood that the Indian Government would not place any of its large holdings of silver on the market while the metal remained depressed.

The price of silver declined steadily last year and until June 21 last, when it reached the lowest price in history, 33½ cents an ounce. Recently it has advanced some, but on Saturday it dropped ½d. in London and 1½ cents here. Yesterday it recovered ¼d. in London to 16 7-16d. and ¼ cent here to 35½ cents an ounce.

### Silver Crisis Ascribed By Manager of Bank of Mexico to Gold Smugglers.—Says Contraband Shipments Are Made to United States.

The following Mexico City cablegram Aug. 22 is from the New York "Times:"

The premium of gold currency over silver coinage rose this morning to 10% a figure exceeded only once in the last ten years.

This morning's markets opened with an 8% premium for gold. At 10 A. M. it was 9% and at midday the peak was reached. Later the market reacted somewhat, and it is believed tomorrow will see a substantial drop.

Alberto Mascarenas, general manager of the Bank of Mexico, Mexico's sole bank of issue, believes that the drop in the silver quotation is artificial rather than due to economic conditions and that it is accentuated by lack of co-operation on the part of other banks and of the public in general. He further believes that contraband traffic in gold by the way of large secret remittances across the United States border is an important factor.

Energetic measures are reported to be under consideration by the Bank of Mexico to stem the silver depression. It is reported that every effort will be made to restrict the movement of gold from banks and that a strict watch will be kept to prevent smuggling of gold out of Mexico.

The National Chamber of Commerce has requested the Ministry of Finance to seek the co-operation not only of the Bank of Mexico but also of all other banking institutions to relieve the present crisis.

### Secretary Mellon Says Achievements of Federal Land Banks Have Demonstrated Soundness.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon declares that the achievements and service of the Federal Land Bank System have demonstrated its fundamental soundness and usefulness, in a letter released Aug. 28 by Alexander Brown & Sons, Harris, Forbes & Co., Lee, Higginson & Co., Brown Brothers & Co., The National City Company and Guaranty Company of New York, as syndicate managers of the banking group which, in co-operation with the Federal Land Banks, in recent years has sold Federal Land Bank bonds to the public. The letter was written in reference to a report now in course of preparation by the syndicate managers, containing information regarding the banks and the bonds. An advance copy of this report was sent to Mr. Mellon for his examination and he responded as follows:

"It seems appropriate for you to review the situation after thirteen years of the bank's existence and to analyze salient features of their consolidated financial statement. The publication is timely in view of the current discussion of adverse agricultural conditions and also should be helpful to refute much of the misinformation that has been circulated recently with respect to these banks and their securities and which undoubtedly has misled and, therefore, disturbed some investors.

"It should be borne in mind that the drouth situation at the present time is temporary and is confined to certain circumscribed areas. The diversity of conditions that exist in the great expanse of the country's territory is an element of strength to the Federal Land Banks.

"The Federal Land Banks are permanent institutions, designed to function in good times and bad. They constitute a great mutual and co-operative organization that covers the entire country and each bank, in addition to being primarily liable for its own bonds, is liable, under the conditions stated in the law, for the principal of, and interest on, the Farm Loan bonds issued by all the other Federal Land Banks.

"The bonds issued by the Federal Land Banks constitute a sound, tax free security, and investors should not be disturbed by false or misleading information. The achievements and service of the system have demonstrated its fundamental soundness and usefulness."

### Federal Land Bank of Wichita, Kan., to Pay 4% Dividend—National Farm Loan Associations Having No Delinquent Members to Benefit.

According to the Topeka "Capital" of Aug. 21, the Federal Land Bank at Wichita will distribute, on Sept. 1, its twenty-third consecutive semi-annual dividend, with the approval of the Federal Farm Loan Board. The amount of the dividend is \$190,203.38, which is 4% of the bank's capital stock. The dividends declared by the bank since it was organized 13 years ago total \$3,320,788.50. In a Wichita dispatch, Aug. 20, the "Capital" went on to say:

National Farm Loan Associations own all of the capital stock of the Federal Land Bank and the dividends are paid to these associations.

#### Apply on Judgments.

Dividends will be paid to all national farm loan associations in the Ninth Federal Land Bank district—Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, and New Mexico—which have no members delinquent in making payment due the bank on mortgages endorsed by these associations.

Payment of dividends to associations with delinquent members will be withheld until the delinquencies are paid. If deficiency judgments have been taken against associations in connection with foreclosures of mortgages on farms which do not appear to be worth what the bank has invested in them, the dividends on the stock which these associations own in the Federal Land Bank will be applied on these judgments.

Associations may declare dividends to their stockholders out of the net earnings of the associations, it is explained by John Fields, President of the Wichita Bank. The dividends paid to associations by the bank are a large part of their gross earnings. Expenses must be paid and a reserve equal to 10% of net earnings must be set up before associations may declare and pay dividends, says the Topeka "Capital," from which the following is also taken:

There is a note of optimism in one statement of Mr. Fields, taken in connection with the announcement a dividend will be paid Sept. 1, when he said:

"If a condition should arise which makes it appear that heavy losses are in prospect, the directors of the Federal Land Bank of Wichita would not declare a dividend and the Federal Farm Loan Board should not be expected to approve the payment of a dividend if declared, even though net earnings for the previous six months were ample."

### Bankers Representing Fifteen Drouth Stricken States Confer With President Hoover on Relief Measures—Report Holds Each State Must Assume Responsibility.

Banker members of committees named in 15 drouth stricken States met in Washington on Aug. 26 and conferred with President Hoover and other Government heads to consider measures for the financial relief of farmers in the drouth areas. At the conference a subcommittee of three was named to draft suggestions as to what the banks can and ought to do in the various States. The members of the subcommittee are Melvin A. Traylor of Illinois, Nicholas Dosker of Kentucky, and Morton Prentiss of Maryland. It was stated in the "United States Daily" of Aug. 27 that in addition to the suggestions of the subcommittee of bankers, the Department of Agriculture, the Federal Farm Board, the Federal Farm Loan Board, and the Federal Reserve Board were asked to make statements as to what those several agencies could do to help out in the situation. The account in the paper quoted also said:

There has been no change in the original idea, the Secretary (of Agriculture) stated. All agreed that relief measures are a local problem. No figure could be given, Mr. Hyde stated, in reply to a query, as to the dollar amount of credit that would be needed. The round figure of \$20,000,000 has been used before, he stated, but that is at best an approximation.

Secretary Hyde announced that the Department of Agriculture is going ahead with general plans for drouth relief, setting up a personnel organization for study and research, and for co-ordination of effort. There will be a National Co-ordinating Committee, with divisions of traffic co-ordination, co-ordination of crop reports, co-ordination of market information, and a general research division.

The report of the subcommittee of bankers, presented to the full committee at a meeting held at the Department of Agriculture on Aug. 27 and unanimously adopted by the committee, said that "we view it as unfortunate that the impression has gone abroad that there are Federal funds

available on other than a sound basis." The subcommittee expressed it as its view "that each State must assume the main responsibility for the solution of the difficulties and problems growing out of the drouth therein." Five lines through which this might be accomplished were cited by the subcommittee: first, that the local banker should utilize "all of his credit with his correspondent bank"; second, that "he should offer for rediscount such eligible paper as he may have or can make to the Federal Reserve Bank or the Intermediate Credit Bank operating in his territory"; third, "existing agricultural credit corporations should utilize their full available lines of rediscount with the Intermediate Credit Banks"; fourth, that "where no agricultural credit corporations exist and where other credit facilities are not available" the formation of agricultural credit corporations should be undertaken; fifth, that "existing co-operative marketing associations should avail themselves of the liberal financial assistance which is offered by the Federal Farm Board."

While we give further below the full report of the subcommittee we quote herewith, from the "United States Daily" what it had to say regarding the conference on Aug. 26:

In addition to the bankers who met with the President, the group included the Undersecretary of the Treasury, Ogden Mills, the Secretary of Agriculture, Arthur M. Hyde, the Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, Roy A. Young, and the Chairman of the Federal Farm Loan Board, Paul Bestor.

Banker representatives from the various States who were present at the conference with President Hoover were: Melvin A. Traylor, Illinois; Nicholas Dosker, Kentucky; Elmer Stout, Indiana; A. G. Stiefel, Missouri; F. D. Drumheller, West Virginia; Edward A. Seiter, and Murray D. Lincoln, Ohio; James H. Rader, Tennessee; F. H. Fuqua, Texas; W. D. Haas, Louisiana; Frederick W. Scott, Virginia; Clyde Hendricks, Alabama; J. H. Stanley, Arkansas; M. J. Bouldin, Mississippi; Myron A. Limbocker, Kansas; and Morton Prentis, Charles E. Rieman, and Hugh S. Mackey, of Maryland.

There were no representatives from Montana and Iowa.

Other representatives present were: Henry M. Robinson, member of the National Drouth Committee, and James C. Stone and Carl Williams, members of the Federal Farm Board.

#### *No Decision Reached Secretary Hyde Says.*

"The conference," Secretary Hyde stated orally, after the meeting, "did not arrive at any final conclusion. The chairman of the conference, Henry M. Robinson, Chairman of the First National Bank of Los Angeles, Calif., appointed a subcommittee of three bankers to draft the suggestions of the subcommittee as to what the bankers could and ought to do in the various States.

"The Department of Agriculture, the Federal Farm Board, the Federal Farm Loan Board and the Federal Reserve Board are to make a statement as to what each of these several agencies of the Government should do.

"The reports from these Departments and the recommendations of the subcommittee are to be presented to another meeting to be held at 10 o'clock on Wednesday, Aug. 27, in the conference room of the Department of Agriculture.

"To-day's conference means that there is no change in the original plans agreed upon for handling the financial help to the farmers. It means that after a general discussion we are getting a concrete plan before the committee which will resume its meeting tomorrow morning.

"To-day's conference, in a very general degree, agreed that the whole problem of financial aid was a local problem and must be handled as a local problem.

"I have had reports submitted to me by the railroads which show that up until last night (Aug. 25) they had moved feet at the reduced rates to the extent of 675 carloads into the drouth area. This takes in all the railroads. The distribution of these carloads by percentages was as follows:

"West Virginia, 28%; Virginia, 25%; Maryland, 23%; Ohio, 16%; and 8% in the various other drouth areas.

"The work of the subcommittee is going along and we are setting up a personnel organization in the Department of Agriculture to handle the co-ordination of these various activities connected with drouth relief. Dr. C. W. Warburton, Director of Extension, Department of Agriculture, will be general secretary of the National Co-ordination Committee.

"There will be a division of traffic co-ordination with A. Lane Cricher of the Department of Commerce in charge of traffic.

"There will be a division of co-ordination of crop reports under the charge of Joseph A. Becker of the Department of Agriculture.

"Another division will be that of co-ordination of information in charge of A. W. Wheeler.

"Still another division will be that of general research, in charge of Erick England."

The same paper ("United States Daily") in its issue of Aug. 28, gave the following account of the meeting on Aug. 27, when the report was adopted:

The report, which was delivered to the Secretary of Agriculture for transmission to President Hoover, includes statements by the Secretary of Agriculture, Arthur M. Hyde; the Undersecretary of the Treasury, Ogden L. Mills; the Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, Roy A. Young; the Vice-Chairman of the Federal Farm Board, James C. Stone, and the Chairman of the Federal Farm Loan Board, Paul Bestor, giving in detail the facilities of each of those organizations which are available.

#### *Attitude of Bankers.*

The Chairman of the committee, and a member of the National Drouth Committee, Henry M. Robinson, Chairman of the First National Bank of Los Angeles, stated orally at the close of the conference that he considered this section of the report a very important one, as it is the first time that a brief statement by these four Federal agencies as to the credit facilities they possess has been available in one place. Such a statement would be advisable even if no emergency existed, he said. Many bankers do not have a full or clear idea of what can be done through the Federal Reserve Banks and the Agricultural Credit agencies, he added.

The committee is of the opinion that most of the needs of the drouth areas can be taken care of through sound credit methods. There may be a few areas where local Red Cross relief will be necessary, but for the most

part the banks and the credit corporations can take care of the situation. Many of the farmers who apparently have no credit standing at their banks, according to Mr. Robinson, can have their credit needs taken care of through their landlords, and where the tenant is worthy, that will be done, he believes.

Mr. Dosker, a member of the subcommittee from Kentucky, stated that the press can help the situation if they publish, at least in the drouth States, the report of the committee in full, so that the whole program will be available to those who need credit and those who will have to extend it. His suggestion was endorsed by the Chairman, Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Robinson and Mr. Traylor, also a member of the subcommittee, who drafted the report which was unanimously adopted by the entire committee of bankers, agreed that business recovery will not be materially retarded by the drouth. Mr. Robinson endorsed an oral statement made earlier in the day by Alexander Legge, Chairman of the Federal Farm Board, that the effects of the drouth on farm income for 1930 had been exaggerated. He discounted the statement which has been made that this year's crops would bring in \$1,000,000 less because of the drouth, and agreed with Mr. Legge's statement that the total amount returned to agriculture this year would not be less because of the drouth, because where the crops were not affected, prices will be higher. Farmers in some States may even be benefited by the drouth elsewhere.

The statement submitted by the Secretary of Agriculture, Arthur M. Hyde, referred to a balance of approximately \$800,000 in an appropriation made by Congress last Winter for seed and fertilizer loans in storms and drouth districts of certain States. The loans were limited by Congress to 1930 crops, however. The statement summarized other services of the Department available, such as the work of the Extension Division, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, and the Market News Service.

The Undersecretary of the Treasury, Ogden L. Mills reported "no funds in the Treasury available for the purpose in question."

#### *Reserve Banks Plan Policy of Leniency.*

The Governor of the Federal Reserve Board stated that he believed he could speak for the banks in saying that "leniency will be followed by all of the Reserve banks toward member banks that are in the affected districts." He added, however, that the Reserve banks are "in the same class as other Government agencies and are not in position knowingly to make poor loans under any conditions."

The Vice Chairman of the Federal Farm Board James C. Stone, outlined the purposes for which money could be advanced by that organization, and stated: "The Farm Board will do everything it can under the law to help in this drouth situation; but the agricultural marketing act is not an emergency act, but a marketing act, and we believe that we can render real service through co-operative marketing associations operating in the stricken sections."

The Chairman of the Federal Farm Loan Board, Paul Bestor, summarized the credit facilities of the Federal intermediate credit banks, and explained how agricultural credit corporations may be organized.

That section of the report formulated by the banker subcommittee consisting of Melvin A. Traylor, of Illinois, Nicholas Dosker, of Kentucky, and Morton Prentis, of Maryland, is set out below. It was unanimously adopted by the full committee.

#### *Report of Banker.*

The section prepared by the bankers follows in full text:

As private citizens, we wish to express our commendation of the sympathetic understanding of our public officials of the situation that exists and to assure them on behalf of the citizenship of our respective States that their evident desire to assist in the solution of the intricate problem of relief for those in distress is genuinely appreciated.

Based upon the foregoing clear cut statement of facts, it is obvious that while Congress has made no appropriation or other provision which permits the use of public funds in the present emergency except as specifically outlined in the statements quoted; yet, it is obvious that Congress in creating the existing farm and agricultural loan agencies wisely provided that they should be conducted along well-recognized and sound financial and economic lines, and that it was not contemplated that their funds should or would be used in unusual emergencies such as the present, except to the extent that they could be so used, that is, upon a sound credit basis.

In view of these circumstances, we think it well at this point to summarize our impression of the facts developed at this afternoon's meeting:

We view it as unfortunate that the impression has gone abroad that there are Federal funds available on other than a sound credit basis.

We understand it to be the unanimous agreement that conditions vary in the respective States affected by the drouth, both as to areas involved and the type of agricultural activity prevailing in the various communities; that no general rule would be applicable to the respective communities. It is also clear that in many cases those most seriously afflicted are without the usual and customary assets upon which credit may be extended.

Generally speaking, it is thought the existing banking institutions in the States represented are in ample funds to take care of all legitimate and solvent credit requirements. It appears further that in those cases where rains have fallen within the past two weeks material improvement has occurred and it is felt that with reasonably seasonal conditions from now until frost much further improvement will take place.

#### *Each State Must Assume Main Responsibility.*

In view of all these facts it seems to your sub-committee that each State must assume the main responsibility for the solution of the difficulties and problems growing out of the drouth therein, relief from which may be had along the following lines:

First, it is clear to us that the primary duty in the premises rests upon the local banker. He is most familiar with the conditions in his community and the especial problems of his customer. He should utilize first of all his credit with his correspondent bank.

Second, he should offer for rediscount such eligible paper as he may have or can make to the Federal Reserve bank or the Intermediate Credit bank operating in his territory.

Third, existing agricultural credit corporations should utilize their full available lines of rediscount with the Intermediate Credit banks. If necessary, capital structures of such existing corporations should be increased in order to make available larger lines of rediscount with the Intermediate Credit bank.

Fourth, where no agricultural credit corporations exist and where other credit facilities are not available, we urge upon bankers, business men and farmers that they proceed at once to the formation of agricultural credit corporations. Such corporations should be capitalized upon as broad a basis as practicable, and covering considerable areas, in order to attract and hold good management. Such corporations will prove to be valuable to the counties in which they are located, not only as an emergency matter, but as permanent institutions in aid of agriculture.

While such corporations can not and ought not to make unsound loans, yet they can perform a great service in aid of farmers, and bankers in affording long-term loans, and in expanding the financial resources of the

communities they serve. Through liberal use of the Intermediate Credit System, this Federal agency can be of great assistance in furnishing the cash under the terms of the law to the local agricultural credit corporations and through them to the farmers.

*Groups Advised to Use Aid of Farm Board.*

*Fifth*, existing co-operative marketing associations should avail themselves of the liberal financial assistance which is offered by the Federal Farm Board. This can undoubtedly be most easily facilitated through increased membership of the local agencies and by the creation of new agencies where none now exists for any particular crop.

We appreciate that these suggestions do not offer that full measure of relief, which, unfortunately seems to be anticipated in many quarters nor perhaps will such a program fully meet the emergency that exists. We feel, nevertheless, that it covers the avenues of assistance now legally available and that no State, no community or individual should insist on or expect aid from the private banker or Governmental agency, State or Federal, except upon terms and conditions within the purview of existing laws and sound business practices.

(Signed) Melvin A. Traylor, Morton M. Prentis, Nicholas H. Dosker. Unanimously adopted Aug. 27 by the full Committee at the meeting in the office of the Secretary of Agriculture. The banker members of the State Drouth Relief Committee are:

- Henry M. Robinson, Chairman, Chairman of board, First National Bank, Los Angeles, Calif.
- Alabama—Clyde Hendricks, President, Tennessee Valley Bank.
- Arkansas—J. H. Stanley, President, State Bankers Association.
- Indiana—Elmer Stout, President, Indiana State Bankers Association.
- Illinois—Melvin A. Traylor, President, First National Bank, Chicago.
- Kansas—Myron A. Limbocker, President, Kansas Bankers Association, Emporia.
- Kentucky—Nicholas Dosker, Vice President, Louisville Trust Co., Louisville.
- Louisiana—Dr. W. D. Haas, Alexandria.
- Maryland—Morton Prentis, President, First National Bank, Baltimore; Charles E. Rieman, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Baltimore branch; High S. Mackey, manager, International Credit Bank.
- Mississippi—M. J. Bouldin, Clarksdale.
- Missouri—Arnold G. Stifel, St. Louis.
- Ohio—Edward A. Seiter, President, Ohio Bankers Association, Columbus; Murray D. Lincoln, Secretary, Ohio Farm Bureau and general manager Ohio Farm Bureau Corporation, Columbus.
- Tennessee—James H. Rader, President, Citizens Savings Bank, Greenville.
- Texas—F. H. Fuqua, Amarillo.
- Virginia—Frederick W. Scott.
- West Virginia—F. D. Drumheller, Vice President, Kanawha Valley Bank, Charleston.

Others who assisted in the conference were: Paul Bestor, Federal Farm Loan Bureau; Albert C. Williams, Federal Farm Loan Bureau; James C. Stone, Federal Farm Board; Ogden Mills, Undersecretary of the Treasury; Roy Young, Federal Reserve Board.

The statements in behalf of the Federal Reserve Board, the Federal Farm Board, &c., are given under another heading in this issue of our paper.

**Power of Federal Agencies in Drouth Relief Outlined—  
Statements Submitted by Government Officials  
Describe Conditions Under Which Loans Can Be  
Made to Those in Stricken Areas.**

Financial assistance that can be given by Federal agencies to farmers suffering from drouth conditions was outlined in statements submitted on Aug. 27 at the meeting at the Department of Agriculture of banker members of the State relief committees. These statements (we quote from the "United States Daily") were signed by the Secretary of Agriculture, Arthur M. Hyde; the Undersecretary of the Treasury, Ogden L. Mills; the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, Roy A. Young; the chairman of the Federal Farm Loan Board, Paul Bestor; and the Vice Chairman of the Federal Farm Board, James C. Stone. In giving the statements the paper quoted went on to say:

Limitations upon available funds, as well as the conditions under which use for drouth-relief purposes may be authorized, were set out in the statements.

At the same meeting, the banker members of the State committees submitted their report to the Secretary of Agriculture for transmission to President Hoover, with whom they had met on the previous day.

Following are the statements of the representatives of the various Federal agencies, in full text:

*Agriculture Department Makes Direct Loans.*

The Secretary of Agriculture, Arthur M. Hyde: The Department of Agriculture has a balance of approximately \$800,000 in an appropriation made by Congress last Winter for seed and fertilizer loans in storm and drouth districts of certain States, which balance is now available for loans for seed and fertilizer for crops to be sown for Fall pasture. The act limits the loans to 1930 crops and therefore these funds are not available for crops to be harvested in 1931 whether they are to be sown now or next Spring.

The loans from this fund are made direct to individual farmers on recommendation of local committees and proof of need, the assumption being that borrowers are unable to obtain funds from any other source. The principal States in which need now exists and in which loans can be made from this fund are Virginia, Missouri, Oklahoma and Alabama. The act does not permit loans in West Virginia, Maryland, Kentucky, Arkansas, Mississippi or Louisiana.

The Extension Service of the Department, in co-operation with the various States and counties, is functioning in connection with the railroads in granting permits to enable shippers of feed, hay and livestock to obtain the reduced freight rates granted to distressed territory. The county agricultural agents represent the Department of Agriculture in approving requests for freight rate reductions. In those counties where no agents are employed other persons have been designated.

The Extension Services in the various drouth States are giving all possible help to drouth sufferers in making available suggestions about emergency rations for livestock, the planting of crops for Fall pasture, the planting of Fall gardens, and other matters which will tend to relieve the situation. Ex-

tension workers are also making available to the public information on sources of emergency financing, such as the organization of intermediate credit corporations.

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics issues from time to time estimates of production, indicating the sections where the surpluses as well as the shortages exist. Largely on the basis of the reports of this Bureau the Department has designated counties to which the reduced freight rates are applicable.

This Bureau also maintains a market news service which issues frequent bulletins on supplies of the various agricultural commodities at prices prevailing at different markets, and other information which tends to prevent undue speculation and enhancement of prices. Information on prices and supplies is furnished frequently to the press and to extension workers throughout the drouth area.

Lists of county agents who have indicated surplus supplies of feed in their counties, or of dealers who have feed for sale, as well as lists of persons who have livestock for sale or who desire to buy livestock for feeding are furnished to extension agents or are exchanged between the extension directors in the various States.

The Bureau also makes frequent surveys of commodity conditions, issuing outlook reports from time to time and indicating the present and probable future supply and demand for agricultural commodities. These aid farmers in planning their business and in general have a steadying effect on prices.

*No Treasury Funds Said to Be Available.*

The Undersecretary of the Treasury, Ogden L. Mills: You asked me whether there is any fund in the Treasury that might be drawn on for the benefit of the drouth afflicted regions. As you know, no money can be paid out of the Treasury unless an appropriation bill has been adopted by the Congress providing for the expenditure. The Congress has made no provision for meeting emergencies of this character and there are, therefore, no funds in the Treasury available for the purpose in question.

*Reserve Banks Are In Strong Position.*

The Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, R. A. Young: Pursuant to resolutions adopted by the National Drouth Committee, I advise that the Federal Reserve banks are in a strong position and in a position to lend assistance through member banks in those sections of the country where it is needed. I am not going into details relative to rediscounting by member banks because the procedure is well known to all of your Committee.

While the Board is a supervisory body and does not actually operate the reserve banks, I believe that I can speak for the banks and assure the Committee that leniency will be followed by all of the Reserve banks to ward member banks that are in the affected districts. A suggestion was made, though, that it might be helpful if the Federal Reserve Board would permit the Federal Reserve banks to rediscount paper originating in non-member banks when endorsed and presented by a member bank.

For obvious reasons it would be a mistake to waive the regulation entirely and while I have not been able to put the question before my colleagues officially, I feel perfectly safe in assuring the Committee that if any Federal Reserve Bank requests permission of the Federal Reserve Board to accept paper originating in a nonmember bank from a member to handle the situation at any specific bank that there will be no hesitancy upon the part of the Board.

Another suggestion was made that the Federal Reserve banks give preferential rates to member banks on agricultural paper through the drouth-stricken territory. There are many mechanical credit complications involved in adopting such a suggestion which the banker members of your committee are quite familiar with and I doubt very much whether such a procedure would be of any benefit and might tend to further complicate the present situation. In addition, the system is in a very low rate frame at the present time and certainly rediscount rates of the Federal Reserve banks at this time can not be any deterrent to re-life.

I would not want anybody to be under a misapprehension and I again repeat that the Federal Reserve banks, while only quasi-Government institutions, nevertheless, are in the same class as other Government agencies and are not in a position to knowingly make poor loans under any conditions.

*Farm Board Loans Limited by Statute.*

The Vice Chairman of the Federal Farm Board, James C. Stone: The main object of the Agricultural Marketing Act is to develop a better marketing system for agricultural commodities, and it states rather definitely that the Farm Board, in lending money, must deal through co-operative marketing associations, farmer-owned and controlled, and complying with the terms of the Capper-Volstead Act.

Section 7 of the act determines to whom and for what purposes moneys can be loaned by the Farm Board and for your information I quote below the first five paragraphs of this section, which are as follows:

Section 7. (a) Upon application by any co-operative association the Board is authorized to make loans to it from the revolving funds to assist in—

- (1) The effective merchandising of agricultural commodities and food products thereof;
  - (2) The construction or acquisition by purchase or lease of physical marketing facilities for preparing, handling, storing, processing or merchandising agricultural commodities or their food products;
  - (3) The formation of clearing house associations;
  - (4) Extending membership of the co-operative association applying for the loan by educating the producers of the commodity handled by the association in the advantages of co-operative marketing of that commodity; and
  - (5) Enabling the co-operative association applying for the loan to advance to its members a greater share of the market price of the commodity delivered to the association than is practicable under other credit facilities.
- (b) No loans shall be made to any co-operative association unless, in the judgment of the Board, the loan is in furtherance of the policy declared in section 1 and the co-operative association applying for the loan has an organization and management and business policies of such character as to insure the reasonable safety of the loan and the furtherance of such policy.

In addition to lending money to co-operatives for purposes as enumerated above, the Farm Board has taken the position that we have the right, under the law, to make loans to co-operatives, the money to be used by them as a part of the capital structure for a credit corporation, provided the credit corporation makes loans only to members of the co-operative marketing association and also that the marketing association has a contract with its members requiring the delivery of all the product to the co-operative association for sale. We are prepared to lend money for this purpose, provided the co-operative is efficiently managed and has an experience of successful operation.

We have made some loans, also, to well-managed co-operatives which have accumulated proper reserve funds for the purpose of enabling the co-operative to furnish credits to its members to prevent the necessity of the member selling his stock, and also for the purpose of buying feed in the present situation, and the financing of the purchase of feeders.

The Farmers National Grain Corporation is a co-operative marketing sales agency, owned by co-operative marketing associations, and though the Farm Board has loaned it money, its policies are determined by its own board of directors.

The Farm Board will do everything it can under the law to help in this drouth situation; but the Agricultural Marketing Act is not an emergency

act, but a marketing act, and we believe that we can render real service through co-operative marketing association operating in the stricken sections.

#### Intermediate Credit Banks Explained.

The Chairman of the Federal Farm Loan Board, Paul Bestor: The Federal Intermediate Credit banks are permanent institutions created to provide agricultural credit at reasonable interest rates. One of their functions is to discount agricultural paper, under the limitations prescribed in the act, for banks, agricultural credit corporations, livestock loan companies, and other financing institutions with their indorsement, or to make loans or advances to such institutions secured by such agricultural paper. The proceeds of all such paper so discounted or accepted as security for loans must be used for agricultural purposes or for the raising, breeding, fattening, or marketing of livestock. The law does not permit Federal Intermediate Credit banks to make loans or advances to individuals or to discount paper for individuals directly.

Agricultural credit corporations may be organized under State law. When properly organized with adequately paid-up capital and managed by competent personnel, such corporations may be granted the privilege of discounting with or obtaining loans from the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank serving the district in which they are located.

The amount of paper accepted by Federal Intermediate Credit Banks from a corporation of this kind, for discount, depends in each instance on the character of the paper offered, the security therefor, the management of the corporation, the manner in which its capital is invested, the amount thereof pledged with the bank as additional collateral—the ratio varying from three to eight times the paid-in and unimpaired capital of the discounting institution.

It has been found desirable that capital of the discounting corporation be invested in liquid securities such as United States Government bonds or Federal Land Bank bonds, and that such securities be pledged, with the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank as collateral security for the payment of all obligations of the credit corporation to the bank.

A State or national bank, trust company, savings bank, or similar institution engaged in the general banking business and handling eligible agricultural paper may provide agricultural credit for its community by submitting such paper to the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank which serves the district in which such local financing institution operates. Under the provisions of the law, no paper may be purchased from or discounted for any such banking institution if the amount of such paper added to the aggregate liabilities of such institution, whether direct or contingent, exceeds the amount of such liability permitted under the laws of the jurisdiction creating the same, or exceeds twice the paid-in and unimpaired capital and surplus of such institution.

Ordinarily, the maximum amount of credit which may be extended on account of any one individual may not exceed 20% of the endorsing corporation's paid-up and unimpaired capital and surplus, and livestock loans to any one individual may not exceed 50% of the local financing institution's unimpaired capital and surplus. Under the existing regulations, the Intermediate Credit Banks may accept paper upon which the maker is charged a rate of interest which does not exceed the Intermediate Credit Bank's discount rate by more than 2% per annum, except in the case of livestock loans where a spread of 2½% per annum may be made. In no event may the rate charged the individual notemaker exceed the rate permitted by the laws of the State in which the loan is made. Experience of local financing institutions and Federal Intermediate Credit Banks indicates that notes should be payable when the makers expect to market their crops or livestock and ordinarily the maturities range from 6 to 12 months.

#### Chairman Legge of Federal Farm Board Says Solution of Wheat Marketing Problem Lies in Adjustment of Production to Domestic Consumption.

At the Ohio State Fair, at Des Moines, on Aug. 25, Alexander Legge, Chairman of the Federal Farm Board, discussed four proposals which have been advocated for the disposal of the wheat surplus, and stated that "after giving serious consideration to these four proposals and others, our conclusion is that none of them gets at the root of the difficulty and none consequently could afford adequate remedy. The real solution to the wheat marketing problem," said Mr. Legge, "lies in adjustment of production to a domestic basis, coupled with orderly marketing, both of which, in our opinion, can be brought about only through organization of farmers so they can act collectively." The proposals dealt with in Mr. Legge's address included the adoption of the equalization fee, the shipment of surplus wheat to needy people in China and India, the purchase of 100,000,000 bushels of wheat by the Grain Stabilization Corp. and the enlargement of domestic wheat consumption—Mr. Legge stated that "the Farm Board has neither the authority nor the organization to ship famine-relief wheat to China and India. The problem in China is more one of distribution than lack of wheat. . . . So far as India is concerned, that country has more wheat than its usual domestic requirements and is an exporter of wheat."

He contended that "the adoption of the proposal to buy 100,000,000 bushels of wheat, although it might raise prices temporarily, would intensify some of the effects of the wheat surplus without leading to any real solution." He likewise said "any stimulated pressure of our wheat surplus on the world market through the equalization fee or debenture schemes would greatly depress that market, probably by an amount equal to the subsidy, and thereby defeat the very purpose of such action." Mr. Legge's address follows:

In approaching the subject of ways and means to improve the position of agriculture as an industry and particularly with reference to its relation to other industries of the nation we must first consider some of the more fundamental causes of the disparity which has existed for many years past.

It is my belief that this disparity has existed for a longer time than is generally recognized. During the period during which steadily advancing prices of farm land gave the farmer an indirect gain or profit this disparity

in the every day earnings of agriculture as compared to other industries was not recognized. It was only fair that the farmer should gain by the increasing value of farm property as this increase was due in a large measure to the results of his own efforts to improve the property and thereby enhance its value. However, when they set aside these indirect gains my judgment is that the current earnings such as would be shown on the balance sheet of any well-organized firm or corporation were very small for a considerable time prior to the World War.

Following the inflation that took place during the War period this situation became immediately acute. As we see it there were two fundamental reasons: first, the increase in the general cost level wherein taxes, wage rates and many other items of expense to the farmer had been doubled or more than doubled, resulting in a sharp increase in his cost of operation. At the same time the period of drastic deflation set in and instead of the increasing value of real estate, the land owner was faced with a sharp decline from which lower level there has been but a slight recovery. In meeting the changed conditions the handicap of agriculture as compared to other industries brought about a storm of protest from the agricultural classes, in some cases accompanied by a great deal of bitterness and feeling that somebody had manipulated them out of their rightful position in the business structure of the country.

Careful consideration of the subject leads to the conclusion that this cannot justly be charged to any effort on the part of any other group to take advantage of agriculture, but rather the disparity was based on the fact that agriculture, almost totally unorganized, was not so well prepared to adjust itself to the new condition as the more highly organized industries. To put this another way, industry is planned on a basis of producing that kind and quality of product in such quantity as the market would absorb at a basis that would leave a reasonable share of return to the producer, including increased taxes and wages as basic operating costs and priced their production on this level. The farmer, on the other hand, might be classified as operating over six million individual factories, each producing without regard to consuming demand, without reference to what any other one of the six million units was doing. Obviously on this basis what it cost him to produce his product had little influence on the price he could get for it. In other words, the more highly organized industries could and did adjust themselves to the higher range of cost on everything and the farmer was unable to do so.

If this reasoning be sound the answer to what the farmer can and must do to put himself on a parity with other industries is contained in the one word "organization." Acting together collectively there seems to be no fundamental reason why he might not regulate his operations just as effectively as the most highly organized corporation in existence and because of the fact that most of what he produces is foodstuffs on which the quantity consumed will from year to year vary much less than the possible variation in most manufactured products, it would seem entirely practicable to make his operation in this respect even more effective than any other line of producers.

To illustrate this, if times are hard and money is scarce people do not feel encouraged to make an investment. One can wear his old clothes a little longer, continue to run the old car and not replace it as frequently as had been the practice in the past, and so on through pretty much the whole line of manufactured products, which action results in a subnormal consumption. In foodstuffs, while it is true that in times of unemployment and depression there is a tendency to increase the consumption of low-cost items at the expense of those that are relatively more expensive, yet on the whole there is very little difference in the quantity consumed. For this reason, when the farmers are able to exercise the same degree of control over their production as must be done by the manufacturer if he is going to live at all, it seems obvious to me that the farmer would suffer less than any other class during a period of depression such as we are now passing through, for the simple reason that his product is one on which there is the least possibility of a reduction in quantity consumed.

The State of Iowa is primarily a livestock area. The good farmers of this State have perhaps made more progress than has been made in other sections of the country toward putting their production on a sound basis. This is evidenced to-day by the relative price of hogs, Iowa's greatest product, as compared to the prices of other commodities. The Iowa farmer has learned by experience in the past that in order to obtain a fair price for his hogs some attention must be paid to the number of them that are raised. Any study of market fluctuation on farm commodities over a period of years indicates clearly that the farmer's gross income is always better, the commodity always brings the greatest return, in years of moderate production rather than in periods of over-production.

The corn crop in the last ten years with the largest farm value was that of 1924, and it was by far the smallest. The records of the Department of Agriculture show that it was approximately 2,300 million bushels with a farm value of 2,226 million dollars. The corn crop the following year was 600 million bushels greater and had a farm value of 300 million dollars less. The crop of 1923 was 700 million bushels more than that of 1924, with a farm value of 50 million dollars less.

In the case of hogs, the smallest production of the past six years brought farmers the most money. In 1926 the live weight of hogs slaughtered under Federal inspection totaled 9,633 million pounds, for which the producers received 1,120 million dollars, and in 1929 the slaughter was the largest of the six-year period, amounting to 11,353 million pounds and the producer received 1,052 million dollars. Thus for a crop of 1,720 million pounds more the producer was paid 68 million dollars less. The number of hogs produced in 1926 was 40 million and in 1928 it was increased to 49 million. For a crop of 9 million more hogs the farm value was 140 million dollars less.

The smallest production of beef cattle the past six years also brought the most money to the grower. That was last year, when the slaughter under Federal inspection was 7,949 million pounds, with a value to the producer of 968 million dollars, whereas the biggest production of the six-year period, that of 1926, was 9,814 million pounds, or 1,865 million pounds more than that of 1929, and brought only 943 million dollars. Thus for a crop nearly 25% greater the producer received 25 million dollars less.

Cotton furnishes another striking example of a small crop yielding more money to the grower than the large one. The 1923 cotton crop was the smallest in recent years, being 10,149,000 bales, and had a farm value of 1,572 million dollars, which was the largest return on any crop in the past ten years. The biggest crop in that period was in 1926 and amounted to 17,977,000 bales, or 7,827,000 more than the crop of 1923. This bumper crop was worth on the farm only 983 million dollars, or 589 million dollars less than the cotton farmers got in 1923 for 7,838,000 fewer bales of cotton.

The crop that perhaps is most sensitive to over-production is potatoes. This crop is largely consumed the year it is grown and the demand for potatoes remains about the same from year to year. The smallest crop in the past six years brought potato growers by far the most money. In 1925 they produced approximately 321 million bushels with a farm value of around 530 million dollars. The bumper crop of that six-year period, which was in 1928, totaled 463 million bushels with a farm value of only 288 million dollars. In other words, in 1928 farmers raised 142 million

bushels more potatoes and their crop was worth 242 million dollars less than in 1925. In 1929 the farm value of a 357-million bushel crop was 469 million dollars. The record over a period of years shows that potato growers got more for a crop under 400 million bushels than they do for a crop that exceeds 400 million bushels.

In suggesting to farmers that they adjust production to potential market requirements we are not proposing anything radical or socialistic. Instead we are trying to get them to apply to the industry of agriculture a sound business principle that those in virtually all other industries long since came to realize was a first essential to success. And in doing this we are not going outside the authority of the Agricultural Marketing Act, but are simply carrying out the specific provisions of that law which direct the Board:

To keep advised from any available sources and make reports as to crop prices, experiences, prospects, supply, and demand, at home and abroad.

To investigate conditions of overproduction of agricultural commodities and advise as to the prevention of such overproduction.

There is an effort on the part of certain people to make it appear that a program of balanced production such as we are recommending—that is, quality and quantity in line with prospective consumer demand—would result in reduced income for farmers. The contrary would be the case, in our opinion. The record for the past few years which I have just presented to you gives ample evidence that the largest financial return does not come from the biggest crop, but rather from the one that is in line or not greatly in excess of the normal market demand.

We have recommended acreage reduction in only two crops, wheat and cotton. We did sound a warning last spring against expanding the tobacco acreage at a time when reports to the Department of Agriculture of intentions to plant showed a probable increase of 15% in the acreage. Tobacco growers paid little heed to our suggestion with the result that they have a very big bright leaf crop in the Southeastern states and are consequently suffering in price now as they are taking it to market.

We are advising growers to guard against expansion of production in certain crops and urging that they pay closer attention to probable consumer requirements and adjust production accordingly. It is our purpose to lay before them every bit of available information regarding prospective supply and demand that may be of value at planting time. In addition we will do what we can to assist in developing and expanding the markets for agricultural products both at home and abroad.

Now let us turn for a few moments to wheat, the commodity which has attracted more public attention the past few weeks than any of the others. The Department of Agriculture and Farm Board for months have been trying to get the best possible information on the world wheat outlook. With the most accurate available data before us we have reached the conclusion that American wheat acreage should be adjusted downward gradually until production is on a domestic consumption basis. Compared with the average of recent years indications for the immediate future point to no material improvement in the world wheat market. This means that there is slight prospect of the American farmer getting a profitable return on wheat in the export field. So long as he produces a surplus far in excess of the quantity that the domestic market will consume he must be content to accept the world price for his entire crop for we can see no effective way to prevent the surplus sold abroad determining the price received for the larger part of the crop that is disposed of at home. In our opinion the only sure way for the wheat grower to get the tariff protection Congress has voted him is to adjust his production downward to an amount that the domestic market will absorb.

One of the most difficult surpluses we find in this situation is the surplus of leaders or managers of groups that have in the past attempted to solve the problem along different lines. While each particular program may have merit, it is necessary to centralize co-operative activities to get effective results and these differences should be ironed out so that all groups would be working to the same general end. It is natural for anyone who has made any progress on his plan to feel that it is the only basis of attacking the problem, yet here is a case where a genuine spirit of co-operation is badly needed. It should be evident to all that to be fully effective and to get the best results these several programs should be brought together so that they would be working to a common purpose and to a common end.

Of the many proposals put forward to get rid of the wheat surplus and thereby improve prices, I wish to discuss before you here to-day four that have been advocated with the most persistence:

1. Adoption of the equalization fee, debenture or some other scheme for subsidizing the exportation of the surplus at the expense of the grower, the Treasury, or the consumer.
2. Shipment of surplus wheat to needy people in China and India.
3. Purchase by the Grain Stabilization Corp. of 100,000,000 bushels more wheat.
4. Enlargement of domestic wheat consumption.

A policy of subsidizing exports cannot hope to succeed because there is abundant evidence that such dumping would be met by countervailing duties, embargoes or other defensive measures on the part of importing countries. These countries have their farm problems the same as we do and are determined to protect their growers against the dumping of foreign agricultural products on their markets. With that attitude we have no quarrel for Congress has enacted legislation to penalize subsidized agricultural products being imported into this country by automatically increasing the tariff the amount of such subsidy. A number of the wheat importing countries, to meet price declines of the past year, have raised their duties to very high levels. In addition to the hostility toward dumping there is this in the present situation: Any stimulated pressure of our wheat surplus on the world market through the equalization fee or debenture schemes would greatly depress that market, probably by an amount equal to the subsidy, and thereby defeat the very purpose of such action. Some of those who, notwithstanding the overwhelming evidence they will not work, continue to support plans for the exportation of surplus crops such as wheat to make the tariff effective on what is sold in the domestic market, are pointing to the California grape industry program as an instance where the Farm Board has approved the equalization fee scheme. Now nothing could be farther from the facts. There is nothing of subsidizing exports in the California plan. What something over 85% of the growers there have done is to volunteer to contribute to a fund that will be used to purchase surplus grapes or raisins, convert them into by-products for which there is a market and thereby protect the market for fresh grapes and raisins. It is an industry program being carried out by those engaged in the industry. The Government's only part was to help develop the program and later to give financial assistance to growers through loans to their co-operative associations in carrying out that program.

The Farm Board has neither the authority nor the organization to ship famine-relief wheat to China and India. The problem in China is more one of distribution than lack of wheat. The American Red Cross has investigated the Chinese famine situation and found it impracticable and inadvisable to attempt to cope with under existing conditions. So far as India is concerned, that country has more wheat than its usual domestic requirements and is an exporter of wheat.

Adoption of the proposal to buy 100,000,000 bushels of wheat, although it might raise prices temporarily, would intensify some of the effects of the wheat surplus without leading to any real solution. It would accelerate the movement from the farms; it would cut down our exports at the very time of the year when our wheat meets the least competition from other exporting countries; it would materially increase the congestion at terminals and the price spread between the farm and the terminal; it would not permanently raise the level of wheat prices for this wheat would have to be sold some time; it would discriminate against those farmers who have already sold and those who are not yet ready to sell.

There is no reason to expect any material expansion in domestic consumption of wheat for food. There appears to be little undernourishment in this country that is traceable to absolute insufficiency of food. Even when farm prices of wheat are high, bread is a relatively cheap foodstuff, in spite of high costs of distribution. We consume for food about 4.2 bushels of wheat per capita annually now as compared with nearly 5 bushels before the war. This decline is due very largely to deep-seated causes—better housing and heating, and reduced manual labor; higher general prosperity, making possible more varied diets; and increased consumption of other foods, notably vegetables, dairy products and sugar. There are other legitimate ways in which efforts to increase consumption of wheat products may be made. Such efforts can best be made by private interest, for it is hardly feasible for the Farm Board to push the consumption of one farm product in competition with other farm products.

After giving serious consideration to these four proposals and others that have been offered, our conclusion is that none of them gets at the root of the difficulty and none consequently could afford adequate remedy. The real solution to the wheat marketing problem lies in adjustment of production to a domestic basis, coupled with orderly marketing, both of which, in our opinion, can be brought about only through organization of farmers so they can act collectively.

Organization is the first essential no matter what the farmer grows. Collectively producers of a commodity can solve production and marketing problems. They are in position to take advantage of such information as I have given you relative to the disastrous effect of overproduction.

The Agricultural Marketing Act created the Farm Board and supplied it with power and funds to help farmers organize for co-operative action. Working with existing co-operatives we have assisted in the setting up of seven national commodity agencies to merchandise or control the marketing of the crops handled by member co-operatives. These include grain, livestock, cotton, wool and mohair, beans, pecans, and sugar beets. They are owned and controlled by the co-operatives that set them up. They are the machinery of farmers to market the crops they produce. Their function is to merchandise the products of their members to the best advantage of the grower, not to raise prices artificially to consumers as some critics would have the public believe. Through elimination of wastes in distribution and lessening of speculation it is expected their operations will result in stability in prices that should be beneficial to consumer as well as producer. You might be interested to know that the cities of Des Moines and St. Louis furnish a good example of how co-operative marketing of farm products helps both producer and consumer. Farmers supplying Des Moines with milk are thoroughly organized. The dealers are paying them \$2.40 per hundred for their milk and the consumers in this city are paying 11c. a quart. Farmers supplying the St. Louis market do not have an effective organization and they are receiving only \$1.90 per hundred for their milk while the consumers of that city are paying 13c. a quart for milk.

The drought which has played havoc in some sections of the country serves to demonstrate forcibly another reason for farmers being organized. Where farmers are organized co-operatively they are in position to get emergency assistance immediately either through their own national set-up, as is the case with the livestock men, or direct from the Farm Board. To obtain relief in such times requires collective responsibility and the farmers who belong to a co-operative are in position to give it through that organization without delay.

The Farm Board believes that the co-operative program being developed under the terms of the Agricultural Marketing Act is sound and offers the best hope for permanent improvement of the financial position of agriculture. It is giving every possible constructive assistance in organization and proposes to continue to do so, along with supplying to farmers information on production and marketing and extending such other aid as is provided in the law. Success of the program is going to depend chiefly on the willingness of farmers to make use of the opportunity offered them to organize and control their industry.

At the present time the Board is receiving many inquiries and suggestions as to changes in the Agricultural Marketing Act. Our judgment is that it would be a mistake to attempt to amend or modify the law at the present time. Not that we think it is perfect in every respect, but it took agriculture many years to secure the legislation that is now in effect. From experience the members of the Board feel that much can be accomplished under the law as it is; that attempts to tinker with it without further experience would tend to slow down progress rather than improve the present situation. The fundamental principles are sound and provide for an organized agriculture with which the producer will first be able to control the movement of his crop to market and effectively regulate the supply and demand and through organized effort be enabled to make some adjustment in the production of the many farm factories that will enable the producer to obtain for his output a reasonable return, both of which fundamental problems are beyond the possibility of solution by any private trader. The private trader must take what is offered and do the best he can with it. Organized producers, however, can so regulate the supply produced and the flow of it to market in such a way as to insure a reasonable return.

Don't think that any agency can legislate agriculture into prosperity. Government assistance can do much, first in the way of supplying more accurate information as to the relative supply and demand of the various commodities produced and can assist in the setting up of farmer-owned and farmer-controlled organizations, whose sole interest will be that of getting the best possible return to the producers, and further the Government can aid in financing these organizations until they have gained sufficient strength as to make further financial aid unnecessary.

Every one of the organizations which the Board has so far assisted is planned on a basis that as the organization grows in experience and in financial strength they may become less and less dependent upon Government aid and eventually be able to carry on successfully without it.

In its dispatch from Des Moines, on Aug. 25, the New York "Times" reported Mr. Legge to the following effect:

He congratulated Iowa on its favorable position and agricultural organization. "There are two things which we must do before we can end all agricultural distress," he said. "The first is to raise the products which the market will consume and in the amount that it can carry. The second is to regulate sales so as not to destroy our own market."

"I believe that we should feed our wheat and small grains to live stock as a temporary means of getting rid of the wheat surplus," he continued,

"but I don't believe that this is a permanent remedy. We should reduce our wheat production to the level of domestic consumption. As long as we export the surplus, our price will be set by the world price.

"We can't compete with foreign wheat production; their labor costs are low. Moreover, it is one crop that can be grown anywhere from the Arctic Circle to the Equator. Russia has more wheat lands than any other country. Eventually they will learn to market that wheat. They are trying different methods and they have tried all the wrong ones so far, but they are going to find the right one."

Mr. Legge exclaimed, "God forbid that the American farmer should live as the Russians live," and continued in part:

"When the farmers are able to exercise the same degree of control over their production as must be done by the manufacturer if he is going to live at all, it seems obvious to me that the farmer would suffer less than any other class during a period of depression such as we are now passing through, for the simple reason that his product is one on which there is the least possibility of a reduction in quantity consumed.

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### Secretary of Agriculture Hyde Says Report on Drouth Relief of Bankers' Committee Outlines Helpful Program—Ample Credit for Farmers Assured.

The formation of agricultural credit corporations assures ample credit for farmers in the drouth areas in the present emergency, and will be of great benefit for the future, if the corporations are maintained, the Secretary of Agriculture, Arthur M. Hyde, stated Aug. 28 in a telegram from Chicago made public by the Department. We quote from the Aug. 29 issue of the "United States Daily" which went on to say:

Mr. Hyde said he expected to call a meeting of the chairmen of the State drouth committees in Washington within a few days. His telegram follows in full text:

"The report of the banker members of the Governors' drouth committees outlines a helpful program.

"They not only pointed out the duty of local bankers and local people generally, but they undertook to supplement and augment their own resources by the formation of agricultural credit corporations in the States. These credit corporations serve as intermediaries between credit base of communities and the liberal credit facilities of the Federal Intermediate Credit system.

"The formation of these agricultural credit corporations assures ample credit for loans to farmers in drouth-stricken areas in present emergencies and will be of great and continuing benefit if maintained in the future.

"The combination of local banking facilities and Federal Intermediate Credit banks will meet much of the distress.

"Such distress as cannot be met in this way will be amply provided for by the Red Cross. As soon as State drouth committees have a few days to familiarize themselves with conditions in each State, I expect to call a meeting of the chairmen in Washington to correlate activities and relief measures."

The major purpose of the two-day conference on financial relief for agriculture in the drouth-stricken regions is regarded as accomplished, it was stated orally at the White House on Aug. 28.

The main purpose of President Hoover in calling the conference, it was said, was to get local State bankers to enlist for the establishment of National credit corporations to work in conjunction with Intermediate Credit banks in providing financial relief to the drouth-stricken farmers.

The Secretary of Agriculture will call a conference meeting of the chairmen of State drouth committees to review the situation further after the various drouth committees have had an opportunity to make a survey of conditions, it was stated at the White House. No definite time has been set, however, for the meeting, it was added.

### Secretary of Agriculture Hyde Lists Results of Trip in Drouth Area—Returns from Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio.

The following from Washington, is from the "Wall Street Journal" of Aug. 27:

Discussing drouth conditions, Secretary of Agriculture Hyde stated that his trip through Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio resulted in three important observations, viz:

1. That the loss in the grain crop is probably greater than was estimated;
2. That the rains are bringing the pastures back to normal; and,
3. The marvelous adaptability of those affected in adjusting themselves to conditions.

### Chairman Legge of Federal Farm Board Says Income of Farmers Will Probably Not Be Reduced by Drouth.

The total income of farmers of the United States this year probably will not be reduced by the drouth, the Chairman of the Federal Farm Board, Alexander Legge, stated orally Aug. 28. According to the "United States Daily" of Aug. 29, which continued:

Mr. Legge said he believes the higher prices resulting from reduced production because of drouth will increase the income of farmers in sections where crops were good by as large an amount as farmers in the drouth area will lose because of ruined crops.

There has been a great loss of income in the drouth area, Mr. Legge said. However, corn is about 20 cents a bushel higher because of the drouth, and the crop will be somewhere near 2,000,000,000 bushels, he said, and this one factor will offset much of the loss. Other grains and hay have risen in price with corn, also, he added.

The drouth damage has not been exaggerated, he said, but the losses are local and many sections have had good crops.

Mr. Legge said that farmers' income probably will not be as large as in the last few years, because the general level of prices is lower, but their income probably will be as large as it would have been if the drouth had not occurred.

As far as pastures are concerned, Mr. Legge said, the drouth is a spreading rather than being relieved. Dairymen in northern Illinois, New York, and some other areas are practically on a winter feeding basis, he added, although winter feeding usually begins about two months later. Feed stocks are being consumed at an entirely abnormal rate, he said.

Drouth conditions continued in most of Pennsylvania, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and some other areas, J. B. Kincer, Chief of the Division of

Agricultural Meteorology of the Weather Bureau, stated orally Aug. 28. Crops and pastures are still deteriorating in those regions.

Beneficial rains were received, however, on Aug. 27 in Virginia, and parts of Maryland, he said. Richmond had 1.82 inches; Baltimore .5 inch; and the District of Columbia, .37. There were a few scattered showers to light to give substantial relief in other sections.

### Hay Available for Drouth Sections.

From Washington Aug. 22 the New York "Journal of Commerce" reported the following:

New hope was seen for live stock raisers in a report stating that several thousand cars of hay were available for shipment into the drouth-stricken areas in the Central West, it was announced by the Department of Agriculture to-day. Reports from shippers in the surrounding surplus producing areas were given by the department as the basis for this statement.

Supplies of timothy hay have been reported by shippers in New York, Northern Ohio, Northern Indiana and Michigan, where nearly normal crops were produced, it was said. Alfalfa supplies are reported principally from Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico and Arizona, which are the leading surplus alfalfa-producing States in the Central and Southwestern West, according to the department. Rather plentiful supplies of prairie hay are reported from Nebraska, and moderate quantities from Kansas and Oklahoma, it was said.

### Effect of Montana Drouth Situation on Cattle.

Montana sheep and cattle may be fattened on Minnesota farms on a profit-sharing basis as a result of the drouth in the former State, according to a plan suggested by the Secretary of Agriculture, Arthur M. Hyde, and now being investigated by a committee appointed by Governor Theodore Christianson Aug. 16. We quote from St. Paul advices Aug. 18 to the "United States Daily," which added:

"The severe drouth in Montana," Secretary Hyde telegraphed Governor Christianson, "requires the movement of several hundred thousand sheep and cattle quickly. While the drouth has created difficulties for the owners of these animals, there are thousands of farmers in your State who have surplus feed and pasturage and can winter these animals. I suggest that you consider plans for interchange of this situation. It might be possible to arrange that the ownership of the animals be retained by present holders and that farmers of your State take over feeding and wintering on some basis of payment for feed used plus participation in amount later realized over agreed value per head. While this idea may not be workable, some such partnership basis would be beneficial to both sides and a very great service performed. If deemed feasible, please get in touch with Montana people and see what can be done in this direction. It might be possible to use your State Bankers Association in co-operation with the Bankers Association of Montana to forward these ideas."

Governor Christianson, following receipt of the message, announced the appointment of a commission headed by the State Commissioner of Agriculture, N. J. Holmberg, to investigate the situation in Minnesota.

"If the commission finds the plan feasible," the Governor said, "I shall ask Governor J. E. Erickson of Montana to co-operate with these men in working out the details of the plan.

"Their first action will be to make a survey of the State to determine definitely if there is a surplus of feed and pasturage which would allow Minnesota to help out Montana without harm to her own livestock interests."

We likewise take the following from the "United States Daily" of Aug. 18:

Mr. Hyde said there are 500,000 cattle and 1,000,000 sheep in Montana which must be moved out of the State "at a very early day" because of shortage of feed. The Department is telegraphing to the Governors of Colorado, North and South Dakota and Minnesota, he said, asking them to get in touch with bankers and others to arrange for the removal of this livestock either through purchase from the Montana owners or through partnership arrangements with the owners.

The Intermediate Credit banks can provide aid in carrying this livestock, Mr. Hyde said, through loans to local associations which can show themselves to be responsible organizations. The sales of stock might thus be spread over the next year, obviating immediate forced sales on a low-price market.

The same paper in its Aug. 19 issue stated:

#### Financing Being Arranged.

There will be no difficulty in financing livestock owners in the drouth area if they are members of co-operative associations, but the exact plans of the Federal Farm Board for such financing are not yet completed, and they will vary to meet the needs of each locality, the Chairman of the Board, Alexander Legge, stated orally Aug. 18.

In the case of Montana, Mr. Legge said, there is a good livestock organization and credit has been arranged for it through the National Livestock Marketing Association. The association has been granted a credit of \$4,000,000 to which there is to be added \$1,000,000 by the Montana organization. This \$5,000,000 might be run up to a maximum of \$50,000,000 through loans from the Intermediate Credit banks, which can lend up to ten times the capital of the borrowing farm organizations, Mr. Legge explained.

The problem is one largely of moving livestock to areas where feed is available, the Chairman stated, since transportation of bulky feed such as hay is impracticable and too costly. The movement from Montana probably will be to Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa and other States where there is ample feed, he added.

The proposal of the Virginia State Drouth Relief Committee that the Grain Stabilization Corporation sell its wheat as livestock feed can be followed out if local organizations guarantee payment, and only if the corporation immediately replaces the wheat which it has sold, Mr. Legge said. This is because the corporation has pledged that it will not sell its present stocks of wheat in competition with the 1930 crop. The corporation therefore would buy on the market as much wheat as it sold in drouth areas, so as to keep its supplies constant, he explained.

### Gov. Adams of Colorado Proposes Sale of Surplus Feed to Montana and Other Drouth Areas.

The following from Denver, Aug. 18, is taken from the "United States Daily":

Instead of shipping Montana sheep and cattle to other States where feed is plentiful, it would be more feasible to ship Colorado's surplus feed to the



districts affected by the drouth, in the opinion of Governor William H. Adams.

Discussing a telegram received from the Secretary of Agriculture, Arthur M. Hyde, suggesting the possibility of sending Montana livestock to Colorado, Governor Adams said:

"We believe the more feasible plan would be to ship out Colorado's surplus feed to the districts affected by the drouth, and I am sure that the farmers of Colorado would be glad to help their fellow farmers and stockmen of other States by selling their feeds at a reasonable price. The herds affected by the drouth are largely stock herds, the ownership of which the stockmen and farmers want to retain. The situation would be vastly different if these herds were comprised of beef cattle and en route to market. Colorado has a great amount of feed for livestock, thanks to abundant rains, and our surplus is available to those stockmen and farmers less fortunately situated. I will so advise Secretary Hyde."

**Wisconsin Offers Feed—Invites Cattlemen from Drouth Areas to Use Pasturage—\$1,000,000 Fund Provided.**

The "Wall Street Journal" of last night (Aug. 22) carried the following from Washington:

State of Wisconsin has invited cattlemen in the drouth-affected sections to ship their sheep and cattle into that State, where sufficient pasturage is available and where the Wisconsin Bank Shares Corp. of Milwaukee has set aside \$1,000,000 to feed any livestock which may be imported into the State, Secretary of Agriculture Hyde has been informed by Wisconsin Board of Commissioners of Agriculture.

Secretary Hyde transmitted the Wisconsin invitation to Department representatives in livestock-raising counties in Montana where provision of pasturage for livestock constitutes the most serious aspect of the drouth emergency problem.

**Farm Ills Passing, Says Dean Mann of Cornell University—Tells Agricultural Economists in Ithaca Conference That Recovery Has Begun—Federal Farm Board Praised by Prof. Case of Illinois.**

Agriculture as a whole is making distinct progress toward recovery from the depression of recent years and, while some branches are still suffering serious difficulties, the general curve is in an upward direction, according to Dean A. R. Mann of the Agricultural College of Cornell University, at Aug. 19 session of the second International Conference of Agricultural Economists held at Ithaca, N. Y. More than 300 experts from this and other countries were in attendance at the conference said the New York "Times" in an Ithaca dispatch, from which the following further account is likewise taken:

"The economic depression of agriculture in the United States has affected different parts of the country and different crop areas in very different manners," said Dean Mann to-day.

"During recent years, when wheat and cotton farmers have suffered acutely, dairy farmers in many parts of the country, particularly in the Northeast, and until recently general livestock farmers, have been making substantial recovery from the low point of earlier years.

"That agriculture as a whole, broadly viewed, has been making progress toward recovery, even though it has come slowly, is attested by a number of facts.

"This progress, however, has been obscured by the very serious conditions confronting hay, grain and cotton farmers more particularly, and it must be remembered that hay, grain and cotton are very large items in American production."

*Praise for Farm Board.*

A tribute to the achievement of the Federal Farm Board in teaching the doctrine and practice of co-operation to the millions of American farmers was paid to-day by Professor H. C. M. Case of the University of Illinois, who is President of the American Farm Economic Association, an organization of agrarian economists and research workers.

"The results of the Federal Farm Board act cannot be judged for some time," said Professor Case. "But whatever the ultimate results of this legislation may be, we can say now that it has already achieved one great thing—the stimulation of co-operative effort among American farmers. While no figures are available, it seems to me that the Farm Board has greatly stimulated agricultural co-operation. That in itself is worth while in an industry so individualistic and involving 6,000,000 workers."

Professor Case said that it is obvious that the Board will have difficulty in dealing with the troubles of large numbers of individuals whose entire capital is tied up in their farm investments. There are many such individuals with an investment of from \$40,000 to \$60,000, Professor Case pointed out, saying that, while it might be well for agriculture as a whole to hold back on production, there are very many whose very existence depends upon the largest possible output they can market.

**World Farm Crisis Linked to War Loss—Foreign Economists at Ithaca Warn Allied Debts to Us are Factor in Situation—German Urges Reductions—Farm Board Expert Defends Its Policy and Opposes "Dumping" of Crops Abroad.**

The present world-wide crisis in agriculture is a part of the international economic depression and it will not be allayed except through international co-operation, including reduction of reparations payments and cancellation of allied war debts by the United States, Professor M. Sering of Berlin University, head of the German Agrarian Research Institute, told 300 agricultural economists from all parts of the world assembled in a conference which opened its sessions at Cornell University at Ithaca, N. Y. on Aug. 18. In reporting this the correspondent of the New York "Times" continued:

Those participating in the conference have come here to discuss the woes of farmers in their respective countries, but the very first day's proceedings revealed the prevailing opinion among the foreign visitors that these woes constitute in the aggregate one large world problem.

While M. J. B. Ezekiel, Assistant Chief Economist of the Farm Board, discussed the question of agricultural surpluses in the United States defending the policy against dumping abroad, Professor Sering, supported by Professor S. von Dietze of the University of Jena, took the problems of agricultural surpluses and price depression into the domain of international politics.

They assailed the Young Plan as unbearable for Germany and argued that only by wiping the slate clean of all international financial burdens arising from the war, reducing the burden of taxation, in all countries, restoring the purchasing power of consumers, ending unemployment and reviving the normal operation of industry can international economic equilibrium be achieved. This they asserted, will solve also the world agriculture crisis.

*Warns Against Isolation.*

America is not a law unto itself and it cannot escape the consequences of a disorganized and impoverished world, Professor Sering said.

The building of tariff walls by the United States and other countries will only aggravate the crisis, warned Dr. K. T. Jutila of Helsingfors University, Finland.

"The only way to solve the problem of the agricultural surplus is to bring down the tariff walls and remove restrictions on population movements," he said. "Modern science has made the farmer in all advanced countries too productive and too efficient. Only by international co-operation can world agriculture regain its balance."

A similar appeal for international co-operation in the domain of agriculture, although he did not touch on the question of the tariff, was made by H. C. M. Case, President of the American Farm Economic Association. A. W. Ashby, President of the Agricultural Economics Society of Great Britain, spoke along the same lines.

Emphasizing "the growing internationalization of the agricultural problem," L. K. Elmhirst of England stated that "merely to rationalize the business of agriculture does not solve the problem, for the control of the agricultural surplus, from which the United States, like other countries, is suffering, will require greater co-operation on an international scale than has ever been seen before."

*Address by Professor Sering.*

"Even the United States is not an autonomous body which could live an economic life for herself," said Professor Sering, analyzing the industrial depression in European and other countries. "It is the wealth and surplus of her soil which make her dependent on international trade, especially her farmers, on the purchasing power of their foremost foreign buyer, industrial Europe."

Professor Sering found the main causes of the present agricultural and industrial depression in the destruction wrought by the war, increasing barriers to free commerce, the political tension and antagonism which pervade Europe and Asia with their half-billion of inhabitants and the perturbations incident to the Russian revolution.

The European situation, Professor Sering said, "will be reflected in agricultural and industrial conditions in this country."

"The cause of the grave agricultural depression lies in the coincidence of great technical advances with consequent increase of production and a lowering of purchasing power in industrialized Europe caused by other than economic reasons," Professor Sering declared in concluding his analysis of the world economic situation.

"Crises which arise from technical progress find their solution in the universalization of such progress. To what an extent this takes place is dependent upon intelligence and will power."

"The only real solution of the international agricultural and industrial depression is a universal understanding of the causes of the depression which would build up a feeling of solidarity. Such solidarity should exist between all nations, which are bound to each other by the unbreakable ties of international trade."

**Japan Ships Wheat From Boston.**

Under date of Aug. 26 the New York "Times" reported the following from Boston:

Japan has contracted a large lot of grain to conserve the supply there which is depleted because of a drouth. Thus the first shipment of wheat ever leaving Boston for that country was taken aboard to-day by the Japanese freighter Takaoka Maru of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Line. It was of 80,000 bushels of low-grade Manitoba, and is to be fed to live stock, although the freight charge will be fully three times that from Boston to Europe.

**Professor Black of Harvard University Criticizes President Hoover on Wheat Cut Plan—Tells Cornell Conference Attempt to Curb Production Is Visionary.**

President Hoover's policy of curtailing wheat production as a means of solving the difficulties arising from the existing surplus, was described as visionary by Professor John D. Black of Harvard University in an address before the International Conference of Agricultural Economists at Cornell University at Ithaca, N. Y., on Aug. 27. From the "Times" we quote further as follows:

"The President seems to have given himself the ridiculous character of a Don Quixote tilting at giant windmills with a papier-mache lance," said Professor Black in arraigning the policy of the administration and the Federal Farm Board.

It was Professor Black's opinion that farmers would insist upon their right to produce as much as they should see fit.

The Federal Farm Board, he said, in response to farmers' protests, is already modifying its program of so-called agricultural self-sufficiency of the nation as expressed in the idea of curtailment of production for export.

Professor Black maintained that while co-operatives have their legitimate role to play in the readjustments to be made, their exact role still remains to be determined. He said that the task upon which emphasis should be laid is the development by the Department of Agriculture of its agricultural outlook service to farmers to enable them to orientate themselves properly in the maze of domestic and foreign factors affecting production and market opportunities.

Henry C. Taylor, former chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, outlined a program of reforms, including "a wise and just revision of the tariff" and the development of agencies for facilitating the movement of population from one occupation to another.

### No Increase in Argentine Corn Duty Pending Investigation by United States Tariff Commission—Higher Duty Had Been Sought by Senator McNary.

According to Associated Press accounts from Washington, Aug. 19 assurances have been given Argentina that there will be no increase in duties on Argentine corn imported into the United States until an investigation has been made by the Tariff Commission. The dispatch also said:

The assurances were contained in a message from the State Department to Robert Woods Bliss, American Ambassador in Buenos Aires, after word had reached the Department of concern among Argentine exporters over the demand by Senator McNary for an increase in the duty.

Regarding the action of Senator McNary a dispatch from Washington to the New York "Journal of Commerce" Aug. 15 said:

An appeal for relief from the competition afforded American farmers, apparently outside the drought-stricken areas, by importations of corn from Argentina, was presented to the United States Tariff Commission to-day at the instigation of Senator Charles L. McNary (Rep.), Oregon, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

"Argentine corn is offered for sale in Portland and Seattle at 30 cents per 100 pounds less than American corn," Senator McNary telegraphed Mrs. Helen K. Kieffer, clerk of the Senate committee. "Situation in corn districts critical. Please bring matter to attention of Tariff Commission and urge early action to increase duty under flexible provision of the Tariff Act."

### Canadian Wheat Pool Fixes Initial Payment on New Wheat Crop at 60 Cents—Lowest Figure Ever Paid—Initial Payment on Rye Increased.

The following Canadian Press dispatch dated Winnipeg Aug. 26 is from the Toronto "Globe":

The initial payment by the Canadian wheat pools on wheat of the 1930-31 crop delivered to-day and hereafter until further notice will be 60 cents a bushel. The advance, announced last night after a long wait for the official statement, is made on the basis of No. 1 Northern at Fort William.

The initial payment now stipulated is a 10-cent drop per bushel from the interim initial payment set on July 15, cut-off date from the 1929-30 crop. The initial payment on rye is placed at 5 cents a bushel more than the July 15 figure, but other grains are to be granted initial payments equal exactly to the amount named in mid-July. The other initial payments, as stated last night for deliveries henceforth, are, per bushel: Barley, No. 3 C. W., 25 cents; oats, No. 2 C. W., 30 cents; rye, No. 2 C. W., 35 cents and flax, No. 1 N. W., \$1.25.

The figure for wheat is 25 cents a bushel below the lowest mark hitherto noted in Wheat Pool records and 40 cents below the initial payment in every year but one. Since the formation of the Wheat Pool in the West seven years ago initial payments on wheat have always been \$1, with the exception of 1928, when the heavy crop sent prices down far enough to make necessary placing the initial payment at 85 cents.

#### Statement by Chairman.

In making the announcement the following statement was given to the press by A. J. McPhail, Chairman of the Board of the Central Selling Agency of the pools:

"The Board of the Canadian Wheat Pools naturally desired to make the initial payment as high as possible in keeping with financial safety, in order that our members should receive as large an amount of cash as possible when they delivered their wheat to meet the pressing financial obligations but, in view of the serious difficulties which arose in connection with financing the 1929 crop, and to avoid the recurrence of a similar situation arising this year, an initial payment of 60 cents per bushel on wheat has been decided upon.

"We fully realize how many of our members, especially in the areas where light crops are being harvested for the second year in succession, following the large but unprofitable crop of 1928, will feel that these initial payments are inadequate to meet their financial requirements; but the ultimate welfare of our members makes it vitally necessary that we should take no steps that might endanger the safety of their organization.

#### Co-operation Is Expected.

"With market price levels for most of our farmers for both wheat and coarse grains below the cost of production, the situation facing all growers of grain, whether members of our organization or those selling their grain to the trade, is difficult, to say the least. In similar emergencies in the past, financial and business interests have refrained from unduly pressing collections, when such action would aggravate such a serious situation as exists at present. As the welfare of our Prairie Provinces is almost entirely dependent on the solvency of our agricultural industry, we hope and feel confident that all interests concerned in the welfare of Western Canada will co-operate in minimizing the difficulties our farmers are facing at the present time.

"Rumors are being circulated by those who are opposed to the farmers handling their own business. That pool members will violate their contracts in order to get the present market prices for their grains. Those who are circulating these rumors do not know the temper of the Western farmer. I am confident that pool members will not be stampeded. They know that orderly marketing is even a greater necessity under present conditions, than in normal times, if the market is to be protected from the heavy selling pressure that would otherwise result from unorganized selling.

"A further payment which would involve an increase in the initial payment will be made at as early a date as market and financial conditions will permit."

#### Day of Market Losses.

Wheat was back to the dark nineties to-day, and another day of losses will bring it precariously close to the high eighties. Decline of 1½ to ¾ cents a bushel on the Winnipeg Exchange rubbed out the last of dollar wheat for the time being, carrying the May future down to 99½ cents, off ¾ cents for the day.

Light and featureless trading saved the market from more drastic losses. Despite heavy receipts of new wheat over the week-end, selling pressure did not materialize. October wheat finished off 1 cent at 91½ cents and December down 1½ cents at 93 to 93½ cents.

Indications that the Wheat Pool was selling in large quantities, contained in reports of a large export trade last week, were not reflected in to-day's market.

Cash wheat business was limited, offerings continuing draggy. Coarse grains held fairly firm in light trade.

### United Grain Growers of Canada Declares 6% Dividend—Reduced Volume of Grain Handled.

From the Toronto "Globe" we take the following from Winnipeg Aug. 21:

The strong financial condition of the United Grain Growers, Ltd., was noted in a statement issued this afternoon by R. S. Law, the company's President, following a meeting of the Board of Directors.

The Board authorized payment of a 6% dividend on the capital stock of the company, and checks will be mailed on Sept. 1 to more than 30,000 farmer-shareholders throughout the Western Provinces.

Mr. Law, in a statement issued to the press, said: "Owing to the small crop harvested in 1929, the volume of grain handled by the company was considerably reduced. The strong financial position of the company and its various subsidiaries, continued to be maintained, and the directors are well pleased with the manner in which the company has come through what has been a somewhat difficult year for those engaged in the handling of grain."

### World Farm Board Urged at International Conference of Agricultural Economists at Cornell University—Theory Advanced by Some Speakers that Gold Scarcity Caused Farm Slump Disputed by Dr. E. G. Nourse—Criticism of Federal Farm Board.

Conflicting views as to the cause of the agricultural depression have marked the sessions at Ithaca, N. Y., of the International Conference of Agricultural Economists. According to an Ithaca dispatch to the New York "Times," the setting up of an international farm board modeled on the Federal Farm Board in this country to regulate the agricultural business of the world, together with concerted international action for the control of the price of gold as a means of alleviating the world-wide depression in agriculture and industry, was urged at the Aug. 22 session of the Conference. The dispatch went on to say:

Leading economists and agricultural officials attributed the present crisis in agriculture not to over-production, the popular conception, but to the appreciation of gold consequent upon what they termed the international scramble for the yellow metal.

If the leading central banks of the world continue their competition for gold, it was argued, prices will continue to fall with resultant periodical crises like that of the last 12 months. This, it was declared, applied not only to agriculture but to trade and industry as a whole.

The author of the proposal for the establishment of a world farm board was F. E. Goldenhuys, Under Secretary of Agriculture of the Union of South Africa, who maintained that the time has come for all leading nations to perceive their commonality of interests in the world-wide agricultural depression and to act in unison in the re-establishment and maintenance of agricultural prosperity.

Mr. Goldenhuys expressed the hope that the League of Nations, the United States Government or the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome may take the lead toward the creation of the new international regulatory body.

#### Action Expected in Forum.

"What the Federal Farm Board intends to be for the 6,000,000 farmers of America, such an international farm board or central power station might be for the other millions of farmers of the world," Mr. Goldenhuys said.

What may be a move in this direction at the conference now in session here is expected with the probable adoption at the conclusion of the sessions of a proposal for the creation of a permanent international organization of agricultural economists.

Those who challenged the generally accepted theory, a theory maintained also by the Federal Farm Board, that the cause of the present agricultural depression is to be sought in over-production and its cure in restriction of output were E. M. H. Lloyd, Assistant Secretary of the Empire Marketing Board of England, an organization corresponding to the Farm Board in this country, and R. R. Enfield, of the British Ministry of Agriculture.

Supported by Professor G. F. Warren, of Cornell University, noted agricultural expert and consultant to the Federal Farm Board, the British delegates asserted that the primary cause of the agricultural crisis lies in the high price of gold, with its accompanying dislocation of credit and market conditions. This, they averred, applies equally to trade and industry as a whole.

Like Mr. Enfield, Mr. Lloyd urged strongly such concerted action by the leading central banks and their respective governments as to bring the price of gold in harmony with the requirements of the modern world in order that there may be again a world-wide expansion of credit sufficient to counteract the fall of prices.

#### Blames Bank of France.

The principal sinner in what he termed the present hoarding of gold is the Bank of France, Mr. Lloyd hinted. He hoped that this institution will perceive the error of its way and take the lead in the proposed monetary reform. In this connection Mr. Enfield placed his hopes upon the Bank for International Settlements, which, he said, "may provide a common meeting ground where international co-operation in monetary policy may be developed."

The importance of immediate need for such monetary reform as was suggested by the British delegates received added emphasis in Professor Warren's defense of the thesis that the stringency of gold was fundamentally responsible for the agricultural crisis, and from his statement that even if deflation of prices should discontinue now the agricultural depression may continue for another 10 years.

Without touching on the monetary aspect of the problem discussed by the British delegates and by Professor Warren, Mr. Goldenhuys declared that "any effort to cure the agricultural business patient, restore it to health and promote its sound development must concentrate attention in the first place on the international areas of the marketing field, determine the international symptoms and prescribe and apply treatment which will adjust the international maladjustment and promote a balanced development internationally."

That oversupply of products "is no longer a factor in the depression," and that it is due "primarily to the rise in the value of gold, which is

gradually approaching its pre-war value," was the thesis defended by Professor Warren in contradiction, as he pointed out, to the view entertained by most economists.

"Prices are a ratio of the value of gold to the value of another commodity," he said.

Curtailment of production to a point where farmers prosper can only aggravate the high cost of living and stir agitation in the cities, he added.

A sharp clash between two schools of economists as to the fundamental cause of the present world-wide agricultural depression was witnessed at the Aug. 23 session of the Conference after Dr. E. G. Nourse of the Brookings Institute of Economists, Washington, had challenged the theory that money stringency arising from the high price of gold rather than a surplus of production was the responsible factor. Reporting further, the New York "Times" said:

Dr. Nourse took the opposite view from that presented by R. R. Enfield, of the British Ministry of Agriculture, E. M. H. Lloyd, of the British Empire Marketing Board, and Professor G. F. Warren, of Cornell University, all of whom expounded the monetary interpretation.

Supporting the position of Professor Max Sering of Berlin, Dr. Nourse declared that the present depression in agriculture is due to fundamental conditions in supply and demand for agricultural products and not to the gold standard or other monetary influences. The monetary argument, he maintained, "is of minor and waning importance." The farmers' outlook for better prices for the next 10 years, he declared, is very dark.

"We do not face a temporary emergency, but a long-time problem with our low prices," Dr. Nourse said.

Dr. Nourse stressed factors of the supply side of the market, such as technological changes in production and transportation, opening of new lands and more scientific agriculture, and spoke of the weakened demand from an impoverished Europe.

*Cites Prices Here After War.*

He sought to prove that the changes in the price level for agricultural products correspond to changes in the world's supply or the world's demand, and did not follow the changes in monetary conditions. Indeed, at times, said Dr. Nourse, prices moved in the opposite direction from that indicated by money influences alone.

Referring to the Federal Farm Board as "another noble experiment," Dr. Nourse said "it has not yet given a successful demonstration of farm relief."

"The Board has changed its program from time to time, doing what it felt to be expedient or opportunistic or politically sound," he declared. "It may help agriculture if it can find the right program. It is trying to rationalize agriculture, whatever that may be. We are sure of only one thing. It will have considerable educational value in showing the world what a Board with a half billion dollars can do for agriculture."

The need for a new national land policy as a means of combating the agricultural depression was urged by Dr. O. E. Baker, senior agricultural economist of the Division of Land Economics, Washington. Such a land policy, he said, must be a long-range one, taking into proper consideration prospective increase in population, improvement in production methods and increase of output, as well as the imponderables of national and world marketing conditions.

*Predicts Fixed Population.*

Declaring that by 1960 the population of this country may be expected to become stationary after reaching a peak of about 160,000,000, and dwelling upon the continued improvements in methods of production and the increase of output, Dr. Baker said: "Since really every invention, every discovery, every improvement in agricultural technique, every advance in economic organization, tends to increase production, and recalling that the increase in production per acre in crops has been about 27% in the last 30 years, it seems not unreasonable to expect an increase in agricultural production per acre in crops of 50% during the next 50 or 60 years, provided a market can be found for the products."

"Apparently we are not likely to need much more crop land than there is in crops at present, and the problem of disposing of the agricultural surplus seems likely to remain with us unless millions of acres of agricultural land are taken off the market and put into forest, or unless greatly expanded markets are found abroad."

**Action of American Cotton Co-Operative Association in Advancing to Co-Operatives 90% of Cotton Value—No "Price-Pegging."**

The Federal Farm Board made public on Aug. 25 the following statement issued by E. F. Creekmore, Vice-Pres. & General Manager of the American Cotton Co-Operative Association:

Realizing the deplorable condition of the cotton farmer in the South because of the present low level of prices and with and through the assistance of the Federal Farm Board, the American Cotton Co-Operative Association has arranged to-day to advance to the various State cotton co-operative associations for the benefit of their seasonal pool members approximately 90% of the value of the cotton where located. On optional pool cotton the advance will be 10% less than on seasonal pool cotton. As the market advances or declines the advance will be adjusted.

Both the Federal Farm Board and the management of the American Cotton Co-operative Association feel that it is unwise to make a fixed advance on cotton regardless of market prices.

It is believed that on the present level of prices the amount which can now be advanced to southern farmers on delivery of their cotton will enable a majority of them to take advantage of co-operative marketing and in that way receive the benefit of any future advance in price.

The Washington correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce" on Aug. 25 said:

The Board's approval of the new ratio follows a widespread demand made on the part of Southern members of Congress that the co-operative member be given flat 10 cents per pound advance, which, as stressed by Senator Tom Connally of Texas in telegrams to President Hoover and the Farm Board, is below the cost of production. In percentage based on the present New York market, however, the Board's new loan limit is about 10c. on the seasonal pool cotton. Members of the Board discussing the new rate to-day were unable to say what amount of money would be involved.

A reference to the Board's announcement was also contained in Washington advices Aug. 28, published in the New York "Evening Post" from which we quote as follows:

In marketing the 1930 cotton crop the American Cotton Co-operative Association will attempt no price-pegging operations such as were undertaken last year.

The Federal Farm Board has issued a statement of E. F. Creekmore, Vice-President and General Manager. It is set forth that advances to State co-operatives for the benefit of their seasonal pool members will be made up to approximately 90% of the value of the cotton where located.

Advances will be less than the 90% by administrative costs. On optional pool contract the loan will be 10% less than on the seasonal cotton. As the market advances or declines, the advance will be adjusted, but Board members are not anticipating much more of a drop in the price of cotton. They declare that this commodity has only been so low as it is now three times in thirty years.

*Loans to Be Continued.*

Primary loans on cotton will continue to be made by the private and by the Federal intermediate credit banks. The latter are authorized to advance up to 75% of the market value of the product, while the Board is permitted to make available to the association funds sufficient to supplement the primary loans up to 90% for members of the seasonal pool and 10% less than this loan for members operating with the option arrangement.

Farmers borrowing under the optional plan will have to put up margin or be sold out if the decline is below what is advanced. Fixing of the 10% differential in favor of the seasonal pool is considered a protection to the association and, consequently, to the Board.

Should the price of cotton rise, the percentage rate that will be loaned on the commodity delivered to co-operative marketing associations will be adjusted downward, and when the loan rate is lowered the 10% differential in favor of the seasonal contract will be maintained. This is because, in the opinion of the Board, the seasonal pool is the only true form of co-operative marketing.

*Board's Statement.*

Notice that there will be no price-pegging through the activities of the association this year is contained in the statement: "Both the Federal Farm Board and the American Cotton Co-operative Association feels that it is unwise to make a fixed advance on cotton regardless of market prices."

There was established a fixed loan value of 16 cents a pound on cotton last year, commencing Oct. 21, or about the time of the crash in security prices. Prior to this a percentage basis had been used. Fixed value arrangement was continued through the marketing season, though members of the optional pool were allowed to borrow only up to 80% of the market value of their cotton when offered.

**Carl Williams of Federal Farm Board Urges Cotton Growers to Hold Crop for Higher Prices.**

From the New York "World" we take the following Washington advices Aug. 22:

Carl Williams of the Federal Farm Board to-day urged cotton growers to hold their crop for higher prices. Despite the downward trend in August prices charted by the Department of Agriculture, Mr. Williams said "there is hope for increased prices."

"No farmer should sell cotton on the present price basis if he doesn't have to," he asserted. "It would be a moral crime for a creditor unnecessarily to force sale at present price levels."

"I wouldn't sell and I wouldn't advise farmers to sell. I hope no banker will force farmers to sell at such prices as these."

Mr. Williams expects co-operative organizations to handle about 15% of the cotton crop this year. Last year co-operatives handled about 10%.

**"Buy-a-Bale" of Cotton Movement—Gov. Moody of Texas Asks Other Governors to Co-operate.**

Governors of the Southern States were asked on Aug. 26 by Governor Dan Moody of Texas to join him in an appeal to the people of the nation to "buy a bale of cotton" at 15 cents a pound to relieve distress and help stabilize the price of cotton. Austin advices Aug. 26 to the *United States Daily* said:

The appeal was made in telegrams to the other Southern Governors, but the people of the entire country are to be asked to join the movement, it was announced at the Governor's office.

"This request is to buy distressed cotton and not cotton from the co-operative groups," Governor Moody said in an oral statement.

"If generally followed, this buy-a-bale plan will take 5,000,000 bales of cotton off the market and raise the price and give the cotton farmers of the South, who are now suffering from drouth and low prices, something for their cotton and for the efforts they have put forth to raise this crop for the nation."

Associated Press accounts from Austin reported Gov. Moody as figuring that the taking of 5,000,000 bales off the market would stabilize and increase the price, adding \$375,000,000 to the pocket-books of Southern farmers. These accounts further said:

The investment to individuals over the nation would be about \$75, the cost of one bale. Taking the similar movement of 1914 as a criterion, Governor Moody declared that every person who bought a bale would be able to get his money back. The \$75 would be a loan with the bale of cotton as security, he explained.

The Executive stressed two points in his proposals: first, that the Governor's appeal be addressed not only to the South but to the whole nation; and second, that "distressed" cotton not under contract by co-operatives be purchased.

He said that he had consulted officials of the Texas Cotton Co-operative, operating under funds from the Federal Farm Board, and that they had expressed no objections to the movement.

After he has heard from other Governors of the South, Governor Moody planned to issue a proclamation addressed particularly to the people of Texas and generally to the nation. Other Governors joining the movement probably would do likewise.

While plans for the movement have not been formulated, it was suggested that sectional and State campaigns might be started.

In its issue of Aug. 25 the *United States Daily* carried the following from Atlanta Aug. 23:

Another "buy-a-bale-of-cotton" movement is being launched in an effort to stimulate the market price of cotton, according to an oral statement by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Eugene Talmadge. A similar campaign in 1914 resulted in an increase in price from 8 cents per pound to 30 cents per pound within a period of 12 months, the Commissioner declared.

"The present price of cotton, about 10 cents per pound, is ridiculously low," Commissioner Talmadge stated, "as is evidenced by the fact that the cotton manufacturers are buying all they can get.

"The average weight of a bale of cotton is 500 pounds and if individuals generally throughout the cotton belt will buy a bale at \$60, which would establish a price of 12 cents per pound, there would be only a speculative value of \$10 involved. If the price of cotton goes up, the purchasers will get the benefit of the advance, and by establishing the present price at 12 cents per pound the growers will be benefited immeasurably.

"Even at 12 cents per pound, which is much less than they should receive for their product, the cotton growers of the South will be able to pay off their pressing obligations and thus stimulate general business conditions.

"I am advising cotton growers throughout Georgia to sell only so much of their cotton as is necessary to pay urgent obligations and to hold the remainder of their crop until prices advance."

### Representative Fulmer of South Carolina in Letter to Chairman Legge of Federal Farm Board Urges Advances to Farmers on Cotton.

Authorization to all cotton co-operative associations to advance to farmers coming into the associations the daily market price on daily shipments is recommended to the Federal Farm Board by Representative H. P. Fulmer (Dem.) of Orangeburg, S. C., in a letter to the Chairman of the Farm Board, Alexander Legge.

Columbia (S. C.) advices Aug. 28 to the *United States Daily* reporting this further, said:

Mr. Fulmer declares that the cotton farmers are facing bankruptcy with cotton selling at 10 cents a pound and "are absolutely at the mercy" of the Federal Farm Board. His letter to Mr. Legge follows in full text:

Farmers with good cotton crops selling at 10 cents per pound, which is below the cost of production, are facing bankruptcy unless you use some of the broad power given you under the Marketing Act to relieve this situation. Holding 1,250,000 bales and the small amount of cotton that farmers will put through the co-operative associations during this season will prove worthless in trying to stabilize the price in the face of a 14,000,000-bale cotton crop being dumped on the market at 10 cents and below.

#### Two Steps Proposed.

There are two ways that you can save the situation: First, you can authorize the stabilization corporation to go on the market in a competitive way and buy cotton as offered at prevailing prices until the demand from mills, exporters, and speculators would bring the price to at least the level of the cotton that you are now holding. You would be surprised at the small quantity of cotton that these corporations would have to buy under this policy to turn the trick. At these prices there is no chance in the world to lose over a period of three to five years because we never have a surplus in cotton, according to past record, if you will average production over a period of five years.

Second, if you will authorize all co-operative associations to advance to all farmers coming into the association the daily market price on the daily shipping stating that they would participate in any profits when cotton is sold, you will not only serve the situation, but would have thousands of farmers coming into the co-operative associations, whereas under the present plan of a small advance of 10 cents you would not be able to even get the old members to stick. Farmers can not pay their obligations with 10-cent cotton; therefore, it is unreasonable to expect them to accept an advance from the co-operatives from 6 to 8 cents per pound. As stated previously, the only way you can operate under the Marketing Act and stabilize cotton at a fair price on a long line basis would be to have farmers join the association and place their cotton with it. You have now one of the best inducements to build up the necessary type of association to put over the trick.

#### Board Empowered to Act.

If I were in your place, I would immediately make the announcement of a policy along the second plan above suggested and bring glory to your Board and prosperity to the cotton South in the easiest possible way with no chance in the world of a loss at prices ranging from 10 to 16 cents. I want to state frankly that you have the power under the Marketing Act and you have the money. If you and your Board have not the practical knowledge of this situation and the nerve to do the job, the Congress should immediately at its next session pass the McNary-Haugen bill, which is somewhat radical but will absolutely take care of the situation. Farmers are blessed with wonderful crops but are badly in debt. They are absolutely at the mercy of you and your Board. The serious question is whether or not you will take advantage of the situation and come to the rescue of the cotton South or allow speculators, the large cotton manufacturers and cotton mills to take over this good cotton crop at these ridiculously low prices, which will mean the paralyzing of the purchasing power of the whole agricultural South and bankruptcy to thousands of farmers.

### Staple Cotton Futures Market to Be Organized in Memphis.

From Memphis Aug. 26, the New York "Journal of Commerce" reported the following:

A meeting of the full membership of the Memphis Cotton Exchange will be called for the first week in September to formally authorize establishment in Memphis of the only staple cotton futures market in the United States, it was announced yesterday.

President I. H. Barnwell, who has just returned to his desk after a ten weeks' illness, will confer to-morrow with John E. Boggs, Chairman of the committee engaged for the past year in studying the project, and afterward a formal call for the meeting will be issued.

After the membership of the exchange has authorized the step, the most important in the cotton industry in years, a committee will have to ascertain just what legal steps are necessary. The present view is that an amendment to the Federal Cotton Futures Act incorporating the grade schedule, tentatively formulated, and designating five towns within the staple cotton belt as primary markets, must be passed by Congress.

Mr. Barnwell said he felt the move would greatly improve the prices of staple cotton and the position of the grower and trader. To-day the trader in staple cotton must protect his transactions by hedges in the short cotton futures market and, as the general market may have little relation to actual

conditions in staple cotton, this is manifestly unfair, in the opinion of cotton men.

It is also pointed out that there can be no reason for trading staple cotton futures with short cotton when the geographical staple belt is entirely different from that of short cotton.

For example, the staple cotton belt has been much worse because of drouth this year than the West, yet in the market the staple cotton trader's business is affected by the huge crops of short cotton grown in areas not greatly affected by the drouth.

As a result the staple growers and cotton men have desired an independent trading field free from interference by conditions in the short cotton market.

### Reduction in Cotton Acreage Urged in Resolution Adopted in Georgia—Cotton Specialist Says Low Price May Cause \$30,000,000 Loss.

From Byronville, Ga., Aug. 24, the New York "Times" reported the following:

A South-wide movement to enlist cotton farmers in a plan to reduce the 1931 cotton acreage to one-half of that of 1930, as a means to increase its price, was urged in a resolution adopted at a meeting here yesterday of 500 representative farmers, merchants, bankers and agricultural workers of Georgia and Alabama.

Approval of the Alabamans' proposal followed an address by E. C. Westbrook, cotton specialist of the Georgia State College of Agriculture, in which it was pointed out that Georgia farmers this year would lose from \$30,000,000 to \$40,000,000 on their cotton crop at prevailing prices.

Mr. Westbrook said that the average cost of producing cotton in Georgia this season is 16 cents a pound.

### Small-Loan Credits During Business Recession—President Watts of Beneficial Industrial Loan Corp. Cites 15% Increase in Family Credits as Prime Factor in Consumer Purchasing Power—Amount Applied to Home Ownership.

"Families of moderate means have maintained their credit resources during the general business recession, as evidenced by the results of a mid-summer survey just concluded covering the activities of more than 250 offices of the Beneficial Industrial Loan Corp. and affiliated companies operating in over 200 cities in 23 leading industrial States east of the Rocky Mountains," Charles H. Watts, President of the Beneficial Industrial Loan Corp., stated in a summary of the survey made public on Aug. 25. Mr. Watts says:

"This survey shows a substantial increase during this period in the field of small-loan credits in amounts of \$300 or less made to families of limited financial resources under the Uniform Small-Loan Law as sponsored by the Russell Sage Foundation.

"The healthy condition of such small-loan credits is further evidenced by the sustained payments by small borrowers in meeting these credit obligations, although in some localities, the ease of re-payment is more limited because of temporarily impaired earning power among the wage-earning classes, and our management costs have been, therefore, somewhat greater. "Generally speaking, however, the promptness with which payments on these small-loan credits have been made is practically normal and reflects the desire and determination of families of moderate means to retain the only credit standing they possess which enables them to secure cash loans on their own cognizance and which commercial banks and other types of lending institutions are not in position to grant.

"For the first six months of 1930, which witnessed a recession in most lines of business, the Beneficial Industrial Loan Corp., the largest organization making small loans, reported a gain of approximately 15%, or loans of \$30,597,314 compared with \$26,515,711 for the same period during the past year, and this company for July 1930, made loans to the amount of \$5,634,014 as compared with \$4,621,040 for July 1929, an increase of 21.9%."

If the same percentage of increase in the amount of small-loan credits extended is being experienced by the other legalized small-loan companies, this form of consumer credit is now being granted to American wage-earners at the rate of approximately \$600,000,000 a year or \$100,000,000 more than last year, according to Mr. Watts. "This is particularly significant," he stated, "in view of the fact that the average loan made is less than \$150 and the maximum loan \$300 as determined by law, and the loans are made on the family's own cognizance, and without bankable collateral or co-makers or endorses, and without discount."

As an illustration of the extent to which this form of consumer credit has now developed, Mr. Watts called attention to the fact that his company is now annually serving more than 300,000 families comprising almost 1,500,000 individuals or approximately 1-13th of the entire total of 4,000,000 families in this country recently estimated as being served by the legalized small-loan business. Mr. Watts further stated that recent studies of the distribution of the classes of small borrowers throughout the country establishes the fact that the small-loan business is rendering a very constructive and affirmative financial service to families of moderate income and small business men. These recent studies on the classes served show that while the borrowers represent all classes of society, the manual workers are in larger number than any of the other broad occupational groups. Mr. Watts went on to say:

"One study of 25,000 cases showed that 20.94% of the borrowers served pursued callings as employers, or self-employed, while persons employed by others in such occupations as professions, managerial, agents, sales people, clerical workers and guardians of public safety comprised 24.16% of the borrowers, and manual workers in general comprised 47.35% of the borrowers and servants 7.55%."

"As to the purposes for which these small loans are made, the present survey in comparison with previous studies made a year ago shows the increasingly large extent to which this form of credit goes into home ownership and maintenance and upkeep of the home, as well as for regular living expenses and other constructive uses including the needs of the small merchant.

"From these sources, it is conservatively indicated that one-third of the total dollar volume of small-loan credits extended go for payments on home purchases and home maintenance alone, and on this basis nearly \$200,000,000 out of the entire \$600,000,000 estimated annual volume of legalized small loans is being directly applied to purposes of home ownership among wage-earning and other families of moderate means."

**Wage Cuts Usually Come at End of Depressions, Says Goodbody & Co.**

Wage cuts do not have a serious effect on business in a depression, it is pointed out by Goodbody & Co., who cite former periods of recession to show that business generally strikes bottom at the time that wages are the lowest and in some cases months before. Under date of Aug. 25 they state:

For instance, in 1921, business reached bottom in April, and yet the average weekly wage of employees in New York State did not hit its low point until the following November. What seems to happen is that wage reductions remove the psychological factor of fear from the mind of both the enterpriser and the worker. The former goes ahead with his business plans, and the latter resumes spending in a more normal way.

Among the more important cuts are those reported by General Motors, through its subsidiary Fisher Body Corp.; Anaconda Copper Co.; Calumet & Hecla; Consolidated Copper Co.; Chrysler Corp.; Consolidation Coal Co., and the Union Pacific RR. Between May 1 and July 31, there were 50 wage cuts covering 30 localities reported to the Labor Bureau, Inc., New York. Reports by the Bureau of Labor statistics from Nov. 15 to May 15 (latest available) show 23 concerns cut wages of some 30,000 employees. This is, of course, a very small part of the total number of wage-earners in the country. Doubtless, the number of wage-earners affected by sporadic cuts of non-uniform wages all over the country is much larger.

**Ticker Service of Chicago Stock Exchange To Be Extended to Denver and Pacific Coast Sept. 2.**

The quotation ticker service of the Chicago Stock Exchange will be extended to Denver, San Francisco, Oakland and Los Angeles effective Sept. 2, it was announced by the Exchange and the Western Union on Aug. 20. The announcement continued:

Wire and equipment tests will be made this week and next in preparation for the official starting immediately after the Labor Day holiday.

This quotation ticker extension gives the Chicago Exchange ticker circuit connections from coast to coast, the first time any stock exchange outside of the New York exchanges has made such a nation-wide hookup.

Quotations of the Chicago Exchange were first carried on ticker circuits in 1891. At that time and until 1925, when the service was extended to New York City, the ticker operated only in Chicago. Until June of 1928 operation was only in Chicago and New York.

During the latter half of 1928, however, rapid development was made in ticker extensions, seven cities being added to the circuits by the first of 1929 and the number of tickers in service increasing from 124 to 247.

In 1929 the service was extended to 22 additional cities and by the first of 1930 there were 429 tickers operating in 31 cities.

When service is started to the four Western cities Sept. 2, ten additional cities will have been added so far this year and the number of tickers operating in the total of 41 cities increased to 455.

When the Exchange planned several months ago to extend its ticker service to the Pacific Coast, six San Francisco and Los Angeles brokerage houses immediately arranged for the purchase of Chicago Exchange memberships. The installation of tickers in the West and the purchase of memberships there will tie the Middle West and the West closer together financially, in the opinion of Exchange officials. They point out that this is the most important physical development made by the Exchange since the tickers were installed in New York five years ago.

The next development the Exchange has in mind is the extension of ticker circuits into the Southwest, the Pacific Northwest and into Canada. The recent change in the constitution of the Exchange to permit Canadian citizens to own memberships on the Exchange is a forerunner of development in Canada.

**Sale of New Seats on Chicago Stock Exchange.**

All but 87 of the memberships created on the Chicago Stock Exchange a year ago have been sold, it was announced on Aug. 22. The announcement said:

When the 100% seat dividend became effective Sept. 5 1929, each of the then 235 members had one new seat to sell. When the remaining 87 have been sold the Chicago Exchange membership will total 470.

In addition to the 148 dividend seats purchased within a year's time, 23 original seats were purchased, making the total number bought since last September 171, an average of more than 14 each month. If the remaining 87 are sold at the same rate as those already sold, all dividend seats will be disposed of in a little more than six months. It was pointed out, however, that this is unlikely to happen, since it is well known that many of the members still holding dividend seats are reluctant to sell them at prevailing prices.

The Exchange has not placed a time limit as to when a member must dispose of his dividend seat.

Since Sept. 5 the number of firms with partners holding seats on the Chicago Exchange has increased from 101 to 154, an increase of more than 50%. This growth was made despite general market and business conditions following the market break last fall.

Indicative of the growth of the Exchange along National lines is the fact that there are now 749 offices of Exchange member firms in 232 cities, as compared with 447 offices in 202 cities a year ago and 708 offices in 217 cities six months ago.

Before the seat dividend was declared, a Chicago Exchange seat sold for \$110,000. With the number of seats doubled approximately 60 were sold at \$50,000 during the month following the dividend. Since that time, fol-

lowing the market break, they sold down to a low of \$24,000. This year the high price was \$45,500 and the last sale was \$30,000.

In disposing of better than 14 memberships each month over a period of a year, a new high record was established in stock exchange seat sales.

**C. C. Berkeley, Last Year's Candidate for Attorney-General in Virginia, in Letter to Gov. Pollard Declares that "Bucket Shops" Operate in State in Violation of Law.**

The following is from the Richmond "Times-Dispatch" of Aug. 24:

Alleging that "bucket shops are run all over the State under the guise of stock exchanges," Charles C. Berkeley, of Newport News, formerly Commonwealth's attorney of that city, has written Governor Pollard that Virginians have lost \$50,000,000 in this way in the past year, with the credit of banks strained as a result of the practice. Governor Pollard said last night that he had not had time to consider the letter.

"We would be much better off in this drouth," wrote Mr. Berkeley, anti-Smith candidate for Attorney-General last fall, "but for this iniquitous practice which has been permitted to be carried on over all the State of Virginia, in absolute violation of the statute law of this State."

The Berkeley letter, written in reply to a questionnaire sent out by the drouth relief commission, stated that marginal stock transactions "foster one of the most seductive and demoralizing methods of gambling, affecting a class of people whose efforts in their legitimate occupation are handicapped thereby."

**Committee of Creditors of Woody & Co. Accepts Offer of Frank Bailey for Surrender of Approximately \$1,000,000.**

After several weeks of negotiations, the offer has been accepted of Frank Bailey, Brooklyn financier, to turn over to the creditors of Woody & Co., bankrupt stock brokerage firm, assets of approximately \$1,000,000, including \$575,000 in cash, which the creditors claim was paid to him by Harold Russell Ryder, a partner in Woody & Co., with funds belonging to the firm. The committee of creditors, represented by Albert H. Tag as Chairman and Peter J. McCoy and Eugene J. Garey as attorneys, and the Irving Trust Co., receivers, recommended the acceptance of the offer on Aug. 25, said the New York "World," which also said:

As part of the agreement, Mr. Bailey received from the committee of creditors a statement absolving him from any blame in connection with the payment of money to him by Ryder and the admission that the money had actually been due him on securities which he bought through Ryder but which were never delivered.

*Consent of Court Needed.*

The consent of the United States District Court will have to be obtained to the settlement of the claim for \$1,409,123.50 which was made against Mr. Bailey by the receiver.

From the New York "Times" of Aug. 26 we take the following:

*Statement by Creditor Committee.*

The statement of the creditors' committee, represented by Eugene L. Garey, in accepting Mr. Bailey's offer, follows:

"The committee of creditors of Woody & Co. concur with the receiver and its counsel in recommending the acceptance of the offer of Mr. Bailey.

"Among the first matters engaging the careful consideration of the attorney and accountants were payments in cash and delivery of securities made by H. R. Ryder to Mr. Frank Bailey and the possible liability thereunder of Mr. Bailey to Woody & Co. A total of \$1,409,123.50 in cash and securities apparently had been delivered to Mr. Bailey. A claim for the full amount of these assets was at once asserted by the receiver.

"Of this sum \$375,000 was found to have been paid within the four-month period prior to the filing of a bankruptcy petition. A careful examination of the law and facts with respect to all these payments of cash and securities was made by the accountants and attorneys, with the result that we believe that, while the sum of \$375,000 is probably recoverable as preferential payments under the Bankruptcy Act, the legal liability of Mr. Bailey for the balance is uncertain.

*Payments Made in Good Faith.*

"We are satisfied from the investigation made that all of these payments were received by Mr. Bailey in good faith in payment of obligations held against Ryder, some of which are set forth in a written agreement dated Jan. 30 1930.

"It was, in our opinion, entirely proper that Mr. Bailey should have endeavored to collect from Ryder the amount due him by reason of Ryder's actual indebtedness to him and to others for whom Mr. Bailey was acting, arising out of moneys and securities which had been fully paid for and which were entrusted to Ryder's care, and all stocks which Mr. Bailey authorized to be purchased for himself and others for whom he was acting were outright purchases and were fully paid for.

"Mr. Bailey has now made an offer: (1) To pay the receiver or trustee the sum of \$575,000; (2) to forego any dividend or composition payment upon his claims against the firm of Woody & Co. arising out of his payment to the firm of the sum of \$259,200 for the purchase of securities not delivered to him; (3) to transfer to the receiver his rights in the co-operative apartment assigned to him by Mrs. Ryder at the time of the execution of the agreement of Jan. 30 1930, and (4) to assign to the estate of Woody & Co. such part of any dividends which Mr. Bailey may receive in the proceedings of Ryder, individually, bankrupt, as shall represent or result from the proceeds of this settlement, but Mr. Bailey is under no obligation to prove any such claim. Mr. Bailey states that in making this offer he does not admit any legal liability whatever, but he does not wish to be in a position of benefiting by the misdeeds of others.

*Offer Accepted by Receiver.*

"Based on the findings of its accountants and upon the advice of its attorneys, the receiver has recommended the acceptance of this offer, as set forth in the verified petition of the receiver. The attorneys for the receiver have stated to us that they find the facts to be as set forth in such petition and we join in such statement.

"The conditions of the offer are as follows: That a meeting of the creditors shall be duly called and promptly held, at which there shall be authorized the delivery to Mr. Bailey and to the others for whom Mr. Bailey was acting, of general releases, and all interested parties shall join in such releases after approval of the Court. The offer is without prejudice in the event that such releases shall not be authorized and delivered."

The statement was signed for the committee of creditors by Albert H. Tag, Chairman; Peter J. McCoy, attorney for the creditors' committee, and individual creditors, and E. L. Graey, attorney for the committee and individual creditors.

*Statement by Bailey.*

Mr. Bailey, in a supplemental statement, declared that any money paid to him by Ryder was on account of bona fide obligations. His statement was:

"I have stated that, if I found that I had benefited from any misappropriated money, regardless of any technicality, I would return it. I also was determined that any return of money by me could be made only after the creditors of Woody and Co. and Ryder had thoroughly investigated the fanciful tales about my relations with Ryder and were satisfied with my good faith in all my business transactions with both Ryder and Woody & Co.

"Whatever money H. R. Ryder paid to me was an account of bona fide obligations to me. I paid Ryder the full purchase price for the purchase of securities which he failed to deliver. It was on account of these obligations he made payments to me. I had no knowledge or suspicion that any money which Ryder paid me should not have been used by him for that purpose.

"The basis under which I entered into my negotiations was submitted to me in writing by the attorneys involved. After all the facts had been found and discussed, I have concluded to make the offer to-day because I believe it to be the right thing to do.

"I am therefore delivering to the receiver and trustee a letter setting forth my position, and the receiver at once agrees to file an application for the approval of the court of my proposition. Simultaneously I have received from the creditors' committee and their attorneys a letter confirming my good faith in all my dealings with Ryder.

*Claims Must Be Filed by Sept. 5.*

Federal Judge Coleman in Federal Court yesterday granted a motion by Mr. Kaufman that all creditors having specific claims against Woody & Co. for securities purchased and not delivered must file these claims by Sept. 5.

None of the counsel would comment on the possibility that the grand larceny charges against Ryder may not be pressed strongly. Although Ryder has been indicted, a personal settlement by him, with the giving of notes as security, might result in a suspended sentence if the creditors interceded, it was said yesterday.

Ryder was arrested on the complaint of John Vanneck, son-in-law of Bailey, who charged that \$96,000 worth of securities he had paid for had never been delivered. This was after the doors of Woody & Co. were closed on June 19.

Ryder was the directing genius of the firm, whose other members were Charles L. Woody Jr., to whose sister Ryder is married, and Lucien A. Hold. The money to start was furnished mainly by Charles L. Woody Sr., and the direction of the firm was left to Ryder.

The hearing scheduled before Henry K. Davis, referee in bankruptcy, for 2 o'clock this afternoon will be postponed, it was said, probably until after the Bailey statement has been approved by the Federal Court.

Bailey testified at a hearing before Referee Davis that Ryder last January signed an acknowledgment of indebtedness to him of about \$2,000,000. The amount may have been less than this, Mr. Bailey admitted. Ryder arranged to pay Bailey at the rate of \$25,000 a week, and had paid more than \$1,135,000, before the crash. Not all of this was firm money, Mr. Bailey has contended.

A previous item regarding Mr. Bailey's offer appeared in our issue of Aug. 2, page 724.

**C. B. Stroud Resigns as Superintendent of New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange, Inc.—E. M. Brunn Successor.**

C. B. Stroud, Superintendent of the New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange for the past 28 years, has resigned and has been succeeded by E. M. Brunn, formerly assistant superintendent, it was announced on Aug. 29. Mr. Stroud entered the employ of the Exchange on Nov. 18 1886 as a clerk, and was appointed Superintendent early in 1902. Upon accepting his resignation, the Board of Managers of the Exchange presented Mr. Stroud with an engraved set of resolutions of thanks and appreciation for his long services. E. M. Brunn, the new Superintendent of the Coffee & Sugar Exchange, was for five years Secretary of the Green Coffee Association of New York, resigning that position to go with the Exchange as Assistant Secretary early in 1929.

**Joseph C. Monier of R. H. Hooper & Co. Reinstated to Membership in New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange.**

The Board of Managers of the New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange on Aug. 25 by unanimous vote reinstated to membership Joseph C. Monier, of R. H. Hooper & Co., who was suspended recently following the announcement that he was temporarily unable to meet his obligations as a result of the defalcation of \$300,000 by a clerk in the firm's Havre office. All claims against Mr. Monier lodged with the Exchange have been withdrawn, it was announced, and a satisfactory arrangement has been made with creditors. Mr. Monier has been a member of the New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange since 1922.

The reinstatement of Mr. Monier to membership in the New York Cotton Exchange was noted in our issue of Aug. 16, page 1041.

**Seat of Newton H. Sobin on New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange Sold to Max R. Mayer for \$11,020.**

The New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange membership of Newton H. Sobin, of Boston, who was the first member ever expelled by the Exchange, brought \$11,020 Aug. 25 when it was auctioned from the rostrum. The seat was purchased for another by Max R. Mayer, who has been a member of the Exchange since 1888. The last previous sale of a New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange was \$17,000, in April. The expulsion of Mr. Sobin from the Exchange was referred to in our issue of Aug 23, page 1201.

**Bank Supervision Called No Guarantee of Deposit Safety—North Carolina Officers Say Advocates of Changes in Banking Structure Hope to Improve Situation—Views on Branch Banking.**

All efforts of securing solvency of banking institutions through legislative or governmental agencies have failed, according to a statement issued jointly by the Chairman of the Corporation Commission of the State of North Carolina, W. T. Lee, and the Chief State Bank Examiner, John Mitchell. This is learned from the "United States Daily" of Aug. 25 which reports as follows their conclusions:

Governmental supervision of banks has met with a sufficient degree of success, in their opinion, to warrant its continuance, the statement says, but guaranty of deposits has "proven to be such a colossal failure that the idea no longer engages the minds of thoughtful people."

*Various Systems Cited.*

Branch, chain and group banking are described by the authors of the statement as efforts in the direction of supplying the deficiencies of governmental supervision. Advocates of each system, according to them, are "honestly seeking a remedy for banking ills and evils which in the past have failed to respond to the remedies supplied by governmental supervision and guaranties."

The statement contains a public request for the Governor of the State to appoint a Commission to make an investigation of the supervision of State banks in North Carolina "if there is in the mind of any substantial body of reasonable and thoughtful men the thought or suspicion that the policy of the Commission is unsound or unwise; that it is not honestly and properly administering the State's banking laws."

In their statement of position and policy, explaining the duties of the Corporation Commission as Supervisor of State banks, and the manner of their performance, "an effort has been made, and it is hoped successfully made, to employ language which cannot be misunderstood and which will not be mistaken."

With reference to the policy of the Commission in dealing with banks that are in difficulties, the statement explains that such policy "has been, is and will continue to be; not to arbitrarily close a State bank in distress, because it has the power to do so, but to keep it open unless by its continued operation a greater loss to depositors may be reasonably expected than would result from its immediate closing." Any unwarranted and arbitrary exercise of its power to close State banks at the first signs of distress or difficulty would, according to the statement, "be comparable to the use of bullets to end men's suffering rather than undertake to restore them to health and usefulness again."

The full text of the statement follows:

What are the duties of the Corporation Commission as Supervisor of State Banks? What is the policy of the Commission in the performance of these duties? The interest of the people in the banks with which they do business; the mutual dependence of each upon the other; the maintenance of public confidence in the State's banking institutions, are reasons which seem to make proper and desirable a statement from the Commission regarding its position and policy.

A substantial part of the public mind often confuses the words "supervision" and "management" or "operation." In its confusion the supervising authority is often held responsible for operation and censured for the mistakes of management. In the use of the following language, the Legislature makes the Corporation Commission supervisor of State banks.

"Every bank, corporation, partnership, firm, company or individual, now or hereafter transacting the business of banking, or doing a banking business in connection with any other business, under the laws of and within this State, shall be subject to the provisions of this act, and shall be under the supervision of the Corporation Commission."

The same act by the following language provides that a State bank shall be controlled by its board of directors: "The corporate powers, business and property of banks doing business under this act shall be exercised, conducted and controlled by its board of directors. Every director shall, within 30 days after his election, take and subscribe, in duplicate, an oath that he will diligently and honestly perform his duties in such office."

*Commission Made Responsible for Supervision of Banks.*

The language of the statute seems clear and unmistakable in making the Commission responsible for supervision and the board of directors of each bank responsible for its operation and management. This being true any effort on the part of the Commission to operate State banks would be an attempt to usurp power and authority. When consideration is given to the fact that there are under its supervision 463 State banks, any attempt at operation by the Commission could only be a meaningless gesture when further account is taken of the fact that its entire field force is made up of seven examiners and assistant examiners.

Had the Legislature contemplated or intended that the supervising authority should undertake the management and operation of State banks, it no doubt would have provided a force of such size that would not have made it necessary for each examiner and assistant examiner to single handedly assume the management of 66 separate banking institutions.

In performing its duty as supervisor of State banks, the Commission, as required by statute, causes to be made an equal examination of all State banks. In addition to complying with the statute, it caused 116 special examinations to be made during the year 1929. In order that the management of each bank may be apprised of the Department's findings, it is furnished with a copy of each report of examination made. In addition to information regarding the bank's condition, these reports call attention to violations of the law and carry the examiner's criticisms and recommendations.

To insure consideration of these reports, a statement is required, signed by a majority of the board of directors, which statement acknowledges the receipt, reading and substantial correctness of the report; a declaration of solvency of the bank as to depositors and an expression of belief to the effect that capital and surplus are unimpaired. Exceptions to these statements may, of course, be made when in the opinion of the Board conditions warrant the making of same, but in the great majority of cases the statements are returned with no exceptions noted.

In the opinion of the Commission, the plan just referred to serves best in establishing and maintaining contact and co-operation between the supervising and operating agencies created by the Legislature.

A plan of banking supervision and operation which will prevent insolvency and the resulting failure of banks is the end to which all interested in the subject are continuously working. A solution to the problem has not yet been found nor is it in sight. The Federal Government and the governments of 48 States have, since banking by corporations was first permitted, been attempting to solve the problems which the insolvency of banks create.

Despite the laws passed to promote and maintain the solvency of banks and the efforts of 49 separate supervising agencies to prevent bank failures, there were in the United States in the nine-year period from July 1 1920, to June 30 1929, approximately 5,000 failures of State and national banks. During the same period there were in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, the five southern States bordering the Atlantic, 760 bank failures, of which North Carolina contributed 110, or 42 less than the average for this group of States.

#### Plans for Guaranteeing Deposits Has Proved Failure.

The figures herein quoted regarding bank failures are not given for the purpose, nor should the statement be construed as any effort or attempt on the part of the Commission, to evade or escape its responsibility as supervisor of State banks. They are used for the purpose of calling to the attention of reasonable and responsible minds the fact that the Legislature of North Carolina and the Corporation Commission, the supervisor of State banks, could hardly be expected to have completed the building of an impregnable banking structure while the Federal Government and the governments of 47 other States are still making a foundation upon which they may build.

Any and all previous efforts to maintain the solvency of all banking institutions by the force of legislative or governmental agencies have failed. Outstanding in these efforts are governmental supervision and governmental guaranty of bank deposits. Supervision has met with that degree of success which warrants its continuance. Any plan or scheme for guaranteeing bank deposits, has, wherever it has been tried, proven to be such a colossal failure that the idea no longer engages the minds of thoughtful people.

The recognition of imperfection of governmental supervision and the fallacy of undertaking to guarantee bank deposits is causing the best minds of the country to give serious thought to a plan or plans of banking which may ultimately supplant the system of unit banking which largely prevailed in the United States until the last few years. This thought leads to a discussion of the relative merits of branch, group and chain banking which it is not necessary to take up at this time. It should be remarked, however, that the advocates of each plan are honestly seeking a remedy for banking ills and evils which in the past have failed to respond to the remedies supplied by governmental supervision and guaranties.

#### Effort Is to Keep Banks Open Wherever Possible.

Having made the foregoing statement regarding the Commission's position and responsibility as Supervisor of State Banks, it is in order that it should state its policy and the plan followed in discharging this responsibility. When the Legislature made the Corporation Commission Supervisor of State banks, it at the same time clothed the Commission with broad discretionary powers, which grant of power presupposed its wise and reasonable use. Abuse of power is always destructive; its wise use always remedial and constructive.

In its enforcement of the banking laws and in the exercise of its discretionary powers the policy of the Commission has been, is and will continue to be; not to arbitrarily close a State bank in distress because it has the power to do so, but to keep it open unless by its continued operation a greater loss to depositors may be reasonably expected than would result from its immediate closing. The establishment of this policy years ago was, in so far as it is known, without precedent. Any policy, however, based upon sound judgment, reasonableness and common sense will in the end justify itself and demonstrate its usefulness.

The Commission knows from experience that in working with and rendering assistance to banks in distress, its action has been a contributing factor in restoring many to solvency and usefulness. One hundred per cent efficiency is not claimed for the plan, but if out of any given number of banks in distress 50%, or any substantial proportion, can be restored to solvency, is it not better and in the public interest to do so rather than by the abuse of power close the 100% and thereby arbitrarily put an end to plans which might have meant future solvency and usefulness.

If the effort is only 50%, or even less, a success and any part of the remaining number should close, it has been found to be a fact that in approximately 100% of such later closings a substantial volume of liquidation has taken place with a resulting return of a proportionate amount of funds to depositors. In no case recalled has the Commission's policy of permitting the continued operation of a bank in difficulties resulted in a greater loss to depositors than would have resulted from an earlier closing by the supervising authority.

In substantially all cases a bank in distress or difficulties is a bank in liquidation. An unwise or ill-timed closing of a bank by the supervising authority means the unnecessary tying up of bank deposits which would have been released in part, through continued orderly operation. In the opinion of the Commission, any unwarranted and arbitrary exercise of its power to close State banks at the first signs of distress or difficulty would be comparable to the use of bullets to end men's sufferings rather than undertake to restore them to health and usefulness again. Such is not the Commission's plan nor will it be its future policy. If it cannot be helpful it will not be destructive.

It is not necessary to refer to the shrinkage in agricultural and land values which, with slight interruptions, have been declining for the last 10 years. Most industrial values have followed a similar trend. To argue that our banks should have escaped and not be affected by these happenings, would be an attempt to prove an absurdity.

Had the Commission ordered the State banker to foreclose on the farmers' and home builders' mortgage; convert his assets into cash even though it might spell wreck and ruin to the borrower, and upon his failure to do so arbitrarily order him to close his doors, there would have been produced in this State a condition of chaos and ruin which would have justly merited the condemnation of all people.

It is regretted that the confidential nature of the Commission's relations with State banks does not permit the reciting of specific instances which would illustrate and justify its policies. If it were permitted to do so, it

would like to take the people as completely into its confidence as it has into this discussion of its position, plan and policy.

In this statement of its position and policy, an effort has been made, and it is hoped successfully made, to employ language which cannot be misunderstood and which will not be mistaken. It therefore only remains to be said that if there is in the mind of any substantial body of reasonable and thoughtful men the thought or suspicion that the policy of the Commission is unsound or unwise; that it is not honestly and properly administering the State's banking laws, the Governor of the State is hereby publicly requested to appoint a Commission of his own selection, composed of men of unquestioned ability and integrity, clothed with full authority to make such an investigation of State bank supervision as in its opinion may be necessary.

### Reasons for Bank Failures Outlined by A. J. Veigel, Bank Commissioner of Minnesota—Expenses in Excess of Earnings Listed First in Citing 32 Causes of Failures.

Certain dangerous tendencies which cause trouble and failures among banks, are listed in a recent communication from the State Commissioner of Banks, A. J. Veigel, to the State banks of Minnesota, with suggestions on each, says the "United States Daily," which in advices from St. Paul, indicates as follows what the Commissioner has to say in his communication:

Some 32 such tendencies are mentioned by Mr. Veigel upon which, he states, the Department is "sincerely trying to offer constructive criticism."

The communication follows in full text:

The Banking Department has an inside picture of all the banks and has a lot of information in its files, which is not available to the average banker, relative to the condition of banks and the causes of trouble and failures.

We have made a careful study of the dangerous tendencies which gradually creep into many banks. We feel that the most constructive work we can do is to discover these tendencies and to stop those, which past experiences have shown to be dangerous, before they get beyond control and cause trouble.

While it is necessary for the examiners and the Department to criticize, where criticisms are due, we are sincerely trying to offer constructive criticism.

#### Department Wishes to Aid Bankers.

We know the great personal sacrifices bankers have made in the past, and have such a high opinion of most of the remaining bankers, that we want to be of real assistance to them in further improving the banking conditions.

We, therefore, give below certain dangerous tendencies, and some suggestions relative to the same, and know that they will be received in the spirit in which they are given, and hope that they may be of some help:

1. Expenses in excess of earnings. In the long run, banks must make money to be safe. Study ways to increase earnings and to reduce expenses.
2. Deposits gradually decreasing. This is usually due to lack of confidence. Remove the cause if possible by cleaning house, reorganizing, &c.
3. Too many banks in the territory. There is only one solution—Consolidations. Do not permit petty considerations to prevent desired consolidations.
4. Insufficient volume. Study ways to increase same, and if that is not possible, consolidate with some other bank before it is too late.
5. Accounts that do not pay. Such accounts should be thoroughly analyzed. The depositors should be shown the facts and asked either to put the account on a paying basis, pay service fees, or close the account. Unprofitable business should never be taken on account of keen competition or for any other reason. A bank is not a charitable institution.
6. Incompetent, dishonest, or easy going management. Change management at once.
7. Carelessness in keeping bank records, books, permitting overdrafts, irregular cash items, &c. There can be no possible excuse in connection with the above matter. While officers and employes may not always be able to correct other criticisms, they can keep the records, &c., correct.

#### "Other Real Estate" Not Desirable Asset.

8. Other real estate. Other real estate is never a liquid, or a desirable asset in a bank, is often a big expense, and cause unfavorable comment in published statements. Sell it if possible, even at a loss, or remove it by forming a holding company. Charge off at least 10% a year.
9. Second mortgages. New loans secured by second mortgages are now forbidden by law. Special efforts should be made to collect, or otherwise secure those still in banks. Ninety per cent. of other real estate in banks came through second mortgages and in many cases the bank would have been better off to have taken the loss and not redeemed.
10. Non-liquid and frozen assets. Many banks could have been saved if the officers and directors had started in soon enough to collect, secure, or otherwise give such loans vigorous and constant attention. Insist on monthly or periodical payments, even if they are small. There is seldom any way to thaw out those loans, except a little at a time. Amortized loans are often desirable both for the bank and the borrower.
11. Affiliated and excessive loans. Excessive loans are now a thing of the past and any violation of the clear provisions of this law will be reported to the county attorney. It is also clearly the spirit of these laws that all affiliated lines should be kept down to at least 15% of the capital and surplus, so that a bank can never lose more than that amount in one failure which might affect affiliated companies or persons.
12. Excessive loans to officers, directors, their relatives and to corporations in which they are interested. Officers and directors are custodians of the depositors' money and should be entirely disinterested in passing on loans and should never use the bank's money to excess.

#### Cash Payments Advised for Stock.

13. Heavy borrowings by officers and directors on their bank stock, &c. This usually results in little financial strength back of the bank, if it becomes necessary to collect assessments or double stock liability. No one should ever buy bank stock unless they can pay for it in cash.
14. Exchange of paper between affiliated banks. This often results in unwarranted extension of credit to borrowers who should be kept within the limit of one bank. It also results in having paper with which directors are not familiar. This practice is now almost a thing of the past.
15. Outside loans. While there is no objection to loaning money outside of your territory, the fact remains that such loans have caused more trouble than any other class of loans, and they should be made with great care.
16. Stockholders' holding company notes given to remove real estate, or in consolidating or reorganizing. If possible cash should be paid in at the time, and if that is impossible, the notes must be steadily and materially reduced.

17. Capital loans. Banks cannot afford to take the risk of business in making loans. Never make a loan when it will be necessary to close out the borrower to get your money.

18. Loans depending on endorsers. Ordinarily if the maker of a note is not good the loan should not be made regardless of the endorser. Such loans often run indefinitely and an enemy is made of the endorser if he is forced to pay. Notes with too many endorsers are especially hard to collect.

19. Policy loans. These are generally loans made to officers of a large corporation which carries a nice balance, or to public treasurers, who are often not entitled to such loans.

Chattel Mortgages Require Checking.

20. Neglecting chattel mortgages. Most chattel mortgages need frequent checking and should be renewed at least once a year. Livestock being prepared for the market is usually the best and most liquid security, while household goods is the worst.

21. Adding interest to principal of notes. If the borrower cannot even pay the interest, the loan itself is usually doubtful, and instead of being increased should be brought to a showdown.

22. Lack of diversification in investments. Because of past experiences, practically all bankers realize the desirability of having, beside their cash reserves, at least 20% of their deposits invested in liquid paper, and of having their loans diversified, so that all of their loans will not be affected by unfavorable conditions in any one locality.

23. Too many long time and second rate bonds. Buy only the best bonds and diversify them. Bonds with too high interest rates are generally less desirable. At least 40% of your bonds should mature within five years. Great care must be exercised in buying bonds to prevent serious trouble for banks in the future.

24. Granting credit too freely, and without complete credit information. See that credit files are up to date and that the Discount Committee does its full duty.

25. Excessive bills payable. A bank should never borrow money with the idea of making money on it. Borrowings should be temporary only. Never use all your credit, so that you will be helpless if something unexpected happens.

26. Excessive investment in banking house, furniture and fixtures. These items should be in proportion to the size of the bank, and together should never be more than 50% of the capital and surplus.

27. Contingent liabilities. These are now a thing of the past, as every possible liability must be shown on the books. The so-called gentleman's agreement, or oral, or secret written agreements are no longer permitted.

Care Necessary in Temporary Deposits.

28. Large public or other temporary deposits. Such funds should be invested only in strictly liquid securities, which can be sold readily when deposits are withdrawn.

29. Unwarranted dividends. Dividends should never be paid unless the real estate, &c., have been reduced, all possible losses charged off, and substantial surplus, undivided profits and reserve accounts built up. Many banks would be open to-day if they had saved instead of distributed their past earnings.

30. Profitable losses still carried as assets. Do not permit part or entire losses to accumulate with the hope that they can be removed from future earnings. Charge off losses little by little as they develop and thus keep the bank absolutely clean.

31. Unprofessional use of gifts, &c., to obtain business. Such methods seldom pay and have been largely discontinued.

32. Irregular meetings of directors. Banks having a good active board of directors seldom have any trouble. We are requesting all boards to meet at least monthly, because they cannot properly perform their duties by meeting less frequently.

We respectfully request that this letter be read in full at the next meeting of your board.

United States Silver Output Checked in July—World Production in June Shows Gains Over May and 1929 Period.

Production of silver in the United States in July was 3,638,000 fine ounces compared with 3,969,000 ounces in June and 4,523,000 ounces in July 1929. Noting this, the New York "Evening Post" of Aug. 19 said:

Canadian production, according to incomplete returns, was 2,100,000 ounces compared with 1,485,000 ounces in June and 1,910,000 ounces in July 1929. Mexican production in June, the latest month for which figures are available, was 10,276,000 ounces, compared with 9,080,000 ounces in May and 8,386,000 ounces in June 1929, according to the American Bureau of Metal Statistics.

Gains Over 1929.

World silver output in June, the latest month for which figures are available, is placed at 18,607,000 ounces, against 18,237,000 ounces in May and 17,802,000 ounces in June 1929.

Stocks of silver in the United States on Aug. 1 were 459,000 ounces, against 737,000 on July 1 and 682,000 ounces on Aug. 1 1929. Stocks of silver in Canada on Aug. 1 were 312,000 ounces, against 441,000 ounces on July 1 and 339,000 ounces on Aug. 1 1929.

Stocks of silver in Shanghai, in equivalent of fine ounces, on July 26 were 226,116,000 ounces, against 233,469,000 ounces on June 28 and 192,388,000 ounces on Jan. 1 1930.

Stocks of silver in India, in equivalent of fine ounces, were 396,206,000 ounces on July 22, against 382,181,000 ounces on June 22 and 371,422,000 ounces on Jan. 1 1930.

New York City Bank Stocks Show Average Yield of 3.5%—Equals 1926 Level and Exceeds Past Three Years—Tabulation by McClure, Jones & Co.

The current yield of 25 representative New York City bank stocks, based on market prices, is now at a level which prevailed during 1926 and exceeds the yield at any time during the past three years, despite the tremendous expansion and growth of the banks represented, a tabulation prepared by the New York Stock Exchange firm of McClure, Jones & Co. reveals. The average current yield amounts to 3.5%, which it is stated is identical with the yield on both June 30 and Dec. 31 1926 and compared with 3.1% on June 30

1927; 2.8% on Dec. 31 1927; 2.5% on June 30 1928; 2.4% on Dec. 31 1928; 2.2% on June 30 1929; 3.2% on Dec. 31 1929, and 3.4% on June 30 1930. The tabulation follows:

SUMMARY OF 25 NEW YORK CITY BANK STOCKS FIGURED ON A YIELD BASIS.

(Compiled by McClure, Jones & Co., Members New York Stock Exchange.)

Table with 17 columns: Bank Name, June 30 1926, Dec. 31 1926, June 30 1927, Dec. 31 1927, June 30 1928, Dec. 31 1928, June 30 1929, Dec. 31 1929, June 30 1930, Current Market per Share, Current Dividend, and Current Yield. Includes a row for Average yield at the bottom.

Despite the tremendous expansion and growth of the New York City Banks, the stocks of these institutions are now selling at a price to yield the investor a return, which in the majority of cases compares favorably with the return at any time during the past four years and McClure, Jones & Co. believe that the present market apathy offers favorable opportunity to acquire bank stocks at attractive levels.

Redistribution of World's Gold Supply Likely to Continue, According to John E. Rovensky of Bank of America, N. A.

Redistribution of the world's supply of gold, evidenced in recent gold movements, is likely to continue, in the opinion of John E. Rovensky, Vice-Chairman Bank of America, N. A. "The outward movement of gold from the United States which began about the middle of July, continued during August with no indication of any abatement in the immediate future," Mr. Rovensky declares in an analysis of the situation made public on Aug. 24.

"Recent gold losses, however," Mr. Rovensky continues, "have had no appreciable effect upon the level of interest rates in this market, a fact generally attributed to open



market operations of Reserve banks, which have tended to offset the effect of gold exports, thus making it possible for them to continue."

Pointing out that America, as a result of war operations is in possession of far more than its normal share of the world's gold supply, Mr. Rovensky states that a process of redistribution must eventually take place. Total gold holdings of central banks and governments of 44 principal countries of the world were estimated last May as \$10,610,000,000, of which the United States held about 39% and France about 16%. England, whose gold reserves ranked next in importance to those of France, had only about 7%.

The strength of French exchange in terms of practically all foreign currencies, which has made possible the importation into France of large amounts of gold from London and New York and of smaller amounts from Amsterdam and other European centres, is attributed by Mr. Rovensky to the repatriation of large French balances which have been held abroad and to large French holdings of foreign bills. The responsibility for this movement does not rest with the Bank of France, he explains, for, while in twelve months its gold holdings have increased by 8,184,000,000 francs to a new high record of 46,656,000,000 francs, its total of credit balances held abroad and bills bought abroad has shown a slight increase. The process is due rather to the repatriation of the foreign assets of French commercial banks and to the return of private funds to France. Mr. Rovensky adds:

Recent gold shipments to France, however, whether from London or New York, have had no appreciable effect upon French exchange. Reasons advanced for this are that foreign credits, even after recent withdrawals are still very large, and that the French money market is comparatively inelastic and not as sensitive to gold imports as are London and New York. In spite of recent preparations for expansion, the Paris short term loan and discount market is still in a very early stage of development, and offers little employment for additional funds. Consequently gold imports are usually reflected for the most part in an increase in note circulation. The expansion in note circulation has been the main cause for the advance in internal prices. Even here, however, its full effect is not felt, because of the practice of hoarding bank notes which is reported to have made considerable headway in France.

While the large gold imports into France carry with them very little beneficial effect to that country, other countries, recently returned to the gold standard, are having difficulty in maintaining their gold reserves at a sufficiently high level to ensure the stability of their currencies. The accumulation in the United States of so large a proportion of the world's monetary gold has of course also been a great difficulty to other countries which needed to build up their reserves. Consequently the decline in money rates in this country to a level where gold would begin to move was generally acclaimed in international banking circles.

How long the movement of gold into France will continue it is impossible to say, but French foreign credits, other than those held by the Bank of France, are generally believed to be of very considerable size, even after recent heavy withdrawals, so that repatriation can go on for some time, if it remains profitable. Present indications are for easy credit conditions in this country, although rates will undoubtedly be a little firmer when the usual fall demand begins to be felt. Before that event, however, there is time for a very considerable amount of gold to leave the country. On the other hand, the further advance in prices in France makes additional gold imports undesirable from the French point of view. Largely because of this, French goods are in smaller demand in the international market, and exports have declined sharply, increasing the unfavorable balance of merchandise trade. The poor crops forecast in France this season indicate that the unfavorable balance may be further increased by larger imports of foodstuffs. Tourist expenditures in France are always an important item on the credit side of that country's international balance sheet, but this year it is believed that they are not as heavy as usual. We are, moreover, approaching the end of the tourist season, when these expenditures may be expected to be greatly reduced. It remains to be seen what effect these influences will have upon French exchange and future movements of gold.

**Roy A. Young Resigns as Governor of Federal Reserve Board—To Succeed Late W. P. G. Harding as Governor of Boston Federal Reserve Bank—Appreciation of Services Expressed by President Hoover—Secretary Mellon's Letter.**

Roy A. Young resigned on Aug. 27 as Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, effective Sept. 1. Governor Young, in his letter to President Hoover, indicated that "it has been necessary for me to consider accepting a more remunerative position." He states that he has been offered the Governorship of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (made vacant through the death on April 7 1930 of W. P. G. Harding), and as a consequence tenders his resignation as Governor of the Reserve Board. President Hoover, in his letter accepting Mr. Young's resignation, says that "the reasons for this action on your part . . . are sufficiently compelling to forbid my insisting that you remain." In expressing his appreciation of Mr. Young's services, President Hoover states: "You brought to the position of Governor sound banking judgment based on many years of experience and a comprehensive knowledge of financial, industrial and agricultural conditions throughout the country and of our national banking system." Secretary of the

Treasury Mellon, in addressing Mr. Young, on Aug. 27, expressed his regret at the latter's resignation, and said: "You have conducted the very responsible duties of your office with a high degree of skill, sometimes under extremely difficult circumstances, and your three years of service have been of distinct benefit to the Federal Reserve System." Governor Young's letter to President Hoover follows:

Washington, Aug. 27 1930.

Federal Reserve Board

My dear Mr. President: For some time it has been necessary for me to consider accepting a more remunerative position. As you know, the law does not permit me to accept employment with a member bank where my experience would naturally lead me. In addition, the time for leaving has been a factor, because I have felt that I was not in a position to accept employment elsewhere, regardless of how attractive an offer might be, when the credit conditions of the country were strained or disturbed. Obviously, these factors have limited the opportunities.

Now, however, it is clearly evident that the credit structure of the country is in an easy and exceptionally strong position, and an opportunity has come to me from the directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston; that is, they have honored me by offering to me the governorship of that bank, a responsibility that I am very anxious to undertake and feel that I should. I, therefore, am tendering my resignation as Governor and a member of the Federal Reserve Board to become effective as soon as accepted by you.

I am taking this action with many regrets, because I have thoroughly enjoyed the three years that I have been a member of the Board, and that I have profited greatly in experience, associations and friendships there can be no doubt. I am most grateful to everyone who has made it possible for me to accumulate such valued assets and I particularly take this opportunity to thank you for the many things you have done, both officially and privately. You have been most considerate on all occasions, and I am deeply indebted to you.

I am, Mr. President, yours respectfully,  
R. A. YOUNG, Governor.

The President replied as follows:

Aug. 27 1930.

Honorable Roy A. Young,  
Governor, Federal Reserve Board, Treasury Department,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Governor Young: I have your letter of Aug. 27, tendering your resignation as Governor and member of the Federal Reserve Board. The reasons for this action on your part, which you have explained to me in person and which you mention in your letter are sufficiently compelling to forbid my insisting that you remain, much as I am tempted to do so. You have made a great sacrifice during the last three years, and I do not believe that I ought to ask you to continue to do so.

You have the right to feel that you have rendered real public service. You brought to the position of Governor sound banking judgment based on many years of experience and a comprehensive knowledge of financial, industrial and agricultural conditions throughout the country and of our national banking system. In very difficult times you have performed the important duties of your office with excellent judgment, tact and courage, and I shall find it difficult to replace you. I wish to express not only my own appreciation of your devoted public service, but my conviction that your resignation will be received with regret by the country as a whole. It is my understanding that you wish your resignation to be effective Sept. 1, which is agreeable to me.

With best wishes for your future success and happiness, believe me,  
Yours faithfully,  
HERBERT HOOVER.

Secretary Mellon's letter to Governor Young read:

Aug. 27 1930.

My dear Governor Young: I regret extremely, not only from the standpoint of the Federal Reserve System, but from a personal one, that you feel compelled to tender your resignation as Governor of the Federal Reserve Board.

You have conducted the very responsible duties of your office with a high degree of skill, sometimes under extremely difficult circumstances, and your three years of service have been of very distinct benefit to the Federal Reserve System. Our personal relations have been the pleasantest possible, and you will carry away with you from Washington not only the respect but the affection of your associates on the Board.

Wishing you success in the future, believe me,  
Very sincerely yours,  
A. W. MELLON, Secretary of the Treasury.

From the New York "Times" Washington dispatch, Aug. 27, regarding Governor Young's resignation, we quote the following:

Mr. Young told the President that he found it necessary to seek a position paying him more than the \$12,000 salary which he now receives.

Mr. Young, who was Governor of the Minneapolis Reserve Bank at the time of his appointment as Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, was named for the post in part because of insistence from Western banking interests that the position should be held by a man from that section rather than by a representative of a great financial interest in the East.

Under the law, two members of the Board cannot be selected from the same State, and therefore appointment of the President's friend, Harry M. Robinson of Los Angeles, would be precluded, as the State is already represented on the Board by Adolph C. Miller.

It is expected that a great drive will be made upon the President to give the post to Illinois, not now represented. But at the White House and Treasury Department not an inkling could be obtained to-day of any one the President had in mind.

*Policies Held Important.*

It is felt here that the policies of the Federal Reserve Board may well play an important part in the plans for the rehabilitation of the country from its present position of depression, and that the naming of a nationally known banker might help to lend confidence to the banks and industries.

Any mistakes in credit policy, observers believe, would prove of serious consequences at this time of world depression, in which the Federal Reserve

System is closely involved, internationally as well as nationally, despite all talk of the country's pursuing an isolationist course, so far as the Federal Reserve System is concerned.

Under Governor Young the Board, in February 1929, issued a statement which caused a sharp temporary drop in security values on the Stock Exchange. From that time the policy under Governor Young was to advance the rediscount rates by easy stages and to get the member banks of the Reserve System in as sound condition as possible by influencing them to restrict loans for further speculation.

The fact that more severe methods were not adopted by the Board was the subject of considerable criticism by a number of prominent bankers and economists, but the Board, under Mr. Young's guidance, held to its policy admittedly in the belief that it was wisest to attempt to bring about a gradual liquidation of speculative loans and thus seek to save the nation from an economic disaster. Despite efforts in this direction the Reserve Board finally was forced to agree to upward revision of rediscount rates, and even this did not check the speculation until the crash of security values came later in October of last year.

### Plan of Treasury Department Respecting Refunding of Liberty Bonds Not Yet Decided—Policy on Fourth War Securities Undetermined Due to Necessity of Meeting Immediate Needs.

Although the Department of the Treasury foresees a necessity for refinancing when the Fourth Liberty Loan, amounting to \$6,268,269,050, becomes callable in 1933, it is not prepared at this time to discuss its possible courses of action respecting that loan, according to an oral announcement Aug. 26 in behalf of the Department. In making this known the "United States Daily" of Aug. 27 said:

The statement respecting the Treasury's policy on the fourth loan, the largest of the outstanding war loans, was prompted, it was explained, by published reports in New York that the Department was considering early refinancing with partial redemption of the fourth loan as its object. The Department considers that the bond market at present would be favorable to such an issue, but it was reiterated that there has been nothing further than discussion respecting a conclusion as to dealing with the loan when its first call date arrives.

#### Immediate Maturities

Department plans for the present take into consideration only the immediate maturities and those within a scope of a year or so, according to the statement. The official view expressed was that the Treasury has important policies to determine in connection with current affairs and the Department was, therefore, not desirous of burdening itself with a program too far in advance.

Banking circles were said to feel that the Treasury could properly float a new issue of bonds on which it could take Fourth Liberty in exchange, the new issue to be at lower rates of interest than the 4½% rate borne by the Fourth loan, it was explained. Whether the Treasury shared this view was not revealed in its statement.

The Secretary of the Treasury, Andrew W. Mellon, has said frequently in his annual reports that reduction of the interest charges on the public debt was an end much to be desired and during his administration the average rate paid on Government securities has been reduced until now it is below 4%. Any new financing, it was said, could be expected to bear lower rates than the Fourth issue because of the present conditions in the money market, but the Department is unwilling to predict anything respecting Federal financing at this time.

Treasury records show maturities in September and some of these will be refunded, but until the September quarterly tax payment is received none can foretell the size of the issue that will have to be offered then, nor will the Department suggest what interest rate it will pay on the new issue.

### Brokerage Houses to Curtail Interest on Credit Balances—Several Announce no Return on Sums of Less Than \$7,500—Result of Provisions of New Private Bank Law—Stock Exchanges Advise Step.

Several brokerage houses have advised clients that they will no longer pay interest on credit balances of less than \$7,500 in order to avoid coming under the provisions of the revised Banking Law of New York State, it is learned here said the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Aug. 25, which further commented as follows:

This action is taken by the brokers to escape falling under the category of private bankers subject to a number of stringent legal regulations in the conduct of their business.

It is expected here that brokers will generally cease the payment of interest on credit balances of less than \$7,500 in view of the recommendation of the New York Stock Exchange that this be done.

#### Legal Provision.

This change in brokerage house practice results from the provisions of the revised private banking law passed by the New York Legislature early this year. The new enactments arose from the failure of the private banking firm of Clarke Brothers, and were designed to bring such organizations within the scope of the act. In order to do so, the law was made applicable to those who pay interest "to any depositor on any deposit balance of less than \$7,500, if such deposit balance is that of any depositor resident in the United States who does not have with such banker during the period in respect of which interest is so paid or credited an average daily credit balance or securities of any average daily market value, together exceeding \$7,500; provided the aggregate amount of such deposit balances on which interest is so paid or credited exceeds 2% of the total deposits of such private bankers."

The revised private banking law includes so many restrictions concerning the operations of those who come under its provisions and so many regulations concerning the keeping of books and the making of examinations, that brokers are generally being advised to take all necessary steps to avoid coming under its provisions.

The New York Curb has followed the lead of the New York Stock Exchange in urging that interest payments on such balances be stopped. A booklet issued to members of that exchange says:

"The member who pays interest on a credit balance should make clear to his bookkeeping department the importance of accurate monthly information that the average daily credit balance of each customer, plus the value of

the customer's securities, exceeds \$7,500, or that total of the deposit balances under \$7,500, on which interest is paid does not exceed 2% of the broker's average total deposits."

#### Other Aspects.

There are other provisions of the private banking law in addition to the one covering interest on deposits, which tend to subject brokerage houses and investment bankers to its terms. These involve chiefly taking money for reinvestments. Firms like J. P. Morgan & Co., Thos. Cooke & Son, Goldman, Sachs & Co., A. Iselin & Co. and Kidder, Peabody & Co., have deposited securities in the amount of \$100,000 each with the banking department to conform to this provision of the law.

A memorandum issued by the New York Stock Exchange explaining the operation of the new law in so far as it is likely to affect brokers indicates that no effort is contemplated to amend the law so that brokerage houses will be exempt from its provisions. It says:

"There seemed to be no practical way of distinguishing between these two classes of private bankers and protecting the small and often ignorant person who wished to transmit money abroad without providing that a substantial fund be deposited with the banking department to safeguard these small transactions."

### President Hoover Says No Ground Exists at Present for Reports that Government Revenues Will Prevent Continuance of Tax Reduction.

In addition to the statement issued by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon indicating the "hope" for the continuance of the 1% tax reduction granted last year, President Hoover on Aug. 22 likewise made an announcement in which he said that "there is no ground now for the prediction in the press this morning that a deficit was impending which would prevent the continuation of tax reductions established last year." Secretary Mellon's statement was given in our issue of a week ago, page 1203. President Hoover's statement follows:

"I have reviewed the present fiscal situation with Secretary Mellon and Under Secretary Mills, and I can state that there is no ground now for the predictions in the press this morning that deficit was impending which would prevent the continuation of tax reductions established last year.

"The indications of decreasing revenues and increasing expenses during the past six weeks, upon which calculations were very properly based, do not take several factors into account. Imports and, consequently, customs receipts, have been temporarily reduced because of advance imports to anticipate the new tariff law. We have been expediting construction expenditure to give the maximum employment in the first nine months of this fiscal year. The calculations as to possible deficit take no account of the receipts from payment on foreign debt, nor the revision of expenditures downward from the estimates of the first of last July, which were then placed at \$4,203,000,000 (including the postal deficit).

"I have not as yet received the reports from all of the Departments of the result of their drive for economies, but from the results already obtained in the Departments that have reported we have an indicated reduction of about \$75,000,000 in expenditures.

"In such reductions it must be borne in mind that of the total estimated Governmental expenditures approximately \$2,200,000,000 are for such fixed charges as interest and redemption of the public debt, payment of pensions, &c. No part of it can be reduced by administrative action. The field of economy is therefore limited to about \$2,000,000,000, of which something like \$400,000,000 are commitments for construction work of one kind or another which were increased and must be maintained in order to maintain employment."

In its dispatch from Washington, Aug. 22, commenting on the announcements of President Hoover and Secretary Mellon the New York "Times" said, in part:

The statements came as a surprise in view of informal intimations from Treasury officials yesterday that there was little or no hope of continuing the reduction because of the heavy decrease in revenue, and the growing expenditures which had marked the first six weeks of the current fiscal year.

#### Party Chiefs Disconcerted.

The stories that President Hoover and Mr. Mellon termed premature were carried by practically all newspapers and news associations maintaining services in Washington, and the very unanimity of opinion which they expressed caused something of a stir in political circles. With the Congressional elections approaching, the prediction that what amounted to a tax increase was necessary was disconcerting to the Republicans.

Neither the President nor Secretary Mellon definitely predicted that continuance of the 1% reduction would be recommended, but they did go as far as to hold out the hope that it might be possible without a deficit for the current fiscal year.

Apparently, their chief hope of such a result lies in the possibility that interest payments from foreign governments on their war debts, aggregating about \$186,000,000, may be available for current expenses, and that prospective government costs, as estimated on July 1, may be cut by \$75,000,000. It has been the fixed policy of the Republican administrations since President Harding to apply interest payments on foreign debts to public debt reduction, in addition to the sinking fund.

The agitation over the publication of the stories began early in the morning, when Under Secretary Mills was summoned to the White House for a conference with the President. A little later Secretary Mellon was brought into the discussions.

Government experts were not enthusiastic over the situation confronting the Treasury despite the statements made by President Hoover and Mr. Mellon, and there was a fairly general agreement that if the Treasury was able to recommend a continuance of the 1% tax decrease and still avoid a deficit it would just "squeak through."

#### Could Borrow for Farm Board.

Such a situation would be dependent upon foreign governments making interest payments in cash rather than in government securities, and in rigid economy as suggested by Mr. Hoover. It might be considered legitimate to finance the operation of the Federal Farm Board by borrowings instead of out of current revenues, as at present, but such a step, it was said, had not been considered in reaching the estimates which the President, Secretary Mellon and Mr. Mills worked out to-day.

The officials anticipate a heavy slump in income tax payments in March and June, the last quarterly payment dates of the fiscal year, but they are hopeful that there may be some upturn in business which will make this loss less severe than now appears probable. While admitting that \$200,000,000 or more would be lost in revenue if the decrease in customs collections continues at anything like the present ratio, the officials express hope that there will be a very substantial improvement, especially in the last half of the fiscal year.

As to the use of interest payments by foreign governments for current expenses rather than additional debt reduction, the administration appears ready to abandon the long-established policy if by so doing it can avoid being put in the position of raising taxes at this critical period in its career. Certain Democratic leaders in Congress have long advocated the use of these payments for general expenditures, but up to this time the Treasury Department has held firm.

The Treasury statement for Aug. 20 continued to present a gloomy picture with revenues at \$220,828,353, still \$64,000,000 below the same period last year and expenditures at \$431,364,260, showing an increase of \$81,000,000. Customs receipts at \$46,759,200 were about \$41,000,000 under the same period one year ago.

*Wait on Situation in December.*

Officials said that their program included reducing the public debt during the year at least by the full amount of the sinking fund, and that if in the end it was shown that additional borrowing would be necessary for current needs which would make such a result impossible, the continuance of the tax cut would not be recommended. They felt that by December it would be possible to determine whether their program could be put through and that no definite prediction would be made until that time.

It is hoped that the net requirements of the Federal Farm Board will not exceed \$100,000,000, although it had been estimated that \$150,000,000 would be necessary.

*Criticized by Democrats.*

For the Democrats, Representative Cordell Hull of Tennessee issued a critical statement of the Government's financial operations.

"The announcement at the White House late in the afternoon that some rearrangement might be effected to avert the tax raise," he concluded, "merely showed that either the Treasury or the President is wrong. A great deal may be accomplished by bookkeeping."

Representative Hull said that the situation now confronted by the Treasury "illustrates the embarrassment an administration suffers when it grossly exaggerates the true significance of a policy of temporary and small reduction, such as occurred when the normal rate was reduced 1% for the calendar year 1929 only."

"The Hoover Administration," he said, "created the impression that tax reduction on a substantial and permanent scale had thus been provided for, and the publicity experts of the administration complacently took the credit."

"Only a few months has been required, however, to explode this myth of permanent tax reduction. Annual tax readjustment was grossly exaggerated for political effect."

"It is worthy of note in this connection that expenditures for the maintenance of the several executive Departments for July 1930, save as to the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Labor, showed material increases over expenditures for July 1929."

"Obviously, if any increase in expenditures by an Executive Department were justified, the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Labor could lay the most justifiable claim for such expansion of maintenance outlay, the first having to deal with distress problems incident to the drouth disaster, and the second being confronted by the worst and most widespread unemployment in 30 years."

"In the midst of this appalling state of affairs nine executive departments expended considerably more for their upkeep in the month of the country's direst distress than did the two departments of the Government organized and maintained to deal directly with such deplorable conditions."

**President Hoover Names Henry P. Fletcher as Chairman of New Tariff Commission—T. W. Page Chosen as Member of Commission.**

The appointment of Henry P. Fletcher (Republican) of Greencastle, Pa., as Chairman of the new Tariff Commission, to take up his duties upon the termination of the present Commission Sept. 16, was announced by President Hoover Aug. 22. According to the "United States Daily" President Hoover in commenting orally upon Mr. Fletcher's appointment stated he had been in the Foreign Service of the Government for about 18 or 20 years.

The paper quoted gives President Hoover's announcement as follows:

Henry P. Fletcher was to-day appointed Chairman of the new Tariff Commission, to take office upon the expiration of the present Commission on Sept. 16.

*Born in Greencastle.*

Mr. Fletcher was born in Greencastle, Pa., in 1873; was educated at Chambersburg Academy and at Lafayette College. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1894, practicing his profession until 1898; served during the Spanish-American War as a member of Roosevelt's Rough Riders, and thereafter was a first lieutenant in the Philippines.

He entered the Foreign Service of the United States in 1902, serving first as Secretary at Havana, then at Lisbon, and at Peking; in 1909 he was promoted to be Minister, and later Ambassador, to Chile; he was appointed Ambassador to Mexico in 1916, and resigned in 1920, becoming Undersecretary of State in 1921; he was appointed Ambassador to Belgium in 1922, to Italy in 1924, from which post he resigned in 1929 in order that he might spend his life in the United States.

Mr. Fletcher served the public in many capacities. He was Chairman for the International Conference on Electrical Communications in Washington in 1921; Chairman of the American delegation to the fifth annual conference of American States at Santiago in 1923; he was a member of the American delegation to the sixth conference in Havana in 1928; he represented the United States in the General Assembly of the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome in 1924, and at the Conference for Protection of Literary and Artistic Property in 1928.

As Undersecretary of State he had special charge of economic work of the Department of State, and his diplomatic career has entailed careful

analysis of economic, trade and financial problems in connection with the United States in all parts of the world. The major part of the work of the Pan American conferences at which he so long represented the United States has been along economic lines, many of their recommendations having been at Mr. Fletcher's instigation.

On Aug. 26 Thomas Walker Page of Virginia was appointed a member of the Tariff Commission by President Hoover. Mr. Page is a Democrat and a former member of the Tariff Commission. His appointment is the second to be made in accordance with the provision contained in the Hawley-Smoot Tariff Act calling for the Commission's reorganization.

The following regarding the activities of Mr. Page is from a Washington dispatch to the New York "Times:—"

Mr. Page, who was born in Cobham, Va., in 1866, is now Chairman of the Council of the Institute of Economics in this city, where he resides. He was appointed to the original Tariff Commission by President Taft in 1911, serving one year. He again served as a Commissioner under Wilson and Harding from 1918 to 1922, being Chairman from 1920 to 1922.

Mr. Page was educated at Randolph Macon College, the University of Virginia and at the Universities of Leipzig and Oxford. He has had a long career as an educator and economist. From 1900 to 1902 he was dean of the College of Commerce at the University of California and then was head of the department of economics at the University of Texas for two years. He next served as Professor of History and Economics for two years at the University of California, and from 1906 to 1922 was Professor of Economics at the University of Virginia.

During 1914 and 1915 he was Tax Commissioner of Virginia. During the World War he was a member of several committees engaged in war work.

Mr. Page is a former Vice President of the American Economic Association, on whose executive committee he now serves; a former President of the National Tax Association and a member of the American Historical Association. He has written many books and articles on commerce, taxation and tariff matters. In 1918-19 he was a member of the Board of Economic Review.

**New Tariff Commission to Investigate Duties on Forty or More Articles.**

As soon as the new Tariff Commission is reorganized, with the taking of office of Messrs. Fletcher and Page and the four other members Sept. 16, active work will be undertaken in its investigation into rates on some 40 or 50 items which the Senate by resolution requested should be studied, said telegraphic advices Aug. 26 to the New York "Times" from Washington, which also said:

The Commission announced to-day that hearings will not be held until after the field inquiry has been completed and the differences in cost of production here and abroad established. This may take six or seven months.

Under the Commission rules those interested will be notified 30 days in advance of the hearings.

In addition to the inquiry into 27 rates ordered yesterday the investigation of rates on the following was ordered:

Hides and skins of cattle of the bovine species, raw or uncured, or dried, salted or pickled.

Sugar candy and all confectionery not specially provided for, and chocolate, sweetened, in any other form than in bars or blocks weighing 10 pounds or more each, whether prepared or not prepared.

Matches, match splints and skillets for match boxes.

Sugar, including the sugar content of mixtures containing sugar testing by the polariscopic above 96 sugar degrees.

Laces, lace fabrics and lace articles produced wholly or in part on levers or lever-go-through lace machines, the bobinette machine or the lace-trading machine.

Furniture, wholly or partly finished, and parts thereof, wholly or in chief value of wood, and not specifically provided for.

Bells, chimes and carillons, finished or unfinished, and parts of the foregoing.

In giving the list of 27 articles, the tariff rates of which are to be investigated by the Commission in accordance with the Senate resolution adopted June 18 (and given in our issue of June 21, page 4352) the "Times" account from Washington, Aug. 25, said:

The investigation of more than 100 rates has been asked by resolution of Congress. Some were attacked as too high while the tariff bill was pending, and others were declared to be too low.

The Commission has the authority to recommend increases or decreases by not more than 50%, based upon the difference in production and labor costs here and abroad, and these must be accepted or rejected by the President.

*Articles to be Investigated.*

The rates to be investigated include those on the following:

Boots and shoes.

Woven wire fencing composed of wire not more than 8-100 and not less than 3-100 of an inch in diameter.

Roman, Portland and other hydraulic cement or cement cinders.

Agricultural hand tools, shovels, and spades, scoops, forks, hoes, rakes, scythes, sickles, grass hooks, corn knives and drainage tools.

Shoe lacings.

Ultramarine blue, dry in pulp, or ground or water wash, and all other blues, containing ultramarine.

Umbrellas, parasols, sun shades and parts thereof.

Iron in pig and iron kentledge.

Wood flour.

Pipe organs and parts thereof.

Pipes, pipe bowls, cigar and cigarette holders and mouthpieces, finished or unfinished.

Leather of reptile bodies or skins for shoes proper.

Pigskin leather.

Bodies, hoods, forms and shapes for hats, caps or similar articles, wholly or in part of wool felt; and hats, bonnets, caps, wholly or in part thereof, finished or unfinished.

Floor coverings wholly or in chief value of wool not specifically provided for.

Lumber and timber of fir, spruce, pine, hemlock or larch.  
Cylinder, crown and sheet glass by whatever process and for whatever purpose used.

Fourdrinier wires and cylinder wires suitable for use in paper making machines, whether or not of or fitted to such machines; and woven wire cloth, suitable for use in the manufacture of Fourdrinier wires and cylinder wires.

Hats, bonnets and hoods composed wholly or in chief value of straw, paper, grass, palm leaf, willow, osier, rattan, real horse hair, manila hemp, wholly or partly manufactured.

Laminated products of which a synthetic resin or resin-like substance is chief binding agent in sheets or plate.

Infants' wear, knit or crocheted, finished or unfinished, wholly or in chief value of wool.

Cigarette books, cover and paper, in all forms except cork paper.

Maple sugar and maple syrup.

Olive oil.

Cherries, sulphurated or in brine.

Tomatoes prepared or preserved in any manner.

The hearings will begin next week. The items for the first session have not been decided upon.

### Canadians Block American 'Dumping'—Government Imposes Duty Barriers to Stop Alleged Unfair Commodity Selling—Fruits and Vegetables Hit.

E. B. Ryckman, Canadian Minister of National Revenue, took action on Aug. 26 against the dumping of certain American fruits and vegetables in Canada. He announced a set of values for duty of certain produce imported from the United States. Associated Press accounts from Ottawa, published in the New York "Times" reporting this added:

Application of provisions of the customs act designed to prevent dumping in Canada of surplus products generally follows representations that such commodities are being thrown into the Canadian market at a lower valuation than the fair market value in the country of origin. The action taken by the government provides for fixing a definite value upon which the duty provided for in the customs tariff may be based.

In the case of apples, for instance, the rates under the present tariff are free under the British preference, 15% intermediate and 20% general tariff. There is, however, a provision that the duty at no time shall be less than three-fifths of a cent a pound under the general tariff.

Comparison of the valuation prescribed today with the prevailing values is impossible in view of the variation in the prices of fruits and vegetables shipped into Canada from across the line. These prices vary with the location, season of the year and nature of the market for the commodity. Under the tariff the duty applicable is figured on the specific or ad valorem basis, whichever is the higher.

The following values for duty of certain fruits and vegetables will be established when imported from the United States:

Apples	6 cents per pound
Cabbages	5 cents per pound
Cantaloupes	13 cents per pound
Celery	10 cents per pound
Onions	4 cents per pound
Peaches	12 cents per pound
Pears	9 cents per pound
Plums and prunes	8 cents per pound
Tomatoes	10 cents per pound

Steps were taken by the Minister under the authority of Section 43 of the customs act and order-in-council No. 1987, dated Aug. 20 1930. Mr. Ryckman previously consulted with the Department of Agriculture. The values named are to remain in force, Mr. Ryckman stated, "until otherwise ordered."

### World Countries Buying Larger Share of Foreign Purchases from U. S. Than Before War, Says National Industrial Conference Board.

"Throughout the world countries are buying a larger share of their foreign purchases from the United States than before the war," declares the National Industrial Conference Board, 247 Park Avenue, New York, in a study just completed entitled "The Trend in the Foreign Trade of the United States." These purchases, with the exception of those of the Far East, says the Board, consist more largely than before of manufactures. This is true even in the case of Europe, although the increase in the proportion of manufactures in Europe's purchases from the United States has been largely due to increased purchases of refined petroleum rather than fabricated articles. On the other hand, the limited market for automobiles in China and Japan and increased exports of cotton to those countries have brought about a reduced proportion of manufactures in the exports of the United States to the Far East.

The Conference Board in its statement in the matter issued Aug. 28 points out that exports of the United States are likely to be less affected than those of European countries by industrial progress in the less developed countries of the world. Aside from the refining of the crude products of their extractive industries, such as the milling of flour, countries ambitious to develop fabricating industries as a rule promote the manufacture of articles which have the broadest local market—clothing and textiles, footwear, and simple household goods. The Conference Board's analysis of the import trade of such countries reveals that, except in the case of Canada, they have been commodities of this character chiefly from Europe rather than from the United States. On the other hand, the industrial program of these undevel-

oped countries requires machinery and equipment which they cannot profitably manufacture themselves and which can often be bought to advantage in the United States. Analysis of United States exports indicates that other countries turn to this country chiefly for its machines, productive equipment, and somewhat less generally, for other kinds of iron and steel products. The general effect of fostering home industries in backward countries, according to the Conference Board, will be to discourage purchases of the goods bought most extensively from Europe, and to encourage purchases of the goods bought most extensively from the United States.

The Conference Board study emphasizes how important it is for firms engaging in foreign trade to make a careful study of the national characteristics, stage of development and wants of the nations with which trade is to be carried on. Of this aspect of the problem, the Conference Board states:

"Potential markets exist wherever there are people, but countries differ widely in accessibility, population, industrial and social development, race and tradition, and desires. Out of these differences grow demands, varying from country to country, for the products of the rest of the world. Each country supplies some of its needs by imports from other nations. To market a specific commodity it is necessary, not merely to investigate the extent of direct competition but to appraise the competition of other wants and interests. Neglect of these broader considerations by the exporter may result in an abortive attempt to make 'water run up hill.' The problem thus involves the collection, appraisal and sifting of all elements, economic, social and political, which may bear upon the situation.

"The United States has a wide range of products to offer for export, such as grain, fruits, tobacco, cotton, copper, coal, petroleum, lumber and manufactures, especially machinery, automobiles and other iron and steel products. The products which specific countries demand differ. Europe, having already reached industrial maturity, turns to the United States chiefly for foods and materials. Of our exports of fabricated articles, exclusive of refined petroleum, Europe takes almost a quarter, but Europe's annual purchases per capita amount to about 60 cents—Great Britain's to about \$3.00—as compared with Canada's per capita purchases of almost \$30, Cuba's \$25, and Argentina's \$10. Just as the United States' purchases of manufactures from Europe consist of specialties, so Europe's purchases of manufactures from the United States consist of American specialties. Japan is far behind Europe in industrial development but is anxious to expand her manufacturing, although she lacks material resources. Japan, therefore, also wants materials, especially cotton for her textile industry. Other countries of the world, with the exception of China and India, have material and food supplies in excess of their present requirements. They are ambitious to promote their industrial development."

The whole world, the study points out, buys American automobiles, but the buying market, the extent of good motor highways and other factors differ widely in the different countries, and these conditions affect the relative importance of this item in the purchases from the United States. The report adds:

"The element of distance from the United States is an important factor for consideration, and political ties are also important in some instances. Our neighbors in North America and the northern part of South America buy half to three-quarters of their import requirements from the United States; countries farther south, where the difference in distance from European and from North American ports is relatively much less, buy only 25% to 30% of their total imports from this country. Japan and Australia also fall into this range, but India and the East Indies supply less than 10% of their needs from the United States. In those lines in which we do not enjoy a marked advantage over the European producer, the factors of transportation and political preference become of primary importance. Exports to the more distant markets consist of a relatively small number of items, while exports to nearer markets are widely diversified."

### James W. Gerard Adds 5 to His List of 59 Men Who "Rule" America—Those Governing Country by "Virtue of Ability" Listed by Ex-Ambassador—Bankers Lead Group—Same Men Could Make Britain Financial Giant in 10 Years Under Protection, He Adds—Rockefeller Jr., Morgan, Mellon, Baker, Frew, Giannini, Ford, Raskob, Fishers and du Ponts Included.

James W. Gerard, former Ambassador to Germany, on Aug. 20 named a group of 59 as the "men who rule the United States." Later he added the names of five others to the list. In giving, in its Aug. 21 issue, Mr. Gerard's list of 59, the New York "Times," said:

His selection was composed almost entirely of capitalists and financiers and included leaders in the banking world, the steel industry, mining, the railroad business, public utilities, the amusement field and journalism.

Mr. Gerard's list included the names of John D. Rockefeller Jr., Andrew W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury and J. P. Morgan, but omitted President Hoover and all others holding National or State offices. The former Ambassador explained that the actual "power behind the throne" is wielded by men whose wealth and important industrial positions in the nation give them a permanent influence in American life, whereas statesmen diplomats and politicians owe their influence to the offices which they hold and are usually shorn of most of their power when they retire.

#### The List of 59.

The list, as Mr. Gerard compiled it, follows:

John D. Rockefeller Jr.

Andrew W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury.

J. P. Morgan.

George F. Baker, Chairman of the Board, First National Bank of New York.

John D. Ryan, President, Anaconda Mining Co.

Walter C. Teagle, President, Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey.

Henry Ford.  
 Frederick E. Weyerhaeuser, millionaire "lumber king," Tacoma, Wash.  
 Myron C. Taylor, Chairman of the Finance Committee, U. S. Steel Corp.  
 James A. Farrell, President, U. S. Steel Corp.  
 Charles M. Schwab, Chairman, Bethlehem Steel Corp.  
 Eugene G. Grace, President, Bethlehem Steel Corp.  
 H. M. Warner, President, Warner Brothers Pictures, Inc.  
 Adolph Zukor, President, Paramount-Public Corp.  
 William H. Crocker, President and director, Crocker First National Bank of San Francisco and officer and director of many large railroad and mining and lumber organizations in the West.  
 "The Van Sweringen Brothers"—O. P. and M. J. Van Sweringen, officers, directors and heavy investors in the Missouri Pacific and many other railroads.  
 W. W. Atterbury, President, Pennsylvania RR.  
 Arthur Curtiss James, director of several railroads and one of the largest owners of railroad securities in the world.  
 Charles Hayden, of Hayden, Stone & Co., financiers.  
 Daniel C. Jackling, President, Utah Copper Co.  
 Arthur V. Davis, President, Aluminum Co. of America.  
 P. G. Gossler, President, Columbia Gas & Electric Corp.  
 R. C. Holmes, President, Texas Corp., oil producers.  
 John J. Raskob, a director of General Motors and other corporations and Chairman of the Democratic National Committee.  
 "The du Pont Family," including P. S., Irene, Lamont, H. F., Eugene, A. Felix and Eugene E. du Pont; all officers or directors of the E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. or allied concerns.  
 Edward J. Berwind, financier and director of many large corporations.  
 Daniel Willard, President, Baltimore & Ohio RR.  
 Sosthenes Behn, Chairman, International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.  
 Walter S. Gifford, Chairman, American Telephone & Telegraph Corp.  
 Owen D. Young, Chairman, General Electric Co.  
 Gerard Swope, President, General Electric Co.  
 Thomas W. Lamont, a member of J. P. Morgan & Co., a director, Guaranty Trust Co. and officer or director of a number of other firms.  
 Albert H. Wiggin, Chairman of the Board, Chase National Bank.  
 Charles E. Mitchell, Chairman of the Board, National City Bank.  
 Samuel Insull, President, Chicago Edison Co., the Commonwealth Edison Co., the Insull Utility Investments, Inc., and an officer in many other concerns. One of the largest owners of public utilities in the country.  
 "The Fisher Brothers of the Fisher Bodies Corp. of Detroit," including the seven Fisher brothers, Fred J., Charles T., Laurence P., William A., Edward F., Albert J. and Howard Fisher; founders and original owners of the Fisher Bodies Corp. and now officers or directors in the General Motors Corp. and other large concerns.  
 "Daniel Guggenheim and William Loeb." Both Mr. Guggenheim and Mr. Loeb are financiers and have been, or are, officers or directors of mining and utility companies.  
 G. W. Hill, President, American Tobacco Co.  
 Adolph S. Ochs, publisher, the New York "Times."  
 William Randolph Hearst, publisher of the Hearst newspapers.  
 Robert R. McCormick, editor and publisher Chicago "Tribune," and Joseph Medill Patterson, editor the "Daily News" and "Liberty" Magazine.  
 Julius Rosenwald, President, Sears, Roebuck & Co.  
 Cyrus H. K. Curtis, President, H. K. Curtis Publishing Co.  
 Roy W. Howard, Chairman of the Scripps-Howard newspapers.

#### Gives England a Suggestion.

"These men rule by virtue of their ability," Mr. Gerard explained. "They themselves are too busy to hold political office but they determine who shall hold such office."

Mr. Gerard's list was made up after his attention had been invited to a paragraph in a pamphlet written by him and published in England recently, in which he endorsed the crusade of Viscount Rothermere and Lord Beaverbrook for Empire free trade and British high protection against the rest of the world. After painting a dismal picture of the England of to-day, he assured his readers that England and her Dominions still had great resources which would enable them to come back if she adopted Lord Beaverbrook's plan.

"Give the 40 men who rule the United States 10 years for the development of this industrial empire and no country on this earth could approach it in per capita wealth," Mr. Gerard wrote. When seen yesterday Mr. Gerard added 19 names to his list, making it 59. He added that they could make England the financial giant that America now is.

"But they could do it only if the Beaverbrook plan were adopted," he reiterated, and added that a high protective tariff for Britain was England's only hope of salvation now.

In his list Mr. Gerard made no attempt to rank his individual selections according to his opinion of their importance in the American scheme, but he declared that he believed that as a class the bankers exert the greatest influence because they control the purse-strings of the nation.

#### Only Two Politicians on List.

Mr. Gerard commented on the fact that only two men who have been actively connected with politics appear on the list, Mr. Raskob and Mr. Insull. Mr. Raskob is Chairman of the Democratic National Committee and took an active part in leading former Governor Smith's campaign for the Presidency. Mr. Insull has played a more or less active part in political campaigns in the Middle West.

"As I said, all these men are too busy to run for political office," Mr. Gerard continued. "But their influence, financial, industrial and semi-political, determines the men who shall go in office. By that I do not mean, of course, that these men or any group of men act in concert to pick their candidates and direct the destinies of the country."

Mr. Gerard declared that even the 59 "rulers of the United States" would be unable to help Britain without a Beaverbrook plan to help them.

Empire free trade and high tariff protection is "the only thing left" for England, Mr. Gerard said, but he pointed out that if England adopts a protective tariff, she will find it necessary to formulate a precise and definite law to restrain monopolies, a "Sherman law" without the deficiencies of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

#### Calls Briand Plan Impossible.

Mr. Gerard characterized M. Briand's plan for a "United States of Europe" as an "iridescent dream."

"Briand's plan for an economic federation of the States of Europe is impossible of success, because such a federation would require free trade between countries or at least equal tariffs. With equal tariffs, the flight of industry to the country where goods could be produced most cheaply would destroy the federation. We have already had an example of the flight of industry in this country when the textile manufacturers moved their mills from North to South."

But with a British high tariff to revive lagging British industries, England will flourish, the former Ambassador believes. But America need not fear the British Empire when it is made over, Mr. Gerard said.

"We shall expect the same fair treatment," he wrote in his Beaverbrook pamphlet, "we have always experienced in the territories under the King-Empire, and just as British capital has developed the railroads of many other countries, so will American capital and American engineers, skilled in mass production, now help for a time in the development of the revived empire."

Mr. Gerard did not say whether he expected any of the fifty-nine who "rule the United States" to help England in her economic readjustment in case the Beaverbrook plan is adopted.

In noting that 5 more names have been added by Mr. Gerard, the "Times" of Aug. 22 stated:

The group of fifty-nine "men who rule the United States" was increased to sixty-four yesterday when James W. Gerard, former Ambassador to Germany, added the names of two more bankers, two labor leaders and a public utility owner to his compilation of outstanding figures in the industrial, financial and journalistic life of the nation.

From Newport, R. I., where he was reached by telephone, Mr. Gerard said he believed the names of Sidney Z. Mitchell, Walter Edwin Frew, Amadeo P. Giannini, William Green and Matthew Woll should be included in the list of those who by "virtue of their ability" and because of their influential industrial and financial positions direct the destinies of the country. Mr. Mitchell is Chairman of the Board of the Electric Bond and Share Co. and a large owner of public utilities. Mr. Frew is Chairman of the Board of the Corn Exchange Bank Trust Co. and Mr. Giannini is the founder of the Bank of Italy and of the Transamerica Corp., the world's largest holding company of bank securities. Mr. Green and Mr. Woll are the directing heads of the American Federation of Labor and have been credited generally with much of the success in the upbuilding of the federation. Mr. Green is President of the organization and Mr. Woll Vice President. The inclusion of these two names in his list is the first recognition by Mr. Gerard to other than capitalists, financiers or publishers.

#### Dr. Butler Reserves Comment.

Comment on Mr. Gerard's selection yesterday was widespread and various. Educators, financiers, politicians and the public generally expressed much interest in the list, but declined either to endorse or disapprove it. Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, would say only that the compilation was "interesting." Sir Henry Gloster Armstrong, British Consul General in New York, approved Mr. Gerard's selections, but Senator Royal S. Copeland, in a speech in Queens, criticized them.

In Boston, Mayor Curley challenged the accuracy of Mr. Gerard's statement that fifty-nine men rule the United States and forwarded a suggestion to John D. Rockefeller Jr. that if he subscribes to the opinion of Mr. Gerard, steps be taken to call the fifty-eight others into conference to solve the problem of unemployment.

"I find it extremely difficult to believe there is any basis for the statement made by James W. Gerard that fifty-nine men whose names he has made public rule the United States," said the Mayor. "It is unquestionably true that the group as named represents, in large measure, a considerable portion of the wealth of the United States."

"I, nevertheless, incline to the opinion that the people rule. In the event, however, that the statement of Mr. Gerard is correct, it simplifies the proposition of solving economic problems that threaten the serenity and security of the American home and American Government, and I have directed my secretary to forward a copy of a booklet entitled 'The Vanishing Job' to John D. Rockefeller Jr., who is named as the principal 'ruler' of America, supplemented by a request that he call a conference of the other 'rulers' as named and give consideration to the solving of the unemployment problem."

#### Copeland Criticizes the List.

Senator Royal S. Copeland agreed with Mayor Curley in criticism of the list, and proclaimed the sovereignty of the American voter.

#### British Press Comments.

While financiers, educators and the public generally were expressing interest in Mr. Gerard's compilation, the British press commented on the pamphlet of the former Ambassador which inspired the list. The pamphlet, which endorses the crusade of Lord Beaverbrook and Viscount Rothermere for empire free trade and British high protection against the rest of the world, was published in England a few days ago.

In this discussion of England's present economic plight, Mr. Gerard wrote of the "forty men who rule the United States" and suggested that such men, aided by a high British tariff, could mend England's fortunes in ten years. In introducing his supporter to the British public, Lord Beaverbrook described Mr. Gerard as "a distinguished American economist," a description to which The Manchester Guardian took exception yesterday.

In reply, Mr. Gerard explained yesterday his economic experience and declared that he had been a student of economics as well as of law for many years. For more than two years Mr. Gerard represented the public on the State of New York Industrial Survey Commission, which made a survey of manufacturing and industry in the State and their economic status. Later this commission merged into the New York State-wide Economic Congress in 1929, in which the former Ambassador played a prominent part. He was named Vice-Chairman of the Committee of Twenty-five, an organization named by the congress to study means of checking the migration of industries from New York State. In 1930 the Committee of Twenty-five grew into the New York State Economic Council, of which Mr. Gerard is a member. Its purpose is to study the economics of New York and other States.

In answer to the British jibe that Mr. Gerard's happy picture of prosperous conditions under a high tariff in Britain would be more attractive if it had not been "put forward when unemployment in the United States is a good deal higher than in England," the former Ambassador declared that England's unemployment situation was "permanent" while America's was "temporary."

"The 2,000,000 unemployed in England cannot in any sense be compared to the unemployed in this country," he said. "In proportion to the population, England's condition is far worse than ours, and hers is a condition which has not been relieved for years, whereas our unemployment has not been with us for more than six months or a year."

#### Armstrong Agrees on Tariff.

Sir Harry Gloster Armstrong agreed with Mr. Gerard that a high tariff was necessary for England today, and praised the list of the rulers of America as "correct" and "representative."

"Owing to the attitudes of the other nations of the world," he asserted, "Great Britain should have a tariff as a protection for her own industries and as a protection for a great deal of the foodstuffs she imports today from the dominions and from foreign countries."

On its editorial page, in its Aug. 23 issue, the "Times" offered the following comment anent Mr. Gerard's list:

*Another List of America's "Rulers."*

Mr. Gerard's list of sixty-four "rulers of America" was not the first experiment of the kind. The late Senator La Follette, speaking with impassioned eloquence in the United States Senate, gave out in March 1908, a list of 100 "in whose grasp" was "the destiny of the Republic." His list, not unlike Mr. Gerard's, caused perplexity rather than conviction. Many on it were unknown to the general public. Even to those in touch with financial and industrial personalities it suggested that the Senator must have run his eye over the pages of a "corporation directory" and picked out the names which he recalled having somewhere seen in print before.

Included among some financial magnates of unquestioned prowess were many individuals who had certainly never aspired to exercise control over any one else's destinies. The genial after-dinner orator Chauncey Depew was listed; so were unobtrusive citizens like Charles S. Fairchild, John Claflin and Brayton Ives, and one or two distinctly minor figures in the railroad field, such as Edwin Hawley and H. H. Vreeland. Some men just entering on their career were in the selected hundred, Charles G. Dawes among them. They apparently represented La Follette's imaginative effort to individualize the "money trust," which was then the main topic of Congressional oratory; but publication of the list caused more amusement than excitement—not less so when the names of a few deceased celebrities were included. La Follette himself was constrained, as a result of the sardonic comment on his selections, to revise his list a week later and grade its names according to their power for evil. But by that time even the newspaper-reading public had lost interest.

**Senator Pine Assails Gerard's "64."**

An Associated Press dispatch from Okmulgee (Okla.) Aug. 23 was published as follows in the New York "Times":

Senator W. B. Pine asserted in an address that the sixty-four men named by former Ambassador Gerard as those who ruled the United States "are responsible for the present business depression."

**Professor Truxal of Dartmouth Finds Gerard List Reflects Our Era—Says the 64 Are Really "Rulers" in This Business Age.**

From the New York "Times" of Aug. 25 we take the following:

The list of 64 men who "rule America" recently compiled by James W. Gerard does represent American leadership because this is a business civilization, declared Professor Andrew G. Truxal of Dartmouth College in a sermon yesterday at the West Park Presbyterian Church, Amsterdam Ave. and 86th St.

Professor Truxal found reason for both congratulation and regret in the fact that the youths of to-day were trying to emulate these industrial leaders.

"The youths of bygone days in all parts of the world have striven to become philosophers, statesmen, adventurers and soldiers, and it is true that some young men do now, but young America is chiefly interested in becoming successful business executives," Professor Truxal said.

"Appraisal of this goal and the things its realization means shows that there are both blessings and deficiencies in this credo. First of all to be commended is the emphasis on hard work.

"Industry and application is the acknowledged keynote of the successes Ambassador Gerard's leaders have enjoyed.

"Second is the vision and exploitation of natural resources that business leaders have heralded more than any other one class. And the third commendable aspect of the reign of business in our life is the surplus of wealth with the splendid and wide-spread philanthropies that have come in its wake.

"But there are deficiencies also. To begin with, there is the concentration on materialistic things. Too many believe that happiness is in direct ratio to one's possessions. Another important lack is the failure to appreciate the use of leisure. We used to create amusements. Now we demand that they be created for us, while we sit supinely by absorbing them.

"A third deficiency is that concentration on the practical has caused us to neglect and lose our sense of the beautiful and the artistic. We have not created any truly great works of art in this era, and it is said that we often fail now to appreciate the masterpieces of former years."

**Will of Richard Delafield Provides Scholarship Fund for Columbia University.**

A Goshen (N. Y.) dispatch Aug. 23 said:

A scholarship fund for Columbia University of \$100,000 is established by the will of Richard Delafield, New York banker, who died at his Tuxedo Park home early this month. The will, filed for probate at the Orange County Surrogate's office here, stipulates that the fund shall be known as the Richard Delafield Scholarship and that students obtaining its benefits shall receive \$1,000 a year each while candidates for degrees.

The value of the estate, of which Frederick Foster Carey, stepson, and the Chase National Bank of New York are executors, has not been disclosed. Other beneficiaries are relatives, friends, servants and religious and charitable institutions.

Mr. Delafield's death was referred to in our issue of Aug. 9, p. 886.

**Report to President Hoover on Progress of Country's Air Transportation—C. M. Young States that 150,000 Passengers Were Carried by Air Lines in 1929—Increase to 200,000 Expected in 1930.**

According to a report presented to President Hoover by Clarence M. Young, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Aeronautics "the present importance of air transportation is made apparent by the fact that 100,000 miles of scheduled service are being flown in the United States every 24 hours." Mr. Young observes that "this does not include the millions of miles flown annually by aircraft engaged in miscellaneous operations, such as aerial sight-seeing, student instruction, industrial operations, &c. Nor does it include the 18,000 daily scheduled miles which American air transport organiza-

tions accomplish between the United States, Canada, Mexico, the West Indies and Central and South America." The report also states that "approximately 150,000 passengers were carried on the scheduled air transport lines in 1929, and in the light of present indications this total will increase to at least 200,000 for the calendar year 1930. Considered in the light of recorded developments during the last few years" says Mr. Young, "the possibilities offered by a comprehensive and economically sound air transport system are indeed far-reaching." The report was made public at the White House on August 24; as given in the New York "Herald Tribune." It follows:

"Department of Commerce, office of the Assistant Secretary for Aeronautics.

Washington, August 22 1930.

"The President, The White House, Washington, D. C.

"My Dear Mr. President: In compliance with your request for a report on the progress of the commercial aviation industry in the United States during the last 18 months, I respectfully submit the following:

"The industry may be divided into three categories.

"(1) Scheduled air transportation.

"(2) Manufacturing.

"(3) Private ownership and operation.

"About 18 months ago, 35 companies were operating 59 different scheduled air lines over the airways, and were flying a total of 59,000 miles every 24 hours, in the United States, and into Canada, Mexico and Central America.

**45 Companies Now Operating.**

"At the present time there are 45 such companies variously engaged in the transportation of mail, passengers and express, flying approximately 120,000 miles a day in the United States, Canada, Mexico, West Indies, Central and South America. These 45 carriers operate 137 mail, passenger and express routes, both domestic and foreign.

"Of the 6,786 licensed airplanes in the United States to-day about 650 are employed in scheduled air transportation. It is estimated that of the remainder, approximately 20% are used for pleasure flying and 80% for miscellaneous commercial activities, such as student instruction, aerial sight-seeing, crop dusting, aerial photography and experimental flying.

"When the provisions of the Watres air mail act are given full force and effect, this legislation will have two outstanding features, stimulating in character, which should result in benefit to both the industry and the public.

"First, air mail will be extended to various parts of the country not now being served, by the utilization of existing air passenger lines:

"Second, it will assist materially in the establishment of a more comprehensive passenger service throughout the nation by placing present air mail carriers in the passenger transportation business.

"These two features should contribute to the building up of the passenger air transport industry to the point where there should be no question about the completeness and fitness of service available for any proper demand that may arise.

**Finds Industry Gaining.**

"Day after day air transportation is becoming more firmly established in industry and commerce, and these agencies are depending upon it to a greater extent than is realized. While the economics of air transportation are yet to be adjusted, the fact remains that the air transport organizations, which are rendering a service clearly advantageous in time over other means of travel, or which advantageously augment surface transportation, cannot help but become an indispensable factor in the general transportation scheme of the country.

"About two years ago a substantial portion of the large number of manufacturers of aircraft were made up of small local companies. Undoubtedly they were hastily formed for the purpose of supplying a demand for conventional type aircraft, which then seemed apparent. Presumably, they gave secondary thought to the economic phase of design, production and distribution which, together with the slight preparations and limited financial background, made it obvious that they would not weather any unfavorable change in conditions or circumstances.

"This is proving to be the case, but it is resulting in the manufacturing phase of the industry contracting itself into a smaller but highly specialized group, surrounded by the very best engineering, production and marketing personnel that is obtainable to-day.

"Last year, approximately 6,000 planes were produced, of which about 650 were military, while reports for the first six months of 1930 show 1,325 aircraft were manufactured for civil use and 359 for military purposes.

"This reduced production by no means indicates the capacity of the industry at the present time. By bringing back into action the qualified personnel it was forced to release due to the decrease in business, the industry could produce annually more than 7,000 planes without difficulty, and this capacity could, of course, be progressively increased.

**Plan New Plane Designs.**

"At present, the manufacturers are paying strict attention to the needs and desires of an intelligent and discriminating aircraft market. They are making every effort to design and produce aircraft which their experience and studies have indicated are required by such a market. At the same time they are projecting plans on new developments, new designs and new features in an effort to keep in the van of public desire.

"While commercial type aircraft has been in existence since the war, the greatest progress in design and construction has been made within the last four years. This progress, the result of a large investment in engineering data and experience gained in manufacturing and production, represents the very foundation from which our future commercial aircraft must come. Obviously, in four years, such a foundation could not be laid and prove profitable. Therefore, it needs to be preserved and encouraged if the full value of air transportation is to be realized.

"The assistance rendered by the Federal Government through the Department of Commerce to the development of civil and commercial aeronautics has been substantially responsible for the present stage of aeronautic development. In the last four years, approximately \$8,500,000 have been expended in constructing airways throughout the country for the safety and reliability of air transportation of all types. This represents capital investment as distinguished from maintenance costs. The latter now totals some \$5,000,000 annually and will increase in proportion to the further extension of the airway system.

**Federal Airways Expanded.**

"The Federal airways system is being developed in accordance with well defined plans and in keeping with the recommendations of the Interdepartmental Committee on Civil Airways. When completed, the system will contemplate 25,000 miles of lighted airways. This Federal assistance can be

likened unto the aids to shipping which the Government, through the Department of Commerce, has fostered for more than 100 years.

"Three transcontinental routes are included in the program: One, between New York and San Francisco, is in operation on day and night schedules; another, between New York and Los Angeles, is under construction; and the third, between New York and San Diego, and known as the Southern Trans-Continental Airway, is partially completed, and is being operated while the remainder is being established. Each of these routes serve the north central and southern sections of the United States from East to West, both directly and by connections.

"These trunk lines not only constitute the basis for air transportation service to a large portion of the country, but at the same time they provide alternate routes for air travel. Further, they are co-ordinated closely with border countries and are so designed as to facilitate international trade to the nations in the Western Hemisphere.

*Equip Airways for Night Flying.*

"Approximately 15,000 miles of airways now are equipped for night flying. In the last 18 months, the aeronautics branch of the Department of Commerce lighted 4,465 miles of airways; established and lighted 95 intermediate landing fields and installed and operated 433 revolving beacons and 68 flashing beacon lights for the guidance of airmen after dark. Fifty-five hundred miles of airways were equipped with automatic telegraph typewriter circuits, which collect and disseminate weather information at various points along the airways; 33 radio broadcasting stations, which broadcast hourly weather reports to airplanes in flight, were established; and nine radio range beacons, which direct the pilots along their courses, were placed in operation.

"As the foregoing aids to air navigation not only have justified their existence, but have proven to be indispensable from the standpoint of safety and reliability of aircraft operation, funds available from current appropriations have been allocated to provide more of these facilities. During the current fiscal year, 3,000 miles of additional airways will be lighted; 33 range beacon stations will be established; 2,800 miles of automatic telegraph typewriter circuits will be placed in operation, and 20 radio communication stations will be installed. Upon the completion of these 20 additional radio communication stations, there will scarcely be a square mile of area in the United States where flying is a regular activity that a pilot cannot receive broadcasts of weather information while in flight.

"During the last 18 months airport specialists of the aeronautics branch of the Department of Commerce conferred with 860 cities, assisting them in the selection of sites and supplying information as to the requirements for the development of suitable airports. There now are approximately 1,650 airports and landing fields throughout the United States; about 500 of which are municipally owned; 535 commercially owned; 330 intermediate landing fields established on the airways by the Department of Commerce; 206 auxiliary fields, 74 Army and Navy fields and seven miscellaneous fields.

*Planes' Airworthiness Tested.*

"Also during this period, approved type certificates, testifying as to the sound design and airworthiness of aircraft, engines and propellers, were issued to 218 types of airplanes, 35 types of aircraft engines and 169 types of propellers by the aeronautics branch.

"At present there are 13,867 licensed pilots, 8,960 licensed mechanics, 6,786 licensed planes and 2,086 unlicensed planes on the records of the aeronautics branch.

"Under its aeronautic development program the aeronautics branch, during this period, organized co-operative committees which undertook studies of such subjects as:

"The effectiveness of the automatic application of water in controlling airplanes hangar fires.

"The developments of standard signal systems for airports which will be suitable for both day and night use for controlling traffic on and in the vicinity of airports and for communicating special information to pilots;

"Aeronautic radio research now in progress and of those radio problems the solution of which will assist in bringing about the highest degree of safety and reliability in air transportation;

"Hazards that might be developed in the vicinity of airports through the construction or existence of buildings, smokestacks, radio towers and similar obstructions to air navigation; and

"The problems involved in airport drainage and surfacing. In this latter study the aeronautics branch has the co-operation of the American Engineering Council and the American Road Builders' Association.

"In addition to the foregoing regular duties, the aeronautics branch of the Department of Commerce during the last 18 months developed and placed in effect the following:

"Regulations requiring operators of scheduled interstate passenger air transport services to obtain from the Secretary of Commerce a certificate of authority to operate such services. The certificate will be issued only to those operators who comply with the regulations and the interpretations thereunder.

"Regulations providing for the examination and rating by the Department of Commerce of civilian schools giving instructions in flying, as to the adequacy of the course of instruction, as to the suitability and airworthiness of the equipment and as to the competency of the instructors. The examinations are made only upon request of the schools.

"Regulations providing for approval by the Department of Commerce of gliders as to airworthiness and for the licensing of gliders and glider pilots.

"Regulations providing for the examination, test and issuance by the Department of Commerce of approved type certificates for parachutes and also for the creation of a 'parachute rigger's license.' The examination, test and issuance of approved type certificates for parachutes are made upon application by the manufacturers of parachutes.

"The present importance of air transportation is made apparent by the fact that 100,000 miles of scheduled service are being flown in the United States every 24 hours. And this does not include the millions of miles flown annually by aircraft engaged in miscellaneous operations such as aerial sightseeing, student instruction, industrial operations, &c. Nor does it include the 18,000 daily scheduled miles which American air transport organizations accomplish between the United States, Canada, Mexico, the West Indies, and Central and South America.

"Approximately 150,000 passengers were carried on the scheduled air transport lines in 1929, and in the light of present indications, this total will increase to at least 200,000 for the calendar year, 1930.

"Considered in the light of recorded developments during the last few years, the possibilities offered by a comprehensive and economically sound air transport system are indeed far reaching. They do not confine themselves to operations within the United States and contiguous countries, but can eventually be extended in such a way as to effect favorably our industrial and commercial relations with practically every country in the world.

"Sincerely yours,

"CLARENCE M. YOUNG,

"Assistant Secretary of Commerce."

**Mark Graves, New York State Tax Commissioner, Finds No Warrant for Report that Business Taxes Are Driving Industry Out of State—Views on Taxation.**

Statements that our business taxes are driving industry out of the State, or keeping it without the State, or discouraging industrial leaders from enlarging plants within the State, may or may not be true, but there is no available data on the subject to prove these assertions, and the unsupported statements of interested parties cannot be accepted, Tax Commissioner Mark Graves declared at Silver Bay, Lake George, New York, on Aug. 22, in addressing the Industrial Leadership Institution. That there has been no wholesale migration, he says, is proven by facts. The conclusions he has drawn are that if industry had been on the decline in this State as claimed, taxable real estate would not have more than doubled in this last ten years; population would not have increased five points above the national average; the number of people gainfully employed would not have increased some 500,000 in ten years; wage earners in factories would not have increased in number; their aggregate yearly wages would not have increased \$300,000,000 and the value added by manufacture to New York products would not have been \$1,340,000,000 greater in 1927 than it was in 1921.

Speaking to a large group of industrial leaders of the State, Commissioner Graves told them what he thought about the taxation of industry and took occasion to state that, in his belief, the real property of every business and industry should be taxed in the State where it is situated and the Federal Government should allow credit against its corporation tax up to a certain percentage thereof for all taxes paid in the various taxing States on tangible and intangible personal property and all business taxes, whether known as excise, privilege or franchise taxes and whether measured by income or otherwise. A similar provision for a credit against the Federal personal income tax would take care of the industry or business conducted by a partnership or by an individual on his own account.

"This credit principle is now generally employed in inheritance taxation and with good results," Commissioner Graves said. "If applied to taxes on industry it will tend to stabilize and make uniform such taxes throughout the country, do away with interstate competition for industry so far as taxes are concerned and assure the manufacturer in one State that his competitor in another State has no lower tax cost."

These conclusions were reached, the speaker declared, after knowing the fact that industry and business is being taxed rather high in the nation and in the various States. It is altogether likely that relatively high industrial and business taxes will continue for some years to come. This situation must be looked squarely in the face, and if in New York corporate industry and corporate business is to be taxed as now, or at some lesser rate, unincorporated business should be taxed in the same way. It is desirable and in the interests of business generally to have those taxes as nearly uniform as possible throughout the country, and it would be fortunate if every business man knew that every competitor of his, in whatever State located, was paying substantially the same amount of taxes pro rata according to his ability. Commissioner Graves continued:

"I do not view industry or business as such a proper tax base. I consider wealth and income as the two primary bases. I am convinced that corporate business taxes, Federal and State, are entirely too high in this country. I believe it would be better business and sounder economics if we ignored corporate fiction and laid no taxes against corporate income or measured by corporate income. This principle is, I believe, sound and ultimately I anticipate it will prevail. I commend it to the attention of you industrial leaders.

"New York taxes relatively high, presumably higher than some States but slightly lower than others, but it is difficult to find an accurate measuring stick, although it may be easy for a given industry to do so. There is no data available to the public adequate and sufficient to show that any particular state in the union is decidedly more advantageous from an industrial standpoint than some other state.

"Much is heard about the tax burden but that is scarcely the correct term to employ in a democracy where the people are in control of the Government and decide directly or through their chosen representatives what taxes shall be levied, upon what basis they shall be assessed and the purposes for which they shall be expended. For State and local purposes last year at least \$1,106,000,000 was raised and owners of real property contributed \$777,500,000. From corporations there was collected about \$78,000,000. The important thing is to have all persons pay their pro rata share in accordance with the principles of equality and justice."

Commissioner Graves declared his belief in inheritance taxes at reasonably high rates such as now generally obtain throughout the country; license fees and a gasoline tax bearing a just relationship to the highway program of each State; luxury taxes and other secondary revenue means of lesser importance from the standpoint of yield. He also expressed opposition to whole or partial exemption from

taxation for industry. In the long run industry can gain nothing, because to the extent that industry was relieved from taxation of real estate, it would be undesirable to live and own taxable property in that tax district.

Supporting his claim that there has been no wholesale migration of industry from this State, Commissioner Graves added that factors other than taxes are apt to have greater influence on the migration than taxes themselves. On this point he said:

"That there has been no wholesale migration of industry away from New York is indicated by the following facts. In 1920, the full value of taxable real property in this State was \$14,700,000,000, and in 1930, \$33,800,000,000. Of course, not all or any considerable part of this is accounted for by new industrial construction, but there could not have been this astonishing increase if our industries were leaving the State.

"Again, the 1920 census shows the population of New York as 10,385,227, the 1930 gives 12,619,503. This is an increase of 21.5%. The increase for the United States as a whole was only 16.1%.

"The number of persons ten years of age and over engaged in gainful occupations in New York increased from 4,003,844 in 1910 to 4,503,204 in 1920, or 12.5%. The increase for the whole United States in this same period was only 9%. The figures for the last decade are not yet available.

"The 1929 Statistical Abstract of the United States, shows as the average number of wage earners in all manufacturing industries in New York for 1921, 1,000,399; for 1927, 1,072,284; wages for 1921 were \$1,303,387,000; for 1927 were \$1,605,378,000; and value added by manufacture 1921 was \$3,285,829,000; 1927 was \$4,595,889,000.

"Until we get the new census figures we cannot definitely state what the various trends have been in New York industry. It can be assumed that those industries which have exhausted their resources in New York have been moving elsewhere. And also those industries which have adopted the policy of moving closer to their sources of supply, when those sources are outside of the State, have probably migrated. Also, there has been a spilling over into New Jersey of some of the industries and population centered on Manhattan. Undoubtedly, New York State is to be more and more a clearing house for information, style, credit, amusement, clothes and numerous other commodities. Probably it will be more and more the United States' center of transportation from an international standpoint. And this means that numerous other activities will be more and more superimposed upon New York as a base, such as insurance, fire, marine and life banking, lightering transfer and others too numerous to mention."

### Gov. Roosevelt of New York Assails Hoover Economics— Holds Prosperity Prophet of 1928 Responsible for Business Drop in 1929—Supply Exceeded Demand— This Violation of Economic Law, He Tells Up-State Dairymen, Caused Industrial Slump.

Ending a day's tour of three counties in Delaware County (N. Y.) and nearby regions, Governor Roosevelt in an address at Delhi on Aug. 22 aimed his remarks at "prosperity prophecy" economics as voiced by President Hoover during his campaign for election in 1928, calling it a typical example of the kind of economic theorizing which brought about the current industrial depression, due almost entirely in his opinion to a race of overproduction. He did not mention the President by name, says the New York "Times," from which the foregoing is taken, its account continuing:

Addressing about 4,000 persons on the athletic field below the State agricultural grounds, the Governor singled out Mr. Hoover's remarks in his Boston campaign speech of 1928, which led to the adoption of "two cars in every garage" as a Republican slogan. The Governor asserted that such statements as these were indicative of the false economics which led inevitably to a downward swing.

#### *Calls It Lifting by Bootstraps.*

"One reason," the Governor said, "that the country has passed through an economic crisis is that some people thought they had discovered a new law, that the old law of supply and demand could be scrapped. They thought we could go on speeding up production and that we would all get richer and richer and in a little while we would all become as rich as the Rockefellers as long as we did two things, paid high wages to every one and continued high-speed selling campaigns."

The Governor detailed the expansion of the automobile industry in illustration. He said at one time it had been thought that 10,000,000 automobiles would prove the saturation point of economic receptivity, and that when that point had been passed some of the "prosperity" sponsors envisioned an apparently unlimited production.

"It was said," he continued, "that instead of having one car, we would have two cars in every garage. And then I suppose the next step would be a new car for every one in the family, including the baby. Now that is what I term the theory of lifting yourself up by the bootstraps."

"Well, we went along that way for a while, confident that our leaders in politics and business were omniscient, and then when production had greatly outrun demand we were taught the sad lesson in our two stock market crashes that we cannot get away from old Dame Nature, we cannot get away from the law of supply and demand."

#### *Paying Penalty of Business Spree.*

"Some people in very high position gave the impression a year ago that nothing could happen to prosperity, that everything was well and that prosperity could not be slowed down. And then old Dame Nature asserted herself. We are now paying the penalty for a wild spree based on un-economic, unscientific and unbusinesslike foundations."

The Governor asked the dairymen of this area to reckon with this phase in dealing with their own industry. He asked them to insure an adequate supply of milk and cream in the milkshed established by the State, but to take steps to prevent overproduction and cut-throat competition.

Representative John D. Clarke presided at the meeting and briefly gave an assurance to the Governor that the dairymen of Delaware County were not utilizing the drouth to profiteer in the sale of milk.

The Governor's trip took him through Otsego, Chenango and Delaware Counties. He left this morning from Cooperstown and stopped briefly in Oneonta where he spoke for a few minutes to a throng assembled in the street.

### Einstein Sees Radio as Aid to Democracy—Regrets Public Apathy Toward Scientists Who Have Brought Culture in Reach of All—Drops Mathematical Formulas in Simple Appeal for Proper Use of Broadcasting.

Professor Albert Einstein opened the seventh German Radio Exhibition at Berlin on Aug. 22 with a speech in which he departed from his usual mathematical formulas as a mode of expression and got down to plain, homely, everyday language. In indicating what he had to say, the New York "Times" from which the preceding paragraph is taken, reported him as follows in its Berlin cablegram:

"One ought to be ashamed to make use of the wonders of science embodied in a radio set, the while appreciating them as little as a cow appreciates the botanic marvels in the plants she munches," the discoverer of relatively told his hearers.

"Honored listeners, present and invisible," Professor Einstein began, referring to the fact that his works were broadcast throughout Europe, "when you listen, forget not how humanity came into possession of this wonderful means of communication. The source of all scientific advancement is the God-given curiosity of the toiling experimenter and the constructive phantasy of the technical inventor," the scientist declared. He went on to cite a list of those whose names will go down in history as the discoverers and perfectors of wireless communication.

"Remember Oerstedt, who first discovered the magnetic influence of electro-magnetic currents; remember Reis, who first employed this influence to create sound in an electro-magnetic way; Bell, who by using sensitive contacts transferred with his microphone sound waves into variable electric currents. Remember, furthermore, Maxwell, who mathematically proved the existence of electric waves, and Hertz, who first created them with the help of a spark. Think especially of Lieben, who with his Fleming valve invented an incomparable detector organ for electric waves which simultaneously turned out to be an ideally simple instrument for the creation of electric waves. Remember thankfully the army of nameless technicians who simplified radio instruments and adapted them to mass production so that they became accessible to everybody.

"It was the scientists who first made true democracy possible," Professor Einstein said, "for not only did they lighten our daily tasks but they made the finest works of art and thought, whose enjoyment until recently was the privilege of the favored classes, accessible to all. Thus they awakened the nations from their sluggish dullness."

Animadverting to broadcasting, Professor Einstein said, "The radio broadcast has a unique function to fill in bringing nations together. It can be used for strengthening that feeling of mutual friendship which so easily turns into mistrust and enmity."

"Until our day people learned to know each other only through the distorting mirror of their own daily press. Radio shows them each other in the liveliest form and, in the main, from their most lovable sides."

At the conclusion of the opening ceremonies, a cablegram was sent to Thomas A. Edison, paying tribute to his part in the development of radio, and especially to his phonographs, which are being shown jointly here with the newest radio apparatus.

Among the technical points brought out in the 1930 radio show are the almost complete use of dynamic instead of static loud-speakers and the outstanding popularity of three-tube sets. Large sets show no decline in price, but middle distance receivers are much lower than a year ago. They also embody finer adjusting devices and are better balanced.

Television is being demonstrated but obviously is far from ready for commercial exploitation here.

### Teachers' Pay Rise Exceeds Average—Wages in Public School More Than Doubled Within 15 Years Says Carnegie Reports.

That the poor, underpaid public school teacher, for generations a stock figure of the American scene, is rapidly being transformed, would seem to be a logical inference from the report of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching published last week. An account of the report, as given in the New York "Times" July 20, goes on to say:

The teachers fared relatively better than the country's other workers in the recent era of prosperity. While wages in general the country through were advancing 2.8% a year, the teacher's wage increased at the rate of 8% in the last 15 years she has more than doubled her salary, and the end is not yet. Soon she may approximate the happy state of the college teacher, whose pay, also doubled in recent years, is now, according to the report, probably higher than the average income of the individual who goes into business.

Moreover, in more than one-half the States of the Union, the public school teacher is protected in her old age by some sort of retirement allowance. In New York City this has reached the high annual average of \$1,200, with an increase due in 1930. Elsewhere in the State it is \$904.

#### *Effect of Growing Numbers.*

Nevertheless the Foundation believes that this improved economic state is, in consideration of the previous low scale of teachers' pay, "only the beginning of an adequate recognition of their social value in the United States." And it adds a warning. Already, it estimates, there are more than 1,000,000 teachers in the country. If this number continues to increase, it necessarily carries a threat of dilution of the individual salary. "It is important," says the report, "that not only State authorities and the teachers, but the public itself should appreciate the fact that the whole matter of the scale of pay and the resulting pensions is directly related to the educational program of a community or of a State. American education has tended strongly in the last three decades toward a system of mass production in education, under which great numbers of children pass from the elementary school to the secondary school, and from the secondary school to the college, with little interest in intellectual pursuits."

#### *Subjects Multiplied.*

"The tendency has been to consider the function of the whole educational system one to provide information in every possible subject rather than a process for training the habits and powers of the minds of children and of youth. The outcome of this procedure is that the number of pupils in the secondary school and in the college is greatly increased, and the number of subjects taught is multiplied in still greater proportion.

"There is a corresponding growth in the number of teachers required. Many of the subjects taught are out of place in the school curricula, and



the effect to carry through the enormously increased number of pupils has resulted in a softening of the whole process of education. The teacher has impaired the quality of his own teaching and has diluted his own salary by his willingness to recommend new subjects, new courses and more teachers.

"In proportion as our schools become more sincere and thorough, they will limit the number of the subjects they undertake to teach, but they will give a far better education to the children and to the youth who attend them, and under this process teachers may hope ultimately for a more adequate reward in the way of salary. Educational sincerity, justice to the children and to the youth, and fair compensation for the teacher are intimately related."

### \$10,000,000 Reported Idle in United States Rail Fund—Ruling by Comptroller McCarl Ties Up Money Inter-State Commerce Commission Wants to Lend Weak Roads—Taken from Big Systems.

Associated Press advices, as follows, from Washington, Aug. 26, are taken from the New York "Evening Post":

The Inter-State Commerce Commission has \$10,000,000 in its railroad contingent fund, but is unable to use a cent of it at the present time.

This amount has been collected from prosperous roads earning more than 6% on their investment under the provisions of the 1920 Railway Transportation Act.

The money was intended to be loaned to weaker roads, but this has been barred by Comptroller General McCarl until the Commission fixes a valuation of the railroads upon which the earnings are determined.

Under a tentative valuation, the money has been collected from the prosperous railroads, but in nearly every case has been paid under protest. McCarl ruled that none of the money should be used pending a final valuation.

Since Jan. 1 the Commission has been busily engaged in valuation work and the value of some of the roads is expected to be decided next winter. As quickly as the valuation of individual railroads is completed, any money they have paid into the contingent fund would become available for less profitable roads.

The Railway Transportation Act provided that all roads earning more than 6% must pay half of the excess into the contingent fund and keep the other half as a reserve fund until it equals 5% of the railroad's value.

Last year \$2,000,000 went into the contingent fund, but the Commission does not expect that much this year.

### United States Railroads Suffer \$525,000,000 Loss of Passenger Earnings.

"If the passenger business of the railways declines as much in proportion throughout 1930 as it did during the first one-half of the year," says the "Railway Age," "the number of passengers carried by them will be the smallest in 25 years, or since 1905; the number of passengers carried one mile will be the smallest since 1907, and their passenger earnings will be the smallest since 1916. As compared with 1929, the number of passengers carried has declined about 5½%, the number of passengers carried one mile almost 9%, and passenger earnings almost 11%. On this basis passenger earnings for the year will be less than \$780,000,000, or almost \$100,000,000 less than in 1929.

Railway passenger business reached its maximum in 1920. Its rapid and steady growth until 1920, and its rapid decline since then, mark perhaps the most extraordinary change that ever has occurred in the history of railroad transportation in the United States. Assuming that passenger business throughout 1930 will be relatively as small as during the first half of the year, both traffic and earnings will be about 40% less than in 1920. Passenger earnings in 1920 were about \$1,305,000,000, and in 1930 will be about \$525,000,000 less than this. The decline in passenger earnings since 1920 is now costing the railways as much annually as would a 12% reduction in all existing freight rates.

As has been frequently pointed out, most of the passenger business lost has been taken by private automobiles, but a large and increasing part of it has been taken by motor coaches. The railways have adopted various methods to hold their traffic, but, as the statistics demonstrate, most of these have been ineffective. Practically all the traffic lost has been day-coach business, as in years of active general business the trend of travel in sleeping and parlor cars has been upward, although it has declined this year.

Regardless of the causes and remedies, the huge loss of passenger business from which the railways are suffering has been one of the most important factors in increasing the perplexity and difficulty of the nation's railroad problem.

### Arkansas Action Reduces Freight Rates on Cotton—Intrastate Schedule Made to Conform with that Ordered by Inter-State Commerce Commission.

Revision of intrastate freight rates on cotton, effective Jan. 10 1931, to conform to changes previously announced by the I.-S. C. Commission, has been ordered by the Arkansas Railroad Commission, said Little Rock advices August 26, published in the "United States Daily." The account went on to say:

The rates on cotton shipments in various groupings as suggested by the I.-S. C. Commission will be reduced by 15 to 45 cents a bale to Houston, New Orleans and to New England and Canadian territory, according to a statement by the Rate Statistician of the Arkansas Commission, A. D. Beals.

In announcing intrastate reductions on cotton freight rates, Mr. Beals said:

"The Arkansas intrastate rates will be materially reduced and should result in benefit to fabric manufacturers in the State. At 50 miles the reduction in the State rates will be 15 cents per bale; at 75 miles, 30 cents; at 100 miles, 35 cents; at 150 miles, 60 cents; at 200 miles, 85 cents, and over 200 miles the reduction will be 90 cents per bale."

The case which resulted in lowered cotton rates was tried under the co-operative plan with the I.-S. C. Commission in which all of the State Commissions in the cotton-growing State participated through a co-operative committee appointed to represent the cotton-growing States, Mr. Beals said.

The revision of freight rates on cotton ordered by the I.-S. C. Commission was referred to in our issue of August 23, page 1206.

### Shopmen on New York Central RR. Laid Off for Week.

United Press advices from Albany published in the "Wall Street Journal" said:

Two thousand employees of the New York Central RR. assigned to the West Albany shops were given a week's layoff. The men had only recently returned to work after an enforced "vacation" of two weeks.

### Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co. Resumes—More Than 700 Men Employed.

A Pottsville, Pa., dispatch Aug. 24 to the New York "Times" said:

The Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Co. to-day ordered resumption of work to-morrow at Pineknott colliery, located in the suburbs of this city. More than 700 men are employed. This order, coming immediately after the resumption of work by 8,000 men at other collieries, is another indication that a business revival is at hand, operators declared.

### No Cut in Personnel by Pennsylvania RR.

The following (United Press) from Philadelphia is taken from the "Wall Street Journal" of Aug. 26:

Reports that the Pennsylvania RR. was contemplating a reduction in personnel on Sept. 1 were denied at the general offices of the company.

### President Lonsdale of American Bankers' Association Call Annual Convention Crucial—Branch Banking Taxation, &c., to Be Considered.

One of the most crucial meetings in American banking history will be held in Cleveland when the American Bankers Association gathers there in convention Sept. 29 to Oct. 2, it is declared by the President, John G. Lonsdale, President Mercantile-Commerce Bank & Trust Co., St. Louis, Mo., in a letter mailed to the entire membership of about 20,000 banks. Three subjects of major importance "that may affect for years to come the earnings and organization of your institution demand consideration at that time," Mr. Lonsdale says. The letter continues:

First, bank taxation.—The Association will consider proposals to liberalize section 5219 United States Revised Statutes covering State taxation of National banks, which has long held off efforts to place banks in a class by themselves for purposes of taxation. Any proposed changes demand the fullest discussion.

Second, branch banking.—It will doubtless be necessary for the Association to review its position in regard to this subject. Official proposals for changing the nation's branch banking policy are now before the country. They cannot be ignored.

Third, bank earnings.—Banking, as never before, is confronted with problems of bank failures and unsatisfactory earnings, especially for country banks. The Association's laboratory of banking has made valuable studies, and recommendations leading to more scientific management and profitable operation will be presented.

Cleveland bankers have been untiring for months in perfecting arrangements for the business meetings and the entertainment of the delegates. We look forward to one of the most resultful and enjoyable meetings in the Association's history.

### ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, &c.

The New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange seat of N. H. Sobin was sold at auction this week for \$11,020 to M. R. Mayer. The last regular sale was at \$17,000.

As we noted a week ago (page 1210) the New York Stock Exchange and other exchanges will close to-day (Saturday) thus observing a triple holiday over Labor Day, Monday next. In addition to the exchanges indicated last week, the New York Real Estate Securities Exchange and the Grain and Securities Market of the New York Produce Exchange will be among those which will transact no business today (Saturday). The Chicago Stock Exchange and the Chicago Board of Trade are among the exchanges of other cities which will recess over the three-day period.

The Chase National Bank of New York, which recently consolidated with the Equitable Trust Company and other financial institutions, making it the largest bank in the world, will probably add a new building peak to Manhattan's ever-changing skyline, said the New York "Times" of Aug. 20, from which the following is also taken:

The bank, which has about 47 branches in the city and many foreign offices, started several months ago to assemble a plot in the heart of the downtown financial district in the block bounded by Wall, Broad and William Streets and Exchange Place.

In this block at the corner of Broad Street and Exchange Place is the 38-story Equitable Trust Company Building, which company was absorbed by the bank.

About five years ago the Equitable Trust Company sold the 25-story building at 37 to 43 Wall Street to Elias A. Cohen's Thirty-seven Wall Street Corporation.

Last Spring the Equitable Trust Company bought the Wall Street property back from Mr. Cohen's corporation, and it was reported that they paid the seller close to \$1,000,000 profit in order to obtain it, as there were other bidders for the parcel who ran the price up.

The Equitable Trust Company also bought the August Heckscher property at 43 to 49 Exchange Place.

These properties, with the Equitable Trust Building occupying a plot fronting 163 feet on Broad Street by 151 feet on Exchange Place, surround the four-story building of J. P. Morgan & Co. at the corner of Wall and Broad Streets.

Plans for the improvement of the site originally assembled by the Equitable Trust Company are being considered by the Chase National Bank or one of its affiliated organizations, and a definite announcement regarding the improvement is expected shortly.

Trowbridge & Livingston, architects, have prepared tentative plans for a 60-story commercial building, but it was reported yesterday that the structure may go to 70 stories or more.

No definite information regarding the size of the plot to be improved or the height of the structure could be obtained from the architects or the officials of the Chase National Bank.

Two other entire blocks in the downtown financial district have been assembled recently for improvement with skyscrapers. One block bounded by Wall, Pearl, Water and Pine Streets was acquired by Louis Adler, who is now erecting the Continental Building at the southeast corner of Broadway and 42nd Street.

The second block, bounded by Pine, Water, Maiden Lane and Pearl Streets, was assembled by James Lee, builder and operator.

In the downtown financial district to-day 10 large buildings are being erected for 1931 occupancy. They will have an aggregate of 277 stories and furnish 2,534,617 square feet of rentable space.

Percy H. Johnston, President of the Chemical Bank & Trust Co. of New York, and LeRoy W. Campbell, President of the Chemical National Associates, Inc., announced on Aug. 27 that more than two-thirds of the stock of each company have been lodged with the proxy-holders to ratify the merger of the Associates with the Chemical Bank & Trust Co., which formal ratification will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 10 1930. Reference to this proposed consolidation appeared in our issue of Aug. 9, page 886.

Albert H. Wiggin, Chairman of the Governing Board of the Chase National Bank of the City of New York; Lloyd W. Smith, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Harris, Forbes & Co., New York, and John R. Macomber, Chairman of the Board of Harris, Forbes & Co. of Boston, announce that the exchange of stocks between the Harris, Forbes interests and the Chase National Bank interests has been effected. The Chase Securities Corp. has acquired all of the capital stock of the Harris, Forbes companies, and the Harris, Forbes interests become one of the largest stockholders of the Chase National Bank and its securities affiliate. All of the Harris, Forbes units will continue intact and under the same executive management, and there will be no change in their relationship to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago. Earlier reference to the Chase Bank-Harris, Forbes affiliation appeared in our issue of Aug. 2, page 733.

Gordon H. Balch, Vice-President of the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. of New York, and a director in several industrial corporations, died suddenly from a heart attack, on Aug. 23, while visiting at the home of William Steele Gray, Jr., Vice-President of the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., in Greenwich, Conn. Mr. Balch, who was 41 years of age, lived at Mount Kisco, N. Y. Mr. Balch, who was born in Bozeman, Mont., was graduated from Harvard in 1912. After graduation, he served the United States Minister to Belgium as private secretary, returning to Boston in 1912 to become connected with Stone & Webster. He remained with the firm five years. He served as Lieutenant Commander during the war, being stationed at Washington as administrative aid to the director of naval aviation. After the Armistice, he returned to his position with Stone & Webster, remaining until 1922, when he was made Vice-President and Director of the American International Corp. In January 1926 Mr. Balch became a Vice-President of the Hanover National Bank, which in 1929 merged with the Central Union Trust Co. to form the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. He retained his post as Vice-President in the merged institution. Mr. Balch was a director of the Allied Machinery Co. of America, the China Corp., the American Balsam Wood Co., the General Public Service Co., the Pacific Mail Steamship Co., Ulen & Co., and other corpora-

tions, and was Chairman of the Board of Baker, Kellogg & Co., Inc.

Regarding plans for the merger of two Brooklyn (N. Y.) savings banks—the Navy Savings Bank and the Dime Savings Bank—we quote the following from the Brooklyn "Daily Eagle" of Aug. 25:

Merger of the Navy Savings Bank into the Dime Savings Bank of Brooklyn has been tentatively agreed upon by trustees of the two institutions and has been approved by the State Superintendent of Banks, it was learned to-day. A special joint meeting of the boards of the two banks will be held on Sept. 8, at which final action will be taken.

Such a merger under the law is subject to ratification by a two-thirds vote of trustees, but it is regarded as virtually certain that it will be sanctioned.

This is the first savings bank merger to be arranged in New York City in many years, and in point of the \$163,000,000 in assets which it will unite is the largest bank merger to be consummated in Brooklyn since the Brooklyn Trust-Mechanics Bank fusion early in 1929.

By virtue of the merger the Dime Savings Bank will acquire the Navy Savings Bank's office at 83 Sands Street, which it will operate as a branch. It will have the distinction of being the only Brooklyn savings bank with more than one branch, the other branch having been opened last year at 86th Street and 19th Avenue, in the Bensonhurst section. Under the banking law a savings bank may establish only one branch in the borough or city in which its main office is located, but it is legal for a savings bank to acquire additional branches through mergers.

On July 1 the Dime Savings Bank had total resources of \$161,698,706, and the Navy Savings Bank \$1,500,476, giving a total of \$163,199,182 for the combined institutions. The Dime had deposits of \$138,945,587, and the Navy \$1,423,197, a total of \$140,178,784. The Dime is the second ranking savings bank in Brooklyn in point of its deposits, which are exceeded only by those of the Williamsburgh Savings Bank.

Inasmuch as both institutions are mutual organizations and have no capital stock, the merger does not involve an exchange of securities, the decision of the trustees being final.

"The principal advantage of the merger," said Philip A. Benson, Treasurer of the Dime Savings Bank, "is that depositors who have been dealing with a small institution will receive the benefit of the backing of larger resources and such services which only a larger savings bank can offer."

Ray C. Shepherd, President of the Navy Savings Bank, declined to comment on the deal. It is understood that Mr. Shepherd will continue as branch manager of the office at 83 Sands Street, and that two of the Navy trustees will go on the Dime Board.

Frederick W. Jackson is President of the Dime Savings Bank, having succeeded the late Edwin A. Ames last year. Other senior officers are William McCarroll and George Cox, Vice-Presidents, and George C. Johnson, Secretary.

Many Brooklyn leaders serve on its Board of Trustees, including Edward C. Blum, President of Abraham & Straus, Inc.; Walter Hammit, Vice-President of Frederick Loeser & Co.; William J. Wason, Jr., Vice-President of the Kings County Trust Co.; Thomas H. Roulston, President of Thomas Roulston, Inc.; Frank H. Parsons, Frederick W. Rowe, Frederick L. Cranford, Stanley P. Jadwin, John F. Bermingham, Arthur L. J. Smith, Joseph K. Smith, William W. Walsh, Frank H. Tyler, Charles F. Hubbs, Albert Hutton, and Frank F. Jackson.

Trustees of the Navy Savings Bank are Charles N. Alvarez, Charles S. Williams, Henry A. Ingraham, J. Frank Birdsall, Theodore Maxwell, Ray C. Shepherd, George A. Field, Clarence L. Miller, Hubert F. Breitweiser, and W. Malcolm Gray.

Crowell Hadden, dean of Brooklyn bankers, died in his ninetyeth year on Aug. 9, a little more than one month after the death of his wife. Mr. Hadden's death was due to bronchial pneumonia and complications after a three weeks' illness. In its account of his career, the New York "World" said, in part:

At the time of his death Mr. Hadden had been retired from active banking a year and a half, although he still retained his position as Chairman of the Board of the Brooklyn Savings Bank, whose President he had been since 1913.

Before entering finance, he spent six years in the wholesale clothing and drygoods commission businesses. He served first as President of the Long Island Bank, resigning in 1896 to accept the directorship and Vice-Presidency of the Nassau National Bank. On its merger with the Bank of America National Association, he was made a director of the latter.

Among the other commercial institutions with which Mr. Hadden was connected were the Bank of America Safe Deposit Co., the Realty Associates, the Prudence Co., New York Investors, Inc., the Brunswick Site Co., and the Brooklyn City RR. He served as Vice-President in each.

Mr. Hadden was a civil war veteran, enlisting in 1863 with the 23rd Regiment, the famous Brooklyn command, of which Henry Ward Beecher was chaplain for many years.

Surviving is a son, Howard S. Hadden, President of the Dorland Agency, Inc., of 205 East 42nd Street. Two grandsons, Crowell Hadden 3d of Glen Cove, L. I., who is associated with Alfred & Co., bankers, of 40 Wall Street, and H. Douglas Hadden, Vice-President of the Dorland Agency, also survive.

On Aug. 26 the stockholders of the Long Island National Bank of Astoria, N. Y., approved proposals to reduce the par value of the shares from \$100 to \$10 each, and to increase the capital from \$250,000 to \$400,000. The latter will be represented by the issuance of 15,000 additional shares. The proposed changes were indicated in our issue of Aug. 9, page 886.

The following is from the New York "Times" of Aug. 23: The Morris Plan Co. of New Jersey has discontinued its small loan business in that State, it was announced yesterday, because of the passage of an act limiting the monthly interest charge on loans of less than \$300 to 1½%, compared with 3 to 3½% formerly permitted.

The Cargill Trust Co. of Putnam, Conn., opened its new banking home for inspection on Aug. 20. The following description of the building appeared in the Hartford "Courant" of Aug. 19:

Modern design has been employed in both the exterior and interior of the two-story building, which is constructed of Westerly granite, gray over a three-foot base of red. American walnut and figured gumwood are used as trim about the buff-tinted walls within, and the floors are of Italian travertine. Bronze is used for the grill about the tellers' cages.

The vault is of the most modern steel and concrete type, ventilated for the protection of clerks and netted with a system of electric wires for the protection of depositors.

The personnel of the trust company is as follows: Byron D. Bugbee, President; Luther M. Kieth, Vice-President; J. Dyer Potter, Treasurer and G. Stanley Shaw, Assistant Treasurer.

Samuel S. Evans has been elected President of the Second National Bank of Paterson, N. J., to fill the vacancy caused by the death, on Aug. 8, of the late President, William D. Blauvelt, noted in these columns Aug. 16, page 1050. Mr. Evans had been Vice-President of the bank since 1917 and a member of the Board of Directors since 1915. As First Vice-President Mr. Evans was a close friend, consultant and confidant of Mr. Blauvelt. The newly-elected President was formerly a member of the Finance Board of the City of Paterson. He is President and Treasurer of the Dolphin Jute Mills of this city, and former President of the Paterson General Hospital Association. Wessels Van Blarcom, formerly Second Vice-President of the Second National Bank, has been elected First Vice-President, to succeed Mr. Evans. Mr. Van Blarcom was also named a director of the bank. He has been identified with the bank for many years. He became Assistant Cashier in 1908, Cashier in 1923, and Second Vice-President in 1927. Mr. Van Blarcom is a member of the Executive Council of the American Bankers' Association. He is also Vice-President of the National Bank Division of the New Jersey members of the A. B. A. He is also a director of the Paterson Chamber of Commerce. Ernest E. Blauvelt, son of the late President William D. Blauvelt, has been chosen as Secretary to the Board of Directors, in addition to continuing as Cashier of the bank. Roland G. Eves, present Trust Officer and Third Vice-President, has become Trust Officer and Second Vice-President. The Board of Directors of the Second National Bank, as now constituted, is as follows: J. Albert Van Winkle, William I. Lewis, Samuel S. Evans, Charles Curie, Felix G. Pittet, James Wilson, Dr. Francis H. Todd, Joseph P. Van Saun, Charles L. Auger, Jr., Gerald B. Jackson, and Wessels Van Blarcom.

An Associated Press dispatch from Boston, Aug. 23, said: Ralph W. Hill, a former Assistant Vice-President of the National Shawmut Bank of Boston, was sentenced to two years in the House of Correction for larceny to-day after he voluntarily submitted to arrest. He had been missing from the city for six months. Sentence was pronounced after he had entered a plea of guilty to the charge of having stolen the sum of \$5,764 from the bank.

West Rutland (Vt.) advices published in the Boston "News Bureau" of Aug. 25 said:

Gray Knapp, of Middletown Springs, Vt., was appointed receiver of West Rutland Trust Co. at West Rutland, Vt., by Judge Fred J. Bicknell in Windsor County Court. Appointment was made on petition of Banking Commissioner, who has been in charge of institution since July 17. Bank closed on that date after heavy withdrawals.

J. C. Trees, Vice-President of the Benedum-Trees Oil Co., has been elected to the Board of the Colonial Trust Co. of Pittsburgh. This is learned from the Pittsburgh "Post-Gazette" of Aug. 25, which says:

Mr. Trees is a director of the International Petroleum Co., Ltd., Chairman of the Board of the Gas Industries Co.; President and a director of the Carbo-Oxygen Co., and a director of the South Mills Oil & Gas Co.

According to the Baltimore "Sun" of Aug. 26, the recapitalized Maryland Trust Co. of Baltimore, resulting from absorption of the Drovers' and Mechanics' National Bank and Continental Trust Co. has notified stockholders and holders of certificates of deposit of the three institutions that arrangements have been completed for the deliveries of certificates for the new stock. Stockholders are entitled to new shares of the Maryland Trust Co. as follows, says the "Sun":

For one share of Maryland Trust of \$100 par value, seven shares of \$10 par stock; for one share of Drovers' & Mechanics' National Bank of \$10 par, 1 3/30 (1 1/10) shares of Maryland Trust \$10 par stock, and for one share of Continental Trust of \$100 par, 6 20/30 (6 2/3) shares of the new Maryland Trust stock.

The item likewise says:

An initial statement of condition at the close of business Aug. 12 shows assets of the new Maryland Trust Co. totaling \$43,297,472. Capital stood at \$2,500,000, surplus at \$2,000,000, and undivided profits at \$672,433. Deposits totaled \$37,122,329.

Plans for the consolidation were noted in these columns Aug. 2, page 734.

An Associated Press dispatch from St. Clairsville, Ohio, Aug. 21, published in the "Ohio State Journal" said:

Frozen assets Thursday [Aug. 21] forced the closing of the Dollar Savings Bank, organized here in 1895. The institution was taken over by O. C. Gray, State Superintendent of Banks, after officials reported that a run on the institution Wednesday [Aug. 20] made it necessary to lock the doors to protect depositors.

The bank had capital stock of \$50,000, surplus of \$35,000, and total resources of \$831,960.

Plans for reopening of the bank were considered at a conference between Gray, officials of the Dollar Bank, and directors of the Second National Bank of St. Clairsville, Thursday afternoon. Later, Otto Giffin, Cashier of the Second National, said he had under consideration a proposal that his bank would take over the Dollar Bank's affairs.

The condition of the Dollar Bank resulted from loans on real estate, which dropped 60% in value since the 1928 coal strike. Bank officials said that its bonds, payable in the near future, probably would prevent heavy loss to the directors.

The following United Press dispatch from Hammond, Ind., Aug. 26, was published in the New York "Herald Tribune":

The Northern Trust & Savings Bank was closed to-day after Boleshaw Salik, Secretary and Treasurer, had confessed, according to authorities, to embezzling \$211,000. The closed bank is a small establishment, serving neighborhood business men and workers. Salik, it was said, also confessed to theft of funds from a building and loan association, of which he was Secretary. Salik's method, according to the confession, was to induce patrons to sign duplicates of notes issued to them by the bank. He then issued duplicate mortgages, selling the bonds on one set and keeping the others in the bank as security.

Julius H. Haass, President of the Detroit Bankers Co., Detroit (the bank holding company formed last year by the consolidation of several Detroit banks) has announced the formation of the Detroit Bankers Safe Deposit Co., according to the Detroit "Free Press" of Aug. 15, from which we quote in part as follows:

The Detroit Bankers Safe Deposit Co. (which became effective Aug. 15), will lease and control the 42 safe deposit vaults and the 52,000 safe deposit boxes of units in the Detroit Bankers Co. The Peoples Wayne County Bank has safe deposit vaults in 38 of its offices, the First National bank in Detroit three and the Detroit & Security Trust Co. one. Conveniently located in every section of the city, the safe deposit vaults of the Detroit Bankers company units are used by approximately 1,200 persons daily. Under this new arrangement clients moving to other parts of the city will be able to transfer a box without the inconvenience of the several transactions involved under the former method of operation.

The Detroit Bankers Safe Deposit company was formed to give a more convenient and uniform operation of safe deposit vaults for customers of the banks in the Bankers company throughout the city. The vaults will be open approximately from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. and from 8:30 to 1 p. m., Saturday. An added convenience to customers of the main office of the First National bank is the location of a garage in the building, which allows for the parking of one's car in the same building while transacting business in the vaults.

The safe deposit boxes range in size from small compartments 1 1/2 inches high to large containers several feet in dimension. Several of the vaults in downtown offices are also equipped for storage of articles too large for deposit in safe deposit boxes.

Officers of the new company are: Lawrence K. Butler, President; George H. Johnstone, Vice-President; and George S. Hoppin, Jr., Secretary and Treasurer.

Frank O. Wetmore, co-chairman of the First National Bank of Chicago and for many years an important figure in Chicago finance, died suddenly on Aug. 26 of heart disease at his country home near Wheaton. He was 63 years old. He had been at his desk as usual on Monday and was apparently well says the Chicago "Journal of Commerce," from which we also take the following:

Although for many years Mr. Wetmore had suffered to some extent from his heart and had undergone treatment, he had not allowed the ailment to interfere with his work, maintaining as rigorous working hours as any of his employees. Many responsibilities were thrust upon him in his banking career of 44 years with the First National and he accepted them willingly, taking on in addition many responsibilities of civic and philanthropic endeavor.

Among the achievements credited to him was his part in the settlement of the city's traction problem on the bankers' committee. He came to it on the committee after the ripe study of 20 years and much of the success of the solution was attributed to him by his colleagues.

*Aided Bank Consolidation.*

Another of his ambitions was the consolidation of the First National Bank and its affiliate, the First Trust & Savings Bank, with the Union Trust Co., which was realized in December two years ago. The merger, a \$600,000,000 deal, provided Chicago with one of the largest financial institutions in the United States.

Mr. Wetmore was born Nov. 12 1867, in Kalamazoo, Mich. He started his business life in his father's hardware store and came to Chicago when he was 19, 44 years ago. He commenced his banking work at the bottom, as an errand boy for the bank of which he was to be President at his death.

In 11 years he became an officer of the institution. Mr. Wetmore was regarded as an example of the success to be attained by learning a business thoroughly and continuing with a single organization.

*Mentor of Forgan.*

In one of his early posts he was taken into the confidence and friendship of James B. Forgan, whom he succeeded in 1916 as chief executive of the First National. His executive ability was recognized and his rise was rapid. In 1925 he was elected a member of the Federal Advisory Board of the Federal Reserve Board, representing Chicago, in the seventh District, later becoming chairman of the former board.

For many years he was an official of the American Red Cross and served as chairman of its finance committee during the World War.

He was a director of the Chicago City Ry. and its associated companies; Chicago Surface Lines; Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co.; trustee of the Endowment Fund of the National Red Cross, and a life member of the Art Institute of Chicago and the Field Museum of Natural History.

Mr. Wetmore is the last of a distinguished line of Chicago bankers and financiers of international reputation. James B. Forgan, his mentor, friend and predecessor as president of the First National, died in 1924, after Mr. Wetmore had had the post eight years. John J. Mitchell, head of the Illinois Merchants' Trust Co. was killed, with his wife, in a motor accident in 1927. Ralph Van Vechten, Henry Haugen and Edmund D. Hulbert also have passed away.

The following regarding a proposed Chicago bank consolidation is from the Chicago "Tribune" of Aug. 23:

Plans for another consolidation of Chicago downtown banks were announced last night. Directors of the Union Bank of Chicago and the Guardian National Bank held special meetings and agreed to merge, subject to approval of stockholders of both institutions, who will be called to special meetings in the near future.

The name of the Union Bank of Chicago will be retained and the consolidated business will be conducted in the building owned by the Union Bank at 25 North Dearborn Street. The personnel will include officers and directors of both institutions. The combined institutions will have capital of \$1,300,000, surplus of \$1,000,000, undivided profits of \$300,000, and total deposits of approximately \$11,000,000.

In connection with the merger each bank will retain certain assets for the purpose of adjusting book values. These assets will be distributed among the stockholders of the respective institutions at a later date. In addition, the stockholders of the Union Bank will receive the assets of its subsidiary, the Union Securities Co.

Charles E. Schlytern is Chairman of the Union Bank of Chicago, and Daniel V. Harkin is President. Henry R. Kent is Chairman of the Guardian National Bank, and Andrew T. Murphy is President.

Control of the First National Bank of Oak Park, Cook County, Ill., has been purchased by James T. Bushonville and associates, says the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of Aug. 27, which reports that Mr. Bushonville has been connected with Chicago banking institutions since 1904. It is stated further that he was the founder and President of the Columbia State Savings Bank until he sold his interest in that institution last February. He is a director of the Cook County Bankers' Association and is a member of the Legislative Committee of the Illinois Bankers' Association.

Announcement is made under date of Aug. 9 of the death of Murray MacLeod, President of the following Chicago institutions: The Irving Park National Bank, the Albany Park National Bank & Trust Co., the Portage Park National Bank, Irving National Mortgage Co. Mr. MacLeod was also a member of the Advisory Counsel of the West Irving State Bank of Chicago.

The Commercial National Bank of Fort Dodge, Iowa, was placed in voluntary liquidation on Aug. 5 1930. The institution which was capitalized at \$100,000, was taken over by the Fort Dodge National Bank.

A charter was issued by the Comptroller of the Currency on Aug. 13 for the First National Bank in Phillips, Wis., capitalized at \$25,000. Henry Niebauer and Joe Kolar are President and Cashier, respectively.

Hugh L. Rose, Vice-President and Cashier of the First National Bank of Louisville, Ky., died on Aug. 21. The deceased banker was also a trustee of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Milwaukee, Wis. He was 51 years of age.

On Aug. 14 the Comptroller of the Currency issued a charter for the First National Bank of New Hobbs, New Mex., with capital of \$25,000. J. F. Matchett is President of the new bank and J. A. Johnson, Cashier.

According to a Miami dispatch, on Aug. 21, to the "Wall Street Journal," Dr. J. H. Therrell, liquidator for the closed Bank of Bay of Biscayne, Miami, has called on the stockholders for an assessment of 100%, payable immediately. There are 130 stockholders and their stock represents a par value of \$1,000,000, it was stated.

From the Florida "Times-Union" we take the following Tallahassee dispatch (Associated Press), Aug. 19:

Comptroller Ernest Amos to-night stood freed by the State Supreme Court on charges of malfeasance in office, recently filed in Miami.

Amos was arrested last week on a warrant from Miami but was released on a habeas corpus writ secured from the Supreme Court. Yesterday the Court heard arguments on the writ, from which to-day's release of the State official on the charges resulted.

The specific charge against the Comptroller was that he employed officers and employees of the closed Bank of Bay of Biscayne in making an audit of the institution's affairs in liquidation proceedings.

Amos conducted his own defense before the high court. He spoke only one sentence, after Miami attorneys had argued the case at length. He asked the Court to free him because there had been no evidence presented against him. The Supreme Court did that to-day.

In issuing the writ discharging the Comptroller the Supreme Court wrote: "There being no offense charged the petitioner is discharged."

The decision held that no Florida statute nor any principle of common law had been violated, since the State law governing the Comptroller's action does not regulate whom he shall employ in such matters of liquidation proceedings.

The decision further said that the affidavit did not allege that Amos employed persons connected with the bank as bank report analyst or as liquidator or examiner and did not exclude but supported inference that such persons were employed as proper clerical assistants after the bank ceased to do business.

The order was signed by Justices Whitfield, Ellis and Buford.

The Dallas "News," in advices from Lampasas, Tex., Aug. 19, said:

The First National Bank of Lometa, in Lampasas County, closed its doors last Saturday and is in the hands of national bank examiners. No official information as to condition or future plans have been obtainable. W. W. Tippin is President of the bank.

An Associated Press dispatch from San Francisco Aug. 28 said:

Officers of the Giannini banking interests to-day verified in substance cabled reports from Rome that the Italian bank, Italo Bank Britannico, was about to be acquired by Banca d'America e d'Italia. Banca d'America e d'Italia, controlled by the Transamerica Corp., has headquarters in Milan and controls 29 branches in the principal cities of Italy.

Commenting on the above the New York "Sun" of last night (Aug. 29) stated:

Transamerica officials, in announcing last month the acquisition of an interest in the French commercial bank, Union des Mines, stated that the corporation would probably further enlarge its foreign holdings. Banca d'America e d'Italia on Dec. 31 1929, was capitalized at 200,000,000 lire and reported resources of 1,682,521,368 lire.

Banca Italo-Britannica, whose principal office is at Milan, maintains branches in Genoa, Naples, Rome, Trieste, Turin and Venice.

That stockholders of the First National Bank of Beverly Hills, Cal., have ratified a proposed increase in the bank's capital from \$300,000 to \$400,000, according to an announcement by Richard L. Hargreaves, President of the institution, was reported in the Los Angeles "Times" of Aug. 14. This is the third increase within two and a half years. The new stock is to be sold at a price which will add \$100,000 to surplus and \$50,000 to undivided profits, making aggregate capital, surplus and reserves approximately \$1,000,000. The paper mentioned furthermore said:

Acquisition of the new bank building valued at \$525,000 from the First National Corp. was also approved by the stockholders. By reason of leases executed by the affiliated First National Corp., the bank has free ground rent for 96 years. Revenues from the building after seven months' operation more than take care of carrying charges, Mr. Hargreaves said.

From the Montreal "Gazette" of Aug. 20 it is learned that James Stewart, Winnipeg, Man., has resigned as a director of the Bank of Montreal.

**THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.**

The stock market this week has shown sustained strength with a quite general improvement in prices and with the tone on Friday fairly buoyant. United States Steel has been in good demand and at one period was well above 172, but failed to hold all of its gain. Public utilities and railroad stocks have shown occasional bursts of strength and so have the merchandising issues, but copper stocks and oil shares have been acutely weak. The weekly statement of the Federal Reserve Bank made public after the close of business on Thursday showed a further decrease of \$29,000,000 in brokers' loans. Call money renewed on Monday at 2%, continuing unchanged throughout the week at that rate.

The market was sluggish during the greater part of the two-hour session on Saturday, though prices of a number of selected stocks were somewhat higher at the close. Weakness was apparent in some of the oil issues, particularly Sinclair Oil, which dropped 1½ points to 21¾, following the publication of the semi-annual statement. This was true also of Atlantic Refining Co. The amusement stocks were stronger, Fox and Loew's showing gains of a point or more. United States Steel opened fractionally lower, but improved as the day advanced and closed at 168. Westinghouse Electric advanced a point, General Electric did equally well, and so did American Can and Radio Corporation. Diamond Match broke through to a new top at 248¾, and

Columbian Carbon gained about 2 points. General Motors held its ground despite the pessimism as to the industry in general. The copper stocks displayed no activity and most shares were moving at levels representing around one-third of their market value when the price of metal was 24 cents.

The trend of the market was somewhat mixed on Monday with brisk buying in standard industrials, some of which made sharp gains on the recovery. Heavy selling of the oil shares and a scattering of new lows in the general list, with a partial rally in the railroad issues were also noteworthy features of the day. The list as a whole showed a declining tendency though the recessions in most issues were confined within narrow limits. The sharpest recessions were in Vanadium Steel, Goodyear Tire & Rubber, J. I. Case Threshing Machine, Allied Chemical & Dye and Auburn Auto. Further and rather acute weakness developed in the oil stocks as a result of the passing of several important dividends and the poor earnings of most of the active companies. Good buying was apparent in the public utilities, especially American & Foreign Power which moved ahead about 2 points and American Water Works & Electric, North American, and American Tel. & Tel. United States Steel dipped below 167 and new lows were recorded by General Baking pref. which dropped 10 points to 100, Hamilton Watch and several of the oil group.

The continued weakness of the oil shares was the outstanding feature of the market on Tuesday. The weakness in this group was due in part to the usual seasonal decline in gasoline consumption. New lows were recorded by Shell Union, Royal Dutch, and by Skelly Oil. Railroad stocks were heavy following the publication of a number of unsatisfactory earnings statements for the month of July, and most of the motor stocks were at a standstill. Toward the end of the session, prices improved and the market moved briskly upward under the leadership of United States Steel, which closed at 171 1/4, with a gain of 4 points on the day. The amusement shares made good progress upward, following a brief period of irregularity at the opening, Loew's recording a gain of 2 1/2 points, while Fox Film "A" stock moved ahead about 3 points to 47 1/2. Warner Bros. forged ahead about 2 points, and Radio-Keith-Orpheum closed with a moderate gain. Other strong points were Vanadium Steel, which was higher by 3 points. A. M. Byers and National Biscuit were both substantially higher. Other stocks making net gains for the day were Westinghouse Electric Mfg. Co., American Can, Eastman Kodak, Worthington Pump, du Pont, Sears Roebuck, Columbian Carbon, J. I. Case Threshing Machine, Amer. Tel. & Tel. United Aircraft, Auburn Auto and Air Reduction. Copper stocks continued to sag, Kennecott dipping to a new low for the year, while most of the other issues were off a point or more.

On Wednesday transactions were the largest in several days and as the market continued its gradual improvement prices moved to higher levels. Nevertheless, there were occasional weak spots which gave the market an irregular appearance. In the early trading there was a vigorous demand for a number of the popular speculative favorites like United States Steel which sold up to 172 1/2, the best price in several weeks. Later in the day it dropped to 170 1/2 and closed with a net advance of 1 point. Other strong stocks were Allied Chemical & Dye which jumped 8 1/4 points to 268 1/4, General Baking Company which improved 5 points to 110 and Timken Roller Bearing which gained 3 3/8 points to 69. Bear selling in Vanadium Steel carried that stock down 4 points to below 82, and losses of one to three or more points were registered by Columbian Carbon, United Aircraft, Johns-Manville, Int. Tel. & Tel. and Packard.

Stocks were generally lower and trading again very light on Thursday, due possibly to the fact that many traders were away for the week end. There were very few important price changes, though the closing hour disclosed the fact that many of the less active stocks were down substantially on the day. The strongest stocks of the day were Texas & Pacific which gained 12 points to 128, Sears, Roebuck which improved 4 1/2 points to 72, National Lead which gained 5 points to close at 130, and American Chain which advanced 3 points to 54. The market turned definitely upward on Friday, the last minute short covering operations by bear traders, together with a large amount of investment buying carrying many of the active speculative stocks upward from 2 to 4 or more points. High grade railroad stocks, industrials and amusement issues were in strong demand, the best display of strength being made by the railroad group which scored gains ranging from 1 to 4 or more points. Texas &

Pacific which recorded a gain of 12 points on Thursday, added 14 more which advanced its top to 137. Other strong stocks of the group were, Atchison, Canadian Pacific, New Haven, Union Pacific, Chicago & North Western, Rock Island, Central Railway of New Jersey and Southern Ry. The industrial stocks were represented in the advances by United States Steel, which closed at 171 1/4 with a gain of 2 1/2 points, Westinghouse Electric which showed a gain of 3 points, and Air Reduction which registered a gain of 3 1/2 points at 126 1/4. The final tone was good.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week Ended Aug. 29.	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad, &c., Bonds.	State, Municipal & For'n Bonds.	United States Bonds.	Total Bond Sales.
Saturday	690,170	\$2,490,000	\$984,000	\$128,100	\$3,602,100
Monday	1,600,230	4,822,000	1,805,000	342,500	6,969,500
Tuesday	1,746,950	6,951,000	2,042,000	404,000	9,397,000
Wednesday	2,200,190	6,828,000	2,416,000	146,000	9,390,000
Thursday	1,437,210	5,669,000	2,291,000	74,000	8,034,000
Friday	1,858,820	5,523,000	2,246,000	145,000	7,914,000
Total	9,533,570	\$32,283,000	\$11,784,000	\$1,239,600	\$45,306,600

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended Aug. 29.		Jan. 1 to Aug. 29.	
	1930.	1929.	1930.	1929.
Stocks—No. of shares.	9,533,570	22,452,350	572,844,130	726,951,330
Government bonds	\$1,239,600	\$2,518,200	\$75,202,700	\$85,426,700
State & foreign bonds	11,784,000	11,200,000	443,255,400	415,347,150
Railroad & misc. bonds	32,283,000	41,762,900	1,303,564,400	1,361,102,900
Total bonds	\$45,306,600	\$55,481,100	\$1,822,022,500	\$1,861,876,750

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended Aug. 29, 1930.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	*9,624	---	a12,898	\$7,000	177	\$4,600
Monday	*18,989	\$3,000	a31,786	7,500	718	12,000
Tuesday	*18,587	6,000	a33,135	3,000	713	15,500
Wednesday	*24,809	4,300	a43,920	2,500	1,025	8,100
Thursday	*21,895	17,500	a32,216	2,000	1,519	5,400
Friday	9,625	---	9,140	---	973	3,000
Total	83,529	\$30,800	163,095	\$22,000	5,125	\$48,600
Prev. week revised	119,287	\$46,000	186,292	\$23,800	4,575	\$66,500

\* In addition, sales of rights were: Saturday, 65; Monday, 131; Tuesday, 955; Wednesday, 1,260; Thursday, 840.  
 a In addition, sales of rights were: Saturday, 1,400; Monday, 4,500; Tuesday, 6,100; Wednesday, 7,800; Thursday, 4,100.  
 Sales of warrants were: Saturday, 700; Monday, 100; Tuesday, 5,300; Wednesday, 700.

COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings this week will again show a decrease as compared with a year ago. Preliminary figures compiled by us, based upon telegraphic advices from the chief cities of the country, indicate that for the week ended to-day (Saturday, Aug. 30) bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 39.2% below those for the corresponding week last year. Our preliminary total stands at \$7,605,697,314, against \$12,506,635,567 for the same week in 1929. At this centre there is a loss for the five days ended Friday of 43.1%. Our comparative summary for the week follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ending August 30.	1930.	1929.	Per Cent.
New York	\$3,866,000,000	\$6,799,000,000	-43.1
Chicago	348,157,542	516,753,824	-32.6
Philadelphia	362,000,000	417,000,000	-13.2
Boston	261,000,000	399,000,000	-34.6
Kansas City	96,357,631	112,489,606	-25.4
St. Louis	83,100,000	98,600,000	-17.9
San Francisco	115,502,000	179,891,000	-35.8
Los Angeles	No longer will report clearings.		
Pittsburgh	120,512,349	154,787,642	-22.1
Detroit	107,654,921	171,747,072	-37.3
Cleveland	87,539,646	113,831,860	-23.1
Baltimore	58,670,712	69,554,020	-15.6
New Orleans	34,753,739	44,340,674	-32.7
Twelve cities, 5 days	\$5,541,248,540	\$9,076,995,698	-38.9
Other cities, 5 days	796,832,555	963,355,050	-17.3
Total all cities, 5 days	\$6,338,081,095	\$10,040,350,748	-37.0
All cities, 1 day	1,267,616,219	2,466,234,819	-48.6
Total all cities for week	\$7,605,697,314	\$12,506,635,567	-39.2

Complete and exact details for the week covered by the foregoing will appear in our issue of next week. We cannot furnish them to-day, inasmuch as the week ends to-day (Saturday) and the Saturday figures will not be available until noon to-day. Accordingly, in the above the last day of the week has in all cases had to be estimated.

In the elaborate detailed statement, however, which we present further below we are able to give final and complete results for the week previous—the week ended Aug. 23. For that week there is a decrease of 34.3%, the aggregate of clearings for the whole country being \$8,220,692,285, against \$12,521,981,391 in the same week of 1929. Outside of this city there is a decrease of 22.6%, while the bank clearings at this centre record a loss of 40.1%. We group the cities now





PRICES ON PARIS BOURSE.

Quotations of representative stocks on the Paris Bourse as received by cable each day of the past week have been as follows:

Table with columns for dates (Aug. 23-29) and various stock categories: Bonds, Banks, Canal, Railroad, Mines, Public Utilities, Industrials. Includes entries like 'Banque de France', 'Canal Maritime de Suez', 'Mines des Courrieres', etc.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKET—PER CABLE.

The daily closing quotations for securities, &c., at London, as reported by cable, have been as follows the past week:

Table showing closing quotations for securities at London from Aug. 23 to Aug. 29. Categories include Silver, Gold, Consols, British bonds, and French Renten.

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been:

Small table showing the price of silver in New York from Aug. 23 to Aug. 29.

Public Debt of the United States—Completed Returns Showing Net Debt as of June 30 1930.

The statement of the public debt and Treasury cash holdings of the United States, as officially issued June 30 1930, delayed in publication, has now been received, and as interest attaches to the details of available cash and the gross and net debt on that date, we append a summary thereof, making comparisons with the same date in 1929:

Table titled 'CASH AVAILABLE TO PAY MATURING OBLIGATIONS.' comparing figures for June 30 1930 and June 30 1929. Includes 'Balance end of month' and 'Deduct outstanding obligations'.

Table titled 'INTEREST-BEARING DEBT OUTSTANDING.' comparing interest payable for June 30 1930 and June 30 1929 across various loan types like 'Consols', 'First Liberty Loan', etc.

Net debt... Total gross debt June 30 1930 on the basis of daily Treasury statements was \$16,185,309,831.43 and the net amount of public debt redemption and receipts in transit, &c., was \$1,532.25.

THE CURB EXCHANGE.

With Curb Exchange trading at low ebb prices have made only small change this week though these have been upward. Utility issues have been the most active. Electric Bond & Share shows a substantial improvement having risen from 79 1/2 to 84 1/4 with the close to-day at 84.

A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 1399.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB EXCHANGE.

Table showing daily transactions at the New York Curb Exchange from Saturday to Friday. Columns include Stocks (Number of Shares), Bonds (Domestic, Foreign, Total), and Rights.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

Breadstuffs figures brought from page 1445.—All the statements below regarding the movement of grain—receipts, exports, visible supply, &c., are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange.

Table titled 'Receipts at—' showing grain receipts for Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, and Rye at various locations like Chicago, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, etc., from August 1 to August 29, 1930.

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Aug. 23 1930, follow:

Table showing total receipts of flour and grain at seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Aug. 23 1930. Columns include Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, and Rye.

\* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.











Table with 7 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive, Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. The table lists numerous companies and their financial details, organized into two main sections: Miscellaneous (Continued) and Miscellaneous (Continued).



Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive, Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Contains two main sections: Miscellaneous (Continued) and Miscellaneous (Continued).









Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street Friday Night, Aug. 29 1930.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 1366.

The following are sales made at the Stock Exchange this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Table with columns: STOCKS Week Ended Aug. 29, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Rows include various railroad and miscellaneous stocks like Canad Pacific, Caro Clinch, etc.

Table with columns: Indus. & Miscell., Par, Shares, \$ per share, \$ per share, \$ per share, \$ per share. Rows include various industrial and miscellaneous stocks like Amalgamated Leather, Amer Chain, etc.

\* No par value.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

(All prices dollars per share.)

Table with columns: Bond & Mgt Guar, Home Title Insur, Lawyers Mortgage, Par, Bid, Ask, Par, Bid, Ask. Rows include various realty and surety companies.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked, Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked. Rows include various U.S. Treasury certificates of indebtedness.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

(All prices dollars per share.)

Table with columns: Banks, Par, Bid, Ask, Trust Companies, Par, Bid, Ask. Rows include various banks and trust companies like American Bank, Brooklyn Bank, etc.

\* State banks. † New stock. ‡ Ex-dividend. § Ex-stock div. ¶ Ex-rights.

United States Liberty Loan Bonds and Treasury Certificates on the New York Stock Exchange.

Below we furnish a daily record of the transactions in Liberty Loan bonds and Treasury certificates on the New York Stock Exchange. The transactions in registered bonds are given in a footnote at the end of the tabulation.

Table with columns: Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices, Aug. 23, Aug. 25, Aug. 26, Aug. 27, Aug. 28, Aug. 29. Rows include various bond prices like 3 1/2% Liberty Loan, 4% bonds, etc.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were:

Table with columns: 2 1st 4 1/2s, 11 4th 4 1/2s, 101 1/2, 102 1/2.

Foreign Exchange.—

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4.86 11-16 @ 4.86 13-16 for checks and 4.86 7/8 @ 4.87 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 4.86 1/2 @ 4.86 3/4; sixty days, 4.84 1/2 @ 4.84 13-16; ninety days, 4.83 1/2 @ 4.83 15-16; and documents for payment, 4.84 1/4 @ 4.84 13-16. Cotton for payment 4.86 and grain for payment 4.86.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 3.93 5-16 @ 3.93 7-16 for short. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 40.26 1/2 @ 40.29 for short.

Exchange for Paris on London, 123.76; week's range, 123.82 francs high and 123.76 francs low.

The weeks' range for exchange rates follows:

Table with columns: Sterling, Actual, Checks, Cables, Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders. Rows include various exchange rates.

The Curb Exchange.—The review of the Curb Exchange is given this week on page 1370.

A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 1399.



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 Aug. 23 to Friday Aug. 29) and price ranges per share. Includes various stock symbols and their corresponding price movements.

Table titled 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' listing various companies and their stock prices. Includes columns for 'Lowest' and 'Highest' prices, and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1929'.

\* Bid and asked prices no sales on this day. † Ex-dividend. ‡ 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 Aug. 23, Monday Aug. 25, Tuesday Aug. 26, Wednesday Aug. 27, Thursday Aug. 28, Friday Aug. 29); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1929.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. b Ex-dividend ex-rights. y 3 additional shares for each share held.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see fifth page preceding

Table with columns for HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; and PER SHARE Ranges Since Jan. 1. Includes sub-headers for Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and the lowest/highest price ranges.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. y 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

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday Aug. 23 to Friday Aug. 29) and rows of stock prices per share.

Main table with columns: Stocks (Indus. & Miscel., NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE), Shares, PER SHARE (Lowest, Highest), and PER SHARE (Range for Previous Year 1929, Lowest, Highest). Lists various companies like Marshall Field & Co., Mathieson Alkali Works, etc.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-dividend and ex-rights. ‡ Ex-dividend. § Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see seventh page preceding

Table with multiple columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT; Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1929. The table lists various stocks with their weekly price ranges and annual performance metrics.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see eighth page preceding

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT; Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1929. Rows list various stocks like Indus. & Miscell. (Com.) Par, The Fahr., Preferred 7%, etc., with their respective prices and dates.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-dividend. ‡ Ex-rights.

Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now "and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Name, Interest Period, Price, Week's Range, Bonds Sold, and Range Since Jan. 1. Includes sections for U.S. Government, State and City Securities, Foreign Gov. & Municipal, and Bonds.

b Cash sale. c On the basis of \$5 to the £ sterling.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Price, Week's Range, Range Since, and various market indicators. Includes sections for Foreign Govt. & Municipals and N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE.

c Cash sale.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price (Friday Aug. 29), Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and various market indicators.

o Cash sale. b Due February.

Table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended August 29, Interest Period, Price Friday Aug. 29, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1.

Table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended August 29, Interest Period, Price Friday Aug. 29, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1.

Cash sale. d Due May. e Due August. f Due June.

Table with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price, Week's Range, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and various other details. It lists numerous bonds such as Amer Sugar Ref 5-yr 6s, Am Telep & Telc conv 4s, and Denver Cons Tramw 1st 5s.

c Cash sale



Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Price, Week's Range, Range Since, and various other details. Includes sub-sections for 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE'.

c Cash sale.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Boston Stock Exchange, Aug. 23 to Aug. 29, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes sections for Railroads, Miscellaneous, and Mining.

\* No par value. † Ex-dividend.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange, Aug. 23 to Aug. 29, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes stocks like Abbott Laboratories, Acme Steel, Adams (J. D.) Mfg, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Continued) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes stocks like Amer Service Co, Am Util & Gen Corp, Amer Yvette Co, etc.

Table of stock prices for various companies including Mohawk Rubber Co, Monroe Chemical Co, Morgan Lithograph Co, etc. 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 Phila Traction, Railroad Shares Corp, Seaboard Utilities Corp, etc. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, Aug. 23 to Aug. 29, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Appalachian Corp, Arnold Corporation, Baltimore Trust Co, etc. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, Aug. 23 to Aug. 29, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Almar Stores, Amer Foreign Securities, American Stores, etc. 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. x Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Aug. 23 to Aug. 29, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Almar Stores, Amer Foreign Securities, American Stores, etc. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

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 entries like Plymouth Oil Co., Shamrock Oil & Gas, Standard Steel Springs, etc.

\* No par value. † Includes also record for period when in Unlisted Dept.

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange, Aug. 23 to Aug. 29, 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 entries like Amer Multigraph com., Apex Electrical Mfg., Central United Nat., etc.

\* No par value.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange, Aug. 23 to Aug. 29, 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 entries like Amer Laund Mach com., Amer Rolling Mill com., Amer Thermos Bottle pf. 50, etc.

\* No par value.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange, Aug. 23 to Aug. 29, 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 entries like Bank Stocks— Merc-Commerces, Trust Co. Stocks— Franklin-America Tr., Mississippi Valley Tr., etc.

\* No par value.

Los Angeles Stock Exchange.—Record of transaction, at the Los Angeles Stock Exchange, Aug. 23 to Aug. 29, 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 entries like Balsa Chica Oil A, Bway Dept St pf ex-war 100, Byron Jackson, etc.

\* No par value.

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock Exchange, Aug. 23 to Aug. 29, 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 entries like Anglo-California Tr Co, Assoc Insurance Fund Inc., Atlas Imp Diesel Eng A, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Langendorf United Bak A, Leslie Calif Salt Co, L A Gas & Elec Corp pref.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Cons Chrominn, A, Corp Trust Shares, Credit Alliance A.

\* No par value.

New York Produce Exchange Securities Market.— Following is the record of transactions at the New York Produce Exchange Securities Market, Aug. 23 to Aug. 29, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Aero Klemm, Alco Tool A, All Amer Gen warrants.

Table with columns: Stocks (Continued) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Sylvestre Util, Trinidad, United Natl Pr, Util Hydro w w.

\* No par value.

New York Curb Exchange—Weekly and Yearly Record

In the following extensive list we furnish a complete record of the transactions on the New York Curb Exchange for the week beginning on Saturday last (Aug. 23) and ending the present Friday (Aug. 29). 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 Aug. 28, Stocks— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Indus. & Miscellaneous, Acetol Prods conv cl A, Aeronautical ind war.

Table with columns: Stocks (Continued) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Assoc Elec Industries, Amer dep rets ord shs, Associated Rayon com.

Table with columns: Stocks (Continued) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., and Stocks (Continued) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Lists various companies like Chain Stores Devel com, Chatham & Phentz Allied, etc.







Table of Bonds (Continued) with columns for Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Potrero Sugar 7s, Pow Corp (N Y) 5 1/2s, etc.

\* No par value. i Correction. m Listed on the Stock Exchange this week, when additional transactions will be found. n Sold under the rule. o Sold for cash. s Option sales. t Ex-rights and bonus. w When issued. x Ex-div. y Ex-rights.

• "Under the rule" sales as follows: Amer. Commonwealth 6s, 1949, Jan. 22, \$3,000 at 106@107. Appalachian Elec. Pow. 5s, 1956, Aug. 29, \$2,000 at 101 3/4. Associated Laundries, Feb 17, 100 at 1/2. Blaw-Knox Co., Jan. 2, 58 shares at 31. Burco Co., Jan. 26, 50 warrants at 4 1/2. Central States Elec., Feb. 6, 3,300 shares 6% pref. at 70. Donner Steel Feb. 27, 50 shares common at 33. General Water Works & Elec. Co., 1944, Jan. 29, \$1,000 at 95 1/2. Gerrard (S. A.) Co., Jan. 2, 105 shares com. at 24. Gorham Mfg com v. t. o. April 23, 1 at 43 1/4. Happiness Candy Stores com., Feb. 3, 100 at 1 1/2. Houston Gulf Gas, Mar. 3, 2 shares at 19. Kopper Gas & Coke pref., May 6, 25 at 102 1/2. Mohawk & Hudson Power, Feb. 6, 75 shares 2d prof. at 11 1/2. Neve Drug Stores, May 16, 20 shares at 2. Russian Govt. 5 1/2s, 1921 cfs., Feb. 7, \$6,000 at 7. Singer Mfg., Ltd., Feb. 18, 100 shares at 8. United Elec. Service Amer. shares, Aug. 27, 100 at 15. "Optional" sale as follows: Agricultural Mtge. Bk. of Colombia 7s, 1946, \$50,000 at 77@78. All Amer. General Corp. Aug. 20, 250 at 15. Burma Corp., American deposit receipts Aug. 2 100 at 2 1/2. Del. Elec. Pow. 5 1/2s, 1959, Feb. 19, \$1,000 at 92 1/2. Intercontinents Power deb. Co., 1948, with war., July 11, \$5,000 at 97. Leonard Tietz 7 1/2s 1946 with warrants, May 12, \$3,000 at 115. Montreal Lt., Ht. & Pow. Cons., Feb. 10, 100 shares at 128. Morris & Co. 7 1/2s, 1930, June 30, \$2,000 at 101 1/4. Patterson-Sargent Com., com., Jan. 16, 100 at 22 1/2. Railroad Shares Corp., common, June 26, 800 at 5 1/2. Sou. Calif. Gas 5s, 1937, Feb. 15, \$1,000 at 90 1/2. Swift & Co. 5s, Oct. 15 1932, Jan. 16, \$5,000 at 99 1/2. Ternl Hydro-Elec. 6 1/2s, 1953, Aug. 25, \$9,000 at 81 1/2. Sales of Reliable Stores at 9 1/2 reported in our issue of Aug. 16 an error. Should have been Reliance Management.

CURRENT NOTICES.

The New York Real Estate Securities Exchange, 12 East 41st St., has issued a Statistical Manual covering real estate bond issues admitted to trading, intended to "place before the investing public facts which may enable them to know more intimately the set-up of the securities in which they may be interested." The information, necessarily incomplete in some cases where transfers of property have made it difficult to ascertain all the data or where information has been refused, includes descriptions of the various bond issues, tax liabilities Federal or State, redemption provisions, appraisal and assessed valuations, and a description of the property. The list embraces nearly 60 different properties. The 1930 edition of the "Annual Financial Review" of Canada (Toronto: Houston's Standard Publications), Vol. XXX of this well known and invaluable manual, contains the usual statistical information regarding the membership of the Montreal and Toronto Stock Exchanges, high and low prices for 1929 of securities dealt in and the banks, railways and other Canadian corporations. The volume, indispensable to all persons interested in Canadian securities, replaces the loose leaf statements issued by the same publisher from time to time. The cost of the service, including the bound volume of the Annual, is \$30 a year. "A Brief Outline of Three Economic Catastrophes in a Great Country," by Elliot Norton (New Orleans: Interstate Trust & Banking Co.), sketches the disastrous effect upon Brazil of the drain of its gold resources during the period of Portuguese domination, the loss of the rubber monopoly through the transplantation of the rubber plant to England and thence to the English and Dutch East Indies, and the breakdown of the coffee valorization scheme in 1929. In spite of these calamities the author thinks that with 39,000,000 people of courageous and sterling character "no fear need be had of the future of Brazil." Announcement is made of the organization of Mann Securities Co., with offices in the Board of Trade Building, Chicago. The new firm will conduct a general investment business. Officers of the new securities firm are Y. W. Mann, President, and H. S. Adams, Vice-President, formerly Vice-Presidents of George M. Forman & Co., who will act with Porter Fox as directors. Branch offices of the company have been opened in Minneapolis, St. Louis, Peoria and Lexington. Charles Emmett Bradley, formerly an official in the corporate research department of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, and assistant trade commissioner in Washington, D. C., has been elected Vice-President of Albert E. Pierce & Co., national investment security organization. Otis & Co. announce the enlargement of the investment department in their St. Louis office and the opening of a complete brokerage department. Chapin S. Newhard is resident manager and E. V. Hale, Jr., is manager of the brokerage department. Wallace A. Marshall was elected a director of the Pacific Company at the recent stockholders' meeting. He has been in charge of the retail corporation securities department of the company since joining the organization in March. Engel & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, discuss the common stocks of Allied Chemical & Dye Corp. and the National Biscuit Co. in their weekly financial analysis. John S. Johnston, formerly assistant to Charles H. Sabin, Chairman of the Board of the Guaranty Trust Company has become associated with Walter J. Fahy & Co. of this city. The current issue of "Banking Trends," the weekly publication of Rackliff & Co., Inc., 50 Broadway, New York City, contains an article on bank stock trusts. Paul V. Land, formerly with Bonner, Brooks & Co. and Noble & Corwin, is now associated with the statistical department of Rackliff & Co., Inc., of this city. Newton & Townsend, Inc., announce the opening of an office at 1420 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, under the management of M. G. Montrezza. F. L. Bittles & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, have prepared an analysis of American Tobacco B (new) stock. Bristol & Willett, 115 Broadway, New York City, have issued a circular on the 6% special preferred stock of S. H. Kress & Co. Pearl & Co. announce that William Le Roy Kolle has become associated with them in their Brooklyn Office, 66 Court Street. Potter & Co., 5 Nassau St., New York City, have prepared a special analysis of The Coca Cola Co. common stock. Harris, Upham & Co. will open a new office at Gary, Ind., on Sept. 2. Brown Brothers & Co. have prepared an analysis of Vacuum Oil Co.

Quotations of Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked "f".

Main table containing various security categories: Public Utilities, Railroad Equip., Chain Store Stocks, Investment Trust Stocks, Tobacco Stocks, and Indust. & Miscellaneous. Each entry includes company name, price, and other financial details.

\* Per share. † No par value. ‡ Basis. § Purch. also pays accor. div. ¶ Last sale. †† Nominal. ‡‡ Ex-div. ††† Ex-rights. †††† Canadian quotations. ††††† Sale price.



Alabama Power Co.
(And Subsidiary Companies)

Table with columns for Month of July (1930, 1929) and 12 Mos. End. July 31 (1930, 1929). Rows include Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Gross income, Fixed charges, Net income, Dividends on preferred stock, Provision for retirement reserve, and Balance.

Amer. Commonwealths Pow. Corp. & Affiliated Cos.

Table with columns for 12 Months Ended July 31 (1930, 1929). Rows include Gross revenues, Oper. expenses, Interest charges, Dividends, Balance Available, Annual dividend charges, and Balance available for reserves.

Note.—The above statements reflect the earnings for twelve months periods of properties owned at the respective dates.

American-Hawaiian Steamship Co.

Table with columns for Six Months Ended June 30 (y 1930, 1929). Rows include Operating earnings, Net profit from operations, Prof. from sale of sec., Int. & div. rec., Interest on notes, Total profit, Provision for depreciation, Expenses, Net profit before Federal taxes, and Earns. per shr.

This \$265,256 was shown in the 1929 semi-annual report to stockholders, but was charged at the end of the year against ships replacement fund. y Does not include earnings of Williams Steamship Corp.

American Ice Co.

Table with columns for Period End. July 31 (1930-Month-1929, 1930-7 Mos.-1929). Rows include Net profit after int., but before Federal taxes & depreciation.

Atlantic Gulf & West Indies Steamship Lines.
(And Subsidiary Steamship Companies)

Table with columns for Month of June (1930, 1929) and 6 Mos. End. June 30 (1930, 1929). Rows include Operating revenues, Net revenue from oper., Gross income, Interest, rents and taxes, Net income, Other income, Total income, Interest, disc., &c., Insur. & other reserves, Deprec'n and depletion, Fed. taxes, Inventory adjustment, Intangible devel. costs, Net income, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Balance, surplus, and Previous surplus.

Atlantic Refining Company.

Table with columns for 6 Mos. End. June 30 (1930, 1929, 1927). Rows include Gross income, Raw mat'l., op., &c., exp., Net income, Other income, Total income, Interest, disc., &c., Insur. & other reserves, Deprec'n and depletion, Fed. taxes, Inventory adjustment, Intangible devel. costs, Net income, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Balance, surplus, Previous surplus (adj.), Adj. of sur. not incident to current period, and Surplus—paid-in.

P. & L. sur. June 30. x\$64,476.002 \$58,585.046 \$37,104.089 \$30,519.241 x The Atlantic Refining Co. interest, \$64,556,561, less deficit of minority interest, \$80,559. y Includes minority interests' dividend.

Bendix Aviation Corp.

Table with columns for 3 Months Ended (June 30 '30, Mar. 31 '30, June 30 '30) and 6 Mos. End. (June 30 '30). Rows include Net earnings after all charges, Incl. Federal taxes, Earnings per share on 2,097,454 shares capital stock (no par), and Balance.

Boston Elevated Ry.

Table with columns for Month of July (1930, 1929). Rows include Receipts (From fares, From operation of special cars, From advertising in cars, From rent of buildings, From sale of power), Total receipts, Cost of Service (Maintaining track, Maintaining cars, Power, Transportation exp., Salaries and expenses, Law expenses, Other general operating expenses, Federal, State and municipal tax accruals, Rent for leased roads, Subway, tunnel and rapid transit line rentals, Cambridge subway rental, Interest on bonds, Miscellaneous items), Total cost of service, and Excess of cost of service over receipts.

Carman & Co., Inc. (& Subs.)

Table with columns for Period End. June 30 (1930-3 Mos.-1929, 1930-6 Mos.-1929). Rows include Consolidated net profit after charges & taxes, Shares class B stock outstanding, Earnings per share after class A dividends, and Balance.

Central Illinois Light Co.
(The Commonwealth & Southern Corp. System.)

Table with columns for Month of July (1930, 1929) and 12 Mos. End. July 31 (1930, 1929). Rows include Gross earnings, Oper. exps., incl. taxes and maintenance, Gross income, Fixed charges, Net income, Dividends on preferred stock, Provision for retirement reserve, and Balance.

Coca-Cola International Corp.

Table with columns for Period End. June 30 (1930-3 Mos.-1929, 1930-6 Mos.-1929). Rows include Gross income, Expenses, Net profit, Class A dividends, Common dividends, Surplus, and Balance.

Colonial Beacon Oil Co.

Table with columns for Period End. June 30 (1930-3 Mos.-1929, 1930-6 Mos.-1929). Rows include Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Operating profit, Interest, Depreciation, Net profit, Preferred dividends, and Balance, surplus.

Commonwealth & Southern Corp.

Table with columns for Month of July (1930, 1929) and 12 Mos. End. July 31 (1930, 1929). Rows include Gross earnings, Oper. exps., incl. taxes and maintenance, Gross income, Fixed charges (see note), Net income, Dividends on preferred stocks, Provision for retirement reserve, and Balance.

Note.—Including interest, amortization of debt discount and expenses, and earnings accruing on stock of subsidiaries not owned by The Commonwealth & Southern Corp.

Consumers Power Co.
(The Commonwealth & Southern Corp. System.)

Table with columns for Month of July (1930, 1929) and 12 Mos. End. July 31 (1930, 1929). Rows include Gross earnings, Oper. exp., incl. taxes & maintenance, Gross income, Fixed charges, Net income, Dividends on preferred stock, Provision for retirement reserve, and Balance.

Deep Rock Oil Corporation.
[Formerly Shaffer Oil & Refining Co.]

Table with columns for 12 Months Ended June 30 (1930, 1929). Rows include Gross earnings, Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes, Net earnings, and Balance.

Derby Oil & Refining Corp.

Earnings of Derby Oil Co. (Sub. Co.).

Table with 4 columns: 6 Months Ended June 30, 1930, 1929, 1930, 1929. Rows include Sales, Cost of sales, Gross profits on sales, Selling and traffic expenses, General expense, Gross income, Tank car mileage, Other income, Total income, Lease rentals, discount, &c, Depletion, Depreciation, Reserve for non-productive development, Net profit.

Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Co.

Table with 4 columns: Month of July, 1930, 1929, -7 Mos. End. July 31-, 1930, 1929. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net operating revenue, Interest on funded debt, Net income.

Edmonton Radial Ry.

Table with 4 columns: Month of July, 1930, 1929, -7 Mos. End. July 31-, 1930, 1929. Rows include Revenue (Passenger, Advertising, Special cars, Police, Mail carriers, Other revenue), Total, Expenditure (Maint. of track & o'head, Maintenance of cars, Traffic, Power, Other transp. expenses, General & miscellaneous), Total operation, Operation surplus, Fixed charges, Depreciation, Total surplus.

Engineers Public Service Co.

(And Constituent Companies.)

Table with 4 columns: Month of July, 1930, 1929, 12 Mos. End. July 31-, 1930, 1929. Rows include Gross earnings, Operation, Maintenance, Deprec. of equipment, Taxes, Net operating revenue, Income from oth. sources, Balance, Int. and amortization, Divs. on pref. stock of companies (accrued), Balance, Amt. appl. to com. stk. of sub. cos. in hands of pub., Bal. applic. to res. & to Engineers Pub. Serv. Co, Dividends paid or declared, Preferred, Common cash, Common stock, Balance, surplus.

Federal Mogul Corporation.

Table with 4 columns: Six Months Ended June 30, 1930, 1929, 1930, 1929. Rows include Net profit after charges and taxes, Earns. per sh. on 130,000 shs. com. stk. (no par).

Foundation Co., New York.

Table with 4 columns: Six Mos. End. June 30, 1930, 1929, 1927, 1927. Rows include Gross income, General expenses, Net profit before Fed. taxes, Dividends, Balance.

Fox Film Corporation.

Table with 4 columns: [Incl. Wholly Owned Subsidiary Controlled and (or) Affiliated Cos.], Earnings for Six Months (26 Weeks) Ended June 28 1930. Rows include Net profit before exhaustion of film, depreciation, interest charges & income taxes, Exhaustion of film, incl. participations, Depreciation, Interest charges, Profit applicable to minority interests in theatre subsidiaries, Provision for Fox Film Corp. share of Federal income taxes, Net income, Balance, Dec. 28 1929, Total surplus, Dividends declared, Surplus June 28 1930, Earnings per shr. on 2,525,660 shs. cl. A & B stocks (no par).

Georgia Power Co.

(And Subsidiary Companies.)

Table with 4 columns: Month of July, 1930, 1929, 12 Mos. End. July 31-, 1930, 1929. Rows include Gross earnings, Oper. exps., incl. taxes and maintenance, Gross income, Fixed charges, Net income, Dividends on 1st preferred stock, Dividends on 2nd preferred stock, Provision for retirement reserve, Balance.

(Adolph) Gobel, Inc. (& Subs.).

Earnings for 32 Weeks Ended Aug. 9 1930.

Table with 4 columns: Net sales, Net profit after interest, deprec., Fed. taxes, subs. divs., &c., Earnings per share on 430,989 shares common stock (no par).

Gulf Power Co.

Table with 4 columns: Month of July, 1930, 1929, 12 Mos. End. July 31-, 1930, 1929. Rows include Gross earnings, Operating expenses, incl. taxes & maintenance, Gross income, Fixed charges, Net income, Dividends on 1st preferred stock, Dividends on 2d preferred stock, Provision for retirement reserve, Balance.

Hayes Body Corporation.

Table with 4 columns: Period End. June 30, 1930-3 Mos., 1929, 1930-6 Mos., 1929. Rows include Gross, Operating costs, Operating loss, Other income, Loss, Other charges, Depreciation, Interest, Net loss.

Honolulu Rapid Transit Co., Ltd.

Table with 4 columns: Month of July, 1930, 1929, -7 Mos. Ended July 31-, 1930, 1929. Rows include Gross rev. from transp., Operating expenses, Net rev. from transp., Rev. other than transp., Net rev. from oper'n., Taxes assignable to rail-way operations, Interest, Depreciation, Profit and loss, Replacements, Total deduc. from rev., Net revenue.

Illinois Power Co.

(The Commonwealth & Southern Corp. System.)

Table with 4 columns: Month of July, 1930, 1929, 12 Mos. End. July 31-, 1930, 1929. Rows include Gross earnings, Operating expenses, incl. taxes & maintenance, Gross income, Fixed charges, Net income, Dividends on preferred stock, Provision for retirement reserve, Balance.

International Products Corp.

Table with 4 columns: 6 Months Ended June 30, 1930, 1929, 1930, 1929. Rows include Net income after deprec., deplet., Fed. taxes, &c., Earnings per sh. on 532,116 shs. com. stk. (no par).

Investment Co. of America.

Table with 4 columns: Six Months Ended June 30, 1930, 1929. Rows include Int. earned on investments and profits realized from sales of secur., less res. deducted from investm'ts, Divs. from investments in pref. & common stocks, Total income, Interest on 5% debenture bonds, Operating expense, Discount on 5% deb. bonds, proportion written off, Provision for Federal income tax, Net income for the period, Preferred share dividends paid and declared, Balance to surplus and reserves, Reserve for cumulative preferred dividends, Reserve for contingencies, Balance, surplus, Profit and loss surplus, Shares common stock outstanding (no par), Earnings per share.



New York City Street Railways.

Table with columns: Companies, Gross Revenue, Gross Income, Deductions from Income, Net Corp. Income. Rows include Brooklyn & Queens, Eight & Ninth Aves, Fifth Ave. Coach, Interborough Rapid Transit, Hudson & Manhattan, etc.

Niagara Hudson Power Corp. (& Subs.).

Table with columns: Month of July, Operating revenue, Non-operating income (net), Balance for dividends. Includes sub-sections for 7 Months Ended July 31 and 12 Months Ended July 31.

North American Car Corp.

Table with columns: Period End. June 30, 1930-3 Mos.-1929, 1930-6 Mos.-1929. Rows include Net profit after charges and taxes, Sbs. com. stock outstanding, etc.

North American Edison Co. (& Subs.).

Table with columns: 12 Mos. End. June 30, 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927. Rows include Gross earnings, Oper. exp., maint. & tax, Interest charges, etc.

North Central Texas Oil Co., Inc.

Table with columns: Period End. June 30, 1930-3 Mos.-1929, 1930-6 Mos.-1929. Rows include Income from all sources, Oper. & gen'l expense, Depletion, etc.

Northern Paper Mills Company.

Table with columns: 6 Months Ended June 30, 1930, 1929. Rows include Net income after oper. exp., deprec. and taxes.

Orpheum Circuit, Inc. (& Subs.).

Table with columns: 6 Months Ended June 30, 1930, 1929. Rows include Net loss after interest depreciation, amortization, &c.

Pacific Finance Corp.

Earnings for 6 Months Ended June 30 1930. Net profit after charges and taxes \$1,175,064. Earnings per share on 892,145 shares common stock (par \$10), after preferred dividends \$1.12.

Park & Tilford, Inc.

6 Months Ended June 30—1930 1929. Net profit after charges and Federal taxes \$169,371 x\$648,162. Earnings per share on 218,722 shares capital stock (no par) \$0.77 x\$2.99.

Parmelee Transportation Co. (& Subs.).

Earnings for 6 Months Ended June 30 1930. Operating revenue \$5,198,212. Expenses 5,027,147. Net revenue \$171,065. Other income 88,412.

Safeway Stores, Inc.

6 Mos. End. June 30—1930 1929 1928 1927. Sales \$108,346,124 \$93,778,973 \$47,598,974 \$35,090,202. Net profit after Fed. tax 1,711,012 2,915,589 1,412,354 748,716.

St. Joseph Lead Co. (& Subs.).

Earnings for 6 Months Ended June 30 1930. Profit from operations after expenses incl. writing-off of development and exploration charges \$3,264,782. Other income 1,131,584.

Schulco Co., Inc.

Earnings for 6 Months Ended June 30 1930. Rentals earned \$528,322. Legal and other expense, int. on 1st mtgs. and deprec. on buildings, &c. 290,404.

Schulte Retail Stores Corp.

(Excluding Equity in Earnings of Schulte Real Estate Co., Inc.) Six Months Ended June 30—1930 1929. Net profit after charges and taxes x\$584,205 \$1,117,294.

Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corporation (& Subs.).

Six Months Ended June 30—1930 1929. Gross oper. earnings, excl. of inter-company sales and inter-company transportation charges \$88,423,056 \$89,712,507. Costs, operating and general expenses 72,492,569 70,651,781.

South Carolina Power Co.

(The Commonwealth & Southern Corp. System) Month of July—1930 1929. Gross earnings \$195,000 \$203,807. Operating expenses, incl. taxes & maintenance 108,604 98,720.

Scott Paper Co.

Table with 3 columns: Item, 1930, 1929. Rows include Seven Months Ended July 27, Net profit after charges and Federal taxes, Earnings per share on 158,909 shares common stock, etc.

Southern Indiana Gas & Electric Co.

(The Commonwealth & Southern Corp. System)

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1930, 1929, 12 Mos. End. July 31—1930, 1929. Rows include Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Net income, Dividends, etc.

Standard Gas & Electric Company.

(Including Subsidiary and Affiliated Companies.)

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1930, 1929, 12 Months Ended June 30—1930, 1929. Rows include Gross earnings, Net earnings, Other income, Net income, Dividends, etc.

The Tennessee Electric Power Co.

(And Subsidiary Companies.)

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1930, 1929, 12 Mos. End. July 31—1930, 1929. Rows include Gross earnings, Net income, Dividends, etc.

Third Avenue Railway System.

(Railway and Bus Operations)

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1930, 1929, 12 Mos. End. July 31—1930, 1929. Rows include Operating revenue, Operating expenses, Net operating revenue, Taxes, Operating income, Gross income, Deductions, Net income, etc.

Thompson-Starrett Co., Inc.

Earnings for 3 Months Ended July 31 1930.

Table with 2 columns: Item, 1930. Rows include Net earnings applicable to dividends and sinking fund, Dividends requirement on preference stock, Earnings per share on 600,000 shares common stock.

Union Tank Car Co.

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927. Rows include 6 Mos. End. June 30—Profit from operations, Total income, Dividends paid, Balance surplus, Adjustments, Surplus, etc.

Universal Pictures Co., Inc.

Table with 4 columns: Item, May 3 '30, May 4 '29, May 5 '28. Rows include 6 Months Ended Net profits after charges and Federal taxes, etc.

Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc.

Table with 3 columns: Item, y1930, x1929. Rows include 39 Weeks Ended May 31—Consolidated net profit after all charges, Shares common stock outstanding, Earnings per share, etc.

Wil-Low Cafeterias, Inc.

Earnings for 10 Months Ended July 31 1930.

Table with 2 columns: Item, 1930. Rows include Gross sales, Gross profit, Depreciation, Net profit, Earnings per share.

Woods Brothers Corp.

Table with 3 columns: Item, 1930, 1929. Rows include 6 Months Ended June 30—Sales, Gross profits, Net earnings, Preferred dividend requirements, Shares of common stock outstanding, Earnings per share.

Zenith Radio Corp.

Table with 3 columns: Item, 1930, 1929. Rows include Quarter Ended July 31—Manufacturing profit, Expenses, Depreciation, Net loss, Earnings per share.

Table with 5 columns: Company, 1930, 1929, 12 Mos. Ended July 31—Gross Revenue, Net Oper. Revenue, Surplus After Chgs. Rows include Baton Rouge Electric Co, Eastern Texas Elec Co, El Paso Elec Co, Puget Sound Pr & Lt Co, Savanman Electric & Power Co, Virginia Elec & Pow Co, Cape Breton Elec Co, Eastern Utilities Associates, Fall River Gas Works Co, Galveston-Houston Elec Co, Haverhill Gas Light Co, Jacksonville Traction Co, Sierra Pacific Elec Co, Tampa Electric Co.



Earnings of Large Telephone Companies.—The Inter-State Commerce Commission at Washington has issued a monthly statement of the earnings of large telephone companies having an annual operating revenue in excess of \$250,000. Below is a summary of the return:

Table with 4 columns: No. of Co. Stations in Service, Gross Earnings, Operating Expenses, Operating Income. Rows include June 1930, June 1929, 6 months ended June 1930, and 6 months ended June 1929.

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—We give below the latest weekly returns of earnings for all roads making such reports:

Table with 5 columns: Name, Period Covered, Current Year, Previous Year, Inc. (+) or Dec. (-). Rows list various companies like Canadian National, Canadian Pacific, 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 I roads in the country.

Table with 5 columns: Month, Gross Earnings (1929, 1928), Inc. (+) or Dec. (-), Length of Road (1929, 1928). Rows list months from February to June.

Table with 5 columns: Month, Net Earnings (1929, 1928), Amount, Per Cent. Rows list months from February to June.

Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.—The table following shows the gross, net earnings and net after taxes for STEAM railroads reported this week to the Inter-State Commerce Commission:

Table with 6 columns: Gross from Railway, Net from Railway, Net after Taxes, and their 1929 and 1930 values. Rows list various railroads like Akron Canton & Yegstwn, Ann Arbor, Atch Topeka & Santa Fe, etc.

Large table with 6 columns: Gross from Railway, Net from Railway, Net after Taxes, and their 1929 and 1930 values. Rows list various railroads like Buffalo & Susquehanna, Canadian National Rys., Atl & St Lawrence, Central RR of N J, Charles & W Carolina, Chicago & Alton, Chic Burl & Quincy, Chic & East Illinois, Chic Great Western, Chic & Ill Midland, Chic Ind & Louisville, Chic Milw St P-Pac, Chic & No Western, Chic River & Indiana, Chic St Paul Minn & O, Clinchfield, Columbus & Greens, Delaware & Hudson, Del Lack & Western, Detroit & Mackinac, Detroit Terminal, Det Tol & Ironton, Det & Tol Shore Line, Dul Winnipic & Pacific, Erie Railroad, Chicago & Erie, N J & N Y RR, Fla East Coast, Ft Smith & West, Georgia RR, Georgia & Fla, Grand Trunk West, Gt North System, Green Bay & West, Gulf Mobile & North, Gulf & Ship Island, Ill Cent System, Ill Central Co., Yazoo & Miss Valley, International Great Northern, Kansas City Southern, Lake Terminal.

Table with columns: -Gross from Railway 1930, 1929, Net from Railway 1930, 1929, Net after Taxes 1930, 1929. Rows include Lehigh & Hudson River, Lehigh & New Eng, Lehigh Valley, Louisiana & Ark, Louisville & Nash, Maine Central, Minneapolis & St Louis, Missouri Pacific, Mobile & Ohio, Nash Chatt & St Louis, N Y Central, Ind Harbor Belt, Pitts & Lake Erie, N Y Chic & St Lou, N Y Connect, N Y N H & Hartford, N Y Ont & West, N Y Susq & West, Norfolk Southern, Norfolk & West, Northern Pacific, Pennsylvania System, Peoria & Pekin Union, Pere Marquette, Pittsburgh & Shawmut, Pitts Shawmut & North, Pittsburgh & West Virginia, Reading Co, Richm'd Fred'k'b'g & Pot, Rutland, St Louis-San Francisco, St Louis Southwestern, San Diego & Arizona, Southern Pacific System, Southern Railway System, Ala Great Southern, Cin N O & T P, Georgia So & Florida, New Ori & Northeast, New Orleans Terminal, North Alabama.

Table with columns: -Gross from Railway 1930, 1929, Net from Railway 1930, 1929, Net after Taxes 1930, 1929. Rows include Staten Island R T, Term Ry Assn of St. Louis, Texas & Pacific, Toledo-Terminal, Ulster & Delaware, Union RR (Penn), Utah, Wabash, Western Ry of Alabama, Wheeling & Lake Erie.

Other Monthly Steam Railroad Reports.—In the following we show the monthly reports of STEAM railroad companies received this week as issued by the companies themselves, where they embrace more facts than are required in the reports to the Inter-State Commerce Commission, such as fixed charges, &c., or where they differ in some other respect from the reports to the Commission.

Ann Arbor. Table with columns: -Month of July 1930, 1929, -12 Mos. End. July 31- 1930, 1929. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net ry. oper. income, Gross income, Net corporate income.

Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. Table with columns: -Month of July 1930, 1929, -7 Mos. End. July 31- 1930, 1929. Rows include Railway oper. revenues, Railway oper. expenses, Railway tax accruals, Other debts, Net ry. oper. income, Average miles operated.

Bangor & Aroostook RR. Table with columns: -Month of July 1930, 1929, -7 Mos. End. July 31- 1930, 1929. Rows include Gross oper. revenues, Operating expenses (incl. maint. and deprec.), Net revenue from oper., Tax accruals, Operating income, Other income, Gross income, Deductions from funded debt, Other deductions, Total deductions, Net income.

Boston & Maine. Table with columns: -Month of July 1930, 1929, -7 Mos. End. July 31- 1930, 1929. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net operating revenue, Taxes, Uncoll. ry. revenues, Equipment rents-Dr, Joint facility rents-Dr, Net ry. oper. income, Net misc. oper. income, Other income, Gross income, Deductions (rentals, interest, &c.), Net income.

Canadian National Ry. Table with columns: -Month of July 1930, 1929, -7 Mos. End. July 31- 1930, 1929. Rows include Gross earnings, Working expenses, Net profits.

Canadian Pacific Ry. Table with columns: -Month of July 1930, 1929, -7 Mos. End. July 31- 1930, 1929. Rows include Gross earnings, Working expenses, Net profits.

Chicago Great Western RR.

Table with 4 columns: Month of July (1930, 1929), 7 Mos. End. July 31 (1930, 1929). Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Operating ratio, Net rev. from ry. oper., Net ry. oper. income.

For last complete annual report see Financial Chronicle Apr. 26 '30, p. 2950.

The Denver & Rio Grande Western RR. Co.

Table with 4 columns: Month of July (1930, 1929), Jan. 1 to July 31 (1930, 1929). Rows include Average mileage oper., Total revenues, Total expenses, Net revenue, Railway tax accruals, Net railway oper. inc., Other income, Net income.

For last complete annual report see Financial Chronicle April 19 '30, p. 2758.

Erie RR. (Including Chicago & Erie RR.)

Table with 4 columns: Month of July (1930, 1929), 7 Mos. End. July 31 (1930, 1929). Rows include Operating revenues, Oper. expenses and taxes, Operating income, Net ry. oper. income, Gross income, Net income.

For last complete annual report see Financial Chronicle Apr. 19 '30, p. 2755.

Georgia & Florida RR.

Table with 4 columns: Month of July (1930, 1929), 7 Mos. End. July 31 (1930, 1929). Rows include Net rev. from ry. oper., Ry. tax accruals, Net ry. oper. income, Gross income, Surplus appl. to int.

Maine Central RR.

Table with 4 columns: Month of July (1930, 1929), 7 Mos. End. July 31 (1930, 1929). Rows include Freight revenue, Passenger revenue, Railway oper. revenues, Surplus after charges, Net income.

For last complete annual report see Financial Chronicle Mar. 15 '30, p. 1816.

Missouri-Kansas-Texas Lines.

Table with 4 columns: Month of July (1930, 1929), 7 Mos. End. July 31 (1930, 1929). Rows include Mileage operated (aver.), Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Available for interest, Net income.

For last complete annual report see Financial Chronicle May 10 1930, p. 3342, and Apr. 5 1930, p. 2384.

New York Ontario & Western Ry.

Table with 4 columns: Month of July (1930, 1929), 7 Mos. End. July 31 (1930, 1929). Rows include Operating revenue, Operating expenses, Net rev. from ry. oper., Total ry. oper. income, Net operating income.

For last complete annual report see Financial Chronicle Mar. 22 '30, p. 2020.

New York New Haven & Hartford RR.

Table with 4 columns: Month of July (1930, 1929), 7 Mos. End. July 31 (1930, 1929). Rows include Railway oper. revenues, Railway oper. expenses, Net rev. from ry. oper., Railway tax accruals, Net railway oper. income, Net operating income.

For last complete annual report see Financial Chronicle Mar. 22 1930, p. 2014, and Mar. 15 1930, p. 1817.

Pere Marquette Ry. Co.

Table with 4 columns: Month of July (1930, 1929), Jan. 1 to July 31 (1930, 1929). Rows include Railway oper. revenues, Railway oper. expenses, Net rev. from ry. oper., Net railway oper. income, Other income-net, Bal. before ded. of int., Total interest accruals, Balance.

For last complete annual report see Financial Chronicle May 10 '30, p. 3343.

Pittsburgh & West Virginia Ry.

Table with 4 columns: Month of July (1930, 1929), 7 Mos. Ended July 31 (1930, 1929). Rows include Railway oper. revenues, Railway oper. expenses, Net rev. from ry. oper., Net railway operating income, Non-operating income, Gross income, Deduct. from gross inc., Net income.

For last complete report see Financial Chronicle May 31 '30, p. 3870.

St. Louis-San Francisco Railway.

Table with 4 columns: Month of July (1930, 1929), 7 Mos. Ended July 31 (1930, 1929). Rows include Operated mileage, Freight revenue, Passenger revenue, Other revenue, Total operating rev., Maint. of way & struc., Transportation expenses, Other expenses, Total oper. expenses, Net ry. operating income, Surplus after all charges.

For last complete annual report see Financial Chronicle Mar. 15 '30, p. 1818 and June 7 '30, p. 4081.

St. Louis Southwestern Ry. Lines.

Table with 4 columns: Month of July (1930, 1929), 7 Mos. End. July 31 (1930, 1929). Rows include Miles operated, Railway oper. revenues, Railway oper. expenses, Ratio of oper. expenses to operating revenues, Net rev. fr. ry. oper., Ry. tax accr. & uncoll. railway revenues, Railway oper. income, Other ry. oper. income, Total ry. oper. income, Ded. fr. ry. oper. inc., Net ry. oper. income, Non-operating income, Gross income, Deduct. from gross inc., Net income.

For last complete annual report see Financial Chronicle July 26 '30, p. 621 and Aug. 16 1930, p. 1093.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.

Table with 4 columns: Month of July (1930, 1929), 7 Mos. End. July 31 (1930, 1929). Rows include Total oper. revenues, Total oper. expenses, Net revenue, Taxes & uncoll. ry. rev., Operating income, Equipment and joint facility rents, Net ry. oper. income.

For last complete annual report see Financial Chronicle Mar. 8 '30, p. 1641

Soo Line System.

Table with 4 columns: Month of July (1930, 1929), 7 Mos. to July 31 (1930, 1929). Rows include Freight revenue, Passenger revenue, All other revenue, Total revenues, Maint. of way & structure expenses, Traffic expenses, Transportation exps., General expenses, Total expenses, Net railway revenues, Taxes & uncoll. ry. rev., Net after taxes, Hire of equipment, Rental of terminals, Net after rents, Other income (net), Int. on fund. debt, Net profit, Division of net profit or deficit between, Soo Line, W. C. Ry. Co., System.

For last complete annual report see Financial Chronicle May 17 '30, p. 3527.

Southern Pacific Lines.

Table with 5 columns: Item, 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927. Rows include Revenues (Freight, Passenger, Mail, Express, etc.), Expenses (Maint. of way & struct., Traffic, etc.), and Income (Net rev. from ry. oper., Railway tax accruals, etc.).

United Paperboard Co., Inc.

(17th Annual Report—Year Ended May 31 1930.)

Table with 5 columns: Item, May 31 1930, May 25 1929, May 28 1928, May 28 1927. Rows include INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDED (Total sales, Mill earnings, etc.), COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET (Assets: Real estate, plant, etc.; Liabilities: Preferred stock, Common stock, etc.), and Total.

Texas & Pacific Ry.

Table with 5 columns: Item, 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927. Rows include Railway oper. revenues, Net rev. from ry. oper., Ry. oper. income, Net railway oper. inc., Gross income, and Net income.

Union Pacific System.

Table with 5 columns: Item, 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927. Rows include Operating Revenues (Freight, Passenger, Mail, Express, etc.), Operating Expenses (Maint. of way & struct., Traffic, etc.), Income Items (Net rev. from ry. oper., Railway tax accruals, etc.), and Net Income.

Wabash Ry.

Table with 5 columns: Item, 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net ry. oper. income, Gross income, and Net corporate income.

Western Maryland Ry.

Table with 5 columns: Item, 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927. Rows include Operating revenues, Total operating expenses, Net operating revenue, Taxes, Operating income, Equipment rents, Joint facility rents, Net ry. oper. income, Other income, Gross income, Fixed charges, and Net income.

New York Steam Corp.

(9th Annual Report—Year Ended June 30 1930.)

President David C. Johnson, Aug. 25, wrote in substance:

Results.—Gross earnings increased from \$7,786,752 to \$9,539,538, or over 22%. Sales of steam increased from 7,731,487,000 pounds to 9,792,410,000 pounds, or over 26%.

Net earnings after operating expenses and maintenance, but before taxes, showed a substantial increase from \$3,214,963 to \$4,223,173, or over 31%. Of the approximately \$1,750,000 increase in gross earnings, more than \$1,000,000 was saved for net earnings after operating expenses, exclusive of taxes.

General taxes increased from \$449,472 to \$522,088. Net earnings after taxes other than Federal income taxes increased from \$2,765,492 to \$3,701,085, or 34%. These net earnings were more than 3 1/2 times the interest on unded debt for the year 1930, which amounted to \$1,029,306, and also over 3 1/2 times the interest liabilities of \$1,025,810 on the \$19,377,500 aggregate principal amount of bonds (the only funded debt of the corporation) outstanding at the close of the year.

The provision for retirement reserve for the year amounted to \$526,652, which was treated as an operating charge and appears in the earnings statement as a deduction immediately after operating expenses and taxes. In previous years provision for retirement reserve was regarded as a direct charge to surplus. After such provision for retirement reserve, the balance available for common stock for the year 1930 amounted to \$1,053,463.

Dividends were paid on the common stock in order that surplus earnings might be retained and re-invested in the property of the corporation. The corporation also provided for the additional capital necessitated by the rapidly growing business.

Affiliations.—The acquisition by the Consolidated Gas Co. of New York of a substantial majority of the common stock of the New York Steam Corp. should prove of benefit to the corporation and its present and future consumers. While the New York Steam Corp. is being operated as a separate unit and will be expected to earn its operating and other expenses and a fair return on its assets and investments, the close affiliation with the Consolidated Gas system should result in improved service, increased efficiencies and greater economies of operation.

Financing.—The net capital expenditures, after retirements, made during the year, of \$4,469,488, as well as the bond sinking fund payments, were financed out of earnings and temporary bank borrowings. No securities were sold by the corporation during the year. As a consequence, the balance sheet as at June 30 1930 shows notes payable of \$4,850,000, an increase of \$3,150,000 in loans from banks since June 30 1929.

In January 1930 the corporation filed with the Public Service Commission a petition asking permission to issue 14,000 shares of common stock, without par value, to realize proceeds of \$5,600,000 to be applied chiefly in reimbursement of expenditures made in extending the corporation's service system, including the construction and installation of new mains and generating facilities. The petition was subsequently amended, at the suggestion of a committee of minority stockholders, so as to request approval of the issue and sale of 112,000 shares of common stock, without par value, at \$50 a share, so as to realize the same amount of proceeds.

The Public Service Commission ordered hearings on the petition to be held, beginning March 22 1930. At these hearings, which were continued from time to time for a period of two months, the corporation introduced exhaustive evidence in support of the merits of its application. The brief of the corporation was filed with the Commission on June 3 1930 and the committee of minority stockholders has also filed a brief in support of the application. So far as is known, no opposition to the application has been registered with the Commission.

Conditioned upon approval by the Commission of the issue of additional stock, the stockholders will be asked to authorize an increase in the authorized number of shares of common stock from 30,000 shares, without par value, as at present authorized, to 500,000 shares, without par value, and the change of the previously authorized shares of common stock (all of which have been issued) into eight times their present number, or 240,000 shares. Subject to such authorization, it is proposed that the 112,000 shares of common stock which are covered by the application to the Public Service Commission shall be offered to existing holders of common stock for subscription, pro rata, at \$50 a share. The Consolidated Gas Co. of New York has agreed to underwrite the sale of this stock at the offering price, without compensation.

Operations.—The quantity of steam distributed to consumers during the fiscal year increased 27%, whereas the quantity of coal consumed increased only 19%. Production expense per 1,000 pounds of steam delivered to consumers was further reduced during the year, as a result of improved power station efficiencies and other economies of operation.

New Property.—During the past year, the plant and property account increased from \$40,520,840 to \$44,990,328, a net increase of \$4,469,488 after retiring property the cost of which was \$455,669, from which there was a net salvage of \$27,497. All new construction work was completed within the costs estimated at the beginning of the year.

Distribution System.—During the year the length of mains and services was increased from 291,393 feet to 316,638 feet, a net increase of 25,425 feet, exceeded in only one other year in the history of the corporation. The increase in length of mains was 11% and, due to the larger than average size of mains now being installed, the effective increase in equivalent size of pipe is approximately 15%. The average equivalent diameter of all the distribution mains of the corporation is over 14 inches.

New Business.—From July 1 1929 to June 30 1930 the corporation entered into new service contracts representing an annual revenue of \$2,776,698.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial Reports.—An annex to annual reports of steam railroads, public utility and miscellaneous companies which have been published during the preceding month will be given on the first Saturday of each month. This index will not include reports in the issue of the "Chronicle" in which it is published. The latest index will be found in the issue of Aug. 2. The next will appear in that of Sept. 6.

compared with \$1,618,795 of new business secured during the previous year. The figures for the past year included the estimated revenue from the Grand Central group of buildings, now being served with a high degree of success.

The contents of buildings served by the corporation or under contract on June 30 1930 aggregate 1,875,713,000 cubic feet, compared with 1,432,798,000 cubic feet at the end of the previous fiscal year, an increase of 31%.

Rates and Service.—The existing rates of the corporation provide that when there is an improvement in the efficiency of generation and distribution (as measured by the ratio of gross tons of coal consumed during any fiscal year to thousands of pounds of steam billed to consumers), the ratio used in figuring the coal cost rate adjustment during the succeeding year shall be changed correspondingly.

During the past fiscal year there was a reduction in the coal surcharge, due to a lower cost of coal per gross ton delivered alongside the corporation's docks. For the month of July 1930 the coal surcharge was 3.7c. per 1,000 pounds of steam, compared with 4.7c. for July 1929.

INCOME ACCOUNT—YEARS ENDED JUNE 30.

Table with columns for Operating Revenues (Downtown, Uptown) and Total gross earnings, Operating expenses, General taxes, Federal taxes, and Prov. for retire's reserve for years 1930, 1929, 1928, and 1927.

Table comparing 1930, 1929, 1930, and 1929 for Bond interest, General interest, Bond discount & expense, Miscell. amortization, Net income, and Preferred dividends.

Balance, surplus, \$1,053,463. The surplus account June 30 1930 shows: Surplus balance June 30 1930, \$1,990,387. Add surplus net income before depreciation and divs., \$1,695,392; total surplus, \$3,685,780.

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Table showing Assets (Plant & property, Investments, Deposits, etc.) and Liabilities (Pref. A stock, \$6 pref. stock, etc.) for 1930 and 1929.

Total (each side), \$48,663,403. A represented by 41,930 outstanding shares of series A \$7 cumulative preferred stock (no par value) valued at minimum liquidation price.

General Corporate and Investment News.

STEAM RAILROADS.

Railroad Rate Fight to Reopen in Washington.—The controversy over railroad valuations, rate bases and recapture by the Government of earnings above 6%, will come up again early in the next session of Congress.

New Freight Cars and Locomotives Placed in Service in First Seven Months Exceed Those for Same Period in 1929.—Class 1 railroads of the United States in the first seven months of 1930 placed 55,660 new freight cars in service.

Of the new freight cars installed 28,616 were box cars, an increase of 8,069 compared with such installations in the first seven months of 1929. There were also 21,463 new coal cars placed in service in the seven months this year compared with 14,475 installed during the same period last year.

The railroads also placed in service in the first seven months this year 484 new locomotives compared with 371 in the same period in 1929.

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

Surplus Freight Cars.—Class 1 railroads on Aug. 14 had 438,710 surplus freight cars in good repair and immediately available for service, the car service division of the American Railway Association announced.

Greater Efficiency Shown in Use of Fuel.—Class 1 railroads of this country in the first six months of 1930 obtained the greatest efficiency, for any corresponding period on record, in the use of fuel by road locomotives.

Record efficiency also marked the use of fuel in the passenger service in the first six months of 1930, an average of 15 pounds having been required to move each passenger train car one mile compared with 15.3 pounds in the first six months in the preceding year.

This increase in efficiency in the use of fuel during the first half of 1930 was brought about by the rail carriers even in the face of a reduction of both freight and passenger traffic.

The railroads, particularly in the past seven years, have been constantly deriving better results from the use of fuel, due not only to improved operating methods which have been placed into effect, but also to the construction and installation of improved types of locomotives which produce more power compared with the amount of fuel used than was formerly the case.

Matters Covered in the "Chronicle" of Aug. 23.—(1) Gross and net earnings of United States railroads for the six months ended June 30, p. 1156; (2) Railroad reduce rates to aid farmers; half-rates announced on movement of agricultural products in the drouth sections, p. 1197; (3) Freight rate basis on cotton revised after I.-S. C. Commission probe; entire structure affected by order; new scale effective Jan. 10, p. 1206.

Abilene & Southern Ry.—Proposed Extension Denied.—The I.-S. C. Commission Aug. 7 denied the company's application for authority to build an extension of its line of railroad from the present southern terminus of the line at Ballinger in a general southwesterly direction to San Angelo, about 39 miles in Runnels, Concho and Tom Green counties, Texas.—V. 124, p. 2742.

Big Sandy & Kentucky River Ry.—Control.—See Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.

Boston & Maine RR.—Operation.—The I.-S. C. Commission Aug. 12 authorized the extension of agreements under which the company operates the Vermont Valley RR. and the Sullivan County RR.

Canadian Pacific Ry.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$25,000,000 30-year 4½% collateral trust gold bonds, dated July 1 1930 and due July 1 1960.

Statement of Earnings from Railway Operations.

Table showing Six Months Ended June 30 for Gross earnings, Working expenses, Net profits, and V. 131, p. 624, 264.

Central RR. Co. of New Jersey.—Acquisition.—A special meeting of the stockholders for the purpose of considering and voting upon the adoption or rejection of an agreement dated June 26 1930, entered into between the directors of the company and the directors of Hibernia Mine RR., covering the acquisition, by merger, of the stock, property, franchises and railroad of Hibernia Mine RR., prescribing the terms and conditions of such merger and the mode of carrying the same into effect, the price to be paid and the manner of paying for the same by the acquiring company, will be held at the office of the company in its Terminal Building at Jersey City, N. J., Sept. 19.—V. 131, p. 1252.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.—New \$25 Par Common Stock Put on \$2.50 Annual Dividend Basis.—The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 62½ cents per share on the new \$25 par common stock, placing it on a \$2.50 annual basis.

The regular semi-annual dividend of \$3.25 per share has been declared on the pref., payable Jan. 1 1931, to holders of record Dec. 8 1930.

Control of Big Sandy & Kentucky River Ry.—The I.-S. C. Commission Aug. 15 approved the acquisition by the company of control of the Big Sandy & Kentucky River Ry. by purchase of its capital stock and under lease.

The Big Sandy owns and operates a line of railroad extending for 25.5 miles in a general southwesterly direction from Dawkins through Riceville, Irvton and Royalton to a point 1.5 miles south of Carver, in Johnson and Magoffin counties, Ky. Connection is made at Dawkins with the C. & O.'s Big Sandy branch. The latter's line connects with no other railroad. A line of the Louisville & Nashville passes about 30 miles south of Carver.

In our plan for the consolidation of railway properties the Big Sandy is grouped with the C. & O. in System No. 6—Chesapeake & Ohio-Nickel Plate. The Big Sandy's proprietary interest, being desirous of limiting its activities to the lumber business, its properties were first offered to the C. & O. in Dec. 1923 for \$1,000,000. This offer was declined but negotiations continued thereafter from time to time until eventually an agreement was reached in April 1930. The terms of this agreement are embodied in a contract entered into by the C. & O. and the Lumber company under date of June 14 1930, subject to necessary public authorization.

Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR.—New Extension.—The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the C. B. & Q., upon reconsideration, to construct a 110-mile extension of its lines in the Panhandle section of Texas, extending from Pampas to Childress. The extension will be constructed by a newly incorporated company, the Fort Worth & Denver Northern Ry., a subsidiary of the Colorado & Southern, which in turn is controlled by the Burlington. For details see Fort Worth & Denver Northern Ry. below.—V. 131, p. 624.

Chicago Great Western RR.—President Urges Preparation for Future Business Improvement—Details Plans.—The necessity of preparing now for future improvement in business is emphasized in a statement made by V. V. Boatner, Pres. of the road. The company, according to its president, is continuing its aggressive 1930 program, according to its president, is continuing its aggressive 1930 program, according to its president, is continuing its aggressive 1930 program.

"Our attitude is best evidenced by the fact that we have just ordered 15 new heavy freight locomotives for delivery in November," Mr. Boatner said. "This order was a duplicate of one filled earlier this year, and will give the Great Western 30 of the latest type locomotives, capable of handling

a substantially larger volume of traffic. We expect to not only improve service, but effect additional economies through the operation of this new power equipment.

Maintenance and improvement work has been conducted on an increased scale since the first of the year. While the Great Western has suffered from smaller revenues along with other railroads, we have the utmost confidence in a return of prosperity and the further development of the territory we serve."—V. 131, p. 1252, 1094.

#### Chicago & North Western Ry.—New Class Rates to Help.

Revenues of the company are not likely to be adversely affected by the recent rate changes ordered by the I.-S. C. Commission, according to Fred W. Sargent, President. Mr. Sargent said that careful studies showed that the decrease in grain rates would be offset approximately by the increase in class rates as far as the North Western is concerned.

"The matter, however, is serious to certain other roads in our territory and will produce heavy reductions in revenues from grain with substantially no increases in revenue from class rates," he continued.

"Both decisions are revolutionary in character and will materially affect the welfare of shippers in various localities whose industries and business have been built on the present theory of rate structures."

Mr. Sargent said the Commission estimated the increase in class rates would produce \$12,000,000 in North Western's territory while he regarded \$6,000,000 as a maximum. On the other hand the concurring opinions on the grain rate reductions placed the probable reduction of revenue at \$15,000,000 for the territory, while Mr. Sargent believes that \$30,000,000 is nearer to the right amount.

"I do not believe that grain loadings on the C. & N. W. will hold up to the level of last year unless an unusual export demand should appear," he said, "and I think the drought will have a tendency to hold back shipments. I see nothing for the autumn other than the usual seasonal pickup in business and this in my judgement will be considerably under last year."—V. 130, p. 4600, 4229.

#### Cimarron & Northwestern Ry.—Abandonment.

The I.-S. C. Commission, Aug. 12, issued a certificate authorizing the company to abandon, as to inter-State and foreign commerce, its railroad, which extends from a connection with the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. at Cimarron to South Ponil, 7.5 miles, all in Colfax County, N. Mex.

#### Fort Worth & Denver Northern Ry.—Construction of Railroad Lines in Northern Texas.

The I.-S. C. Commission, Aug. 5, on reargument issued a certificate authorizing the company to construct a line of railroad in Childress, Collingsworth, Wheeler and Gray Counties, Tex.

The certificate heretofore issued to Chicago Rock Island & Gulf Ry. was modified so as to include a condition similar to that prescribed in the certificate issued to the Fort Worth & Denver Northern Ry.

The Commission's ruling reverses its finding in the original proceeding, when the Burlington's plea was denied. The matter involves a controversy between the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry. and the Burlington relative to the construction of new lines between the Panhandle field and Ft. Worth.

Permission to construct the 110 miles of new line was granted to the Fort Worth & Denver Northern, Burlington subsidiary, on the condition that the Burlington and Rock Island "shall arrange for joint construction and operation of a line between Shamrock and Wellington, and extending south from Wellington to the point where the Rock Island line will take off in a southeasterly direction to a connection with the St. Louis-San Francisco line north of Quanah."

This arrangement, intended to eliminate the necessity of two lines between Shamrock and Wellington, is to be submitted to the Commission for its approval.

The construction authorized is to be commenced on or before Jan. 1 1931 and completed on or before Dec. 31 1932.

The authority originally extended to the Rock Island to construct 108 miles of new line from Shamrock southerly through Wellington and southeasterly to a connection with the Frisco at a point 5 miles north of Quanah, and from Quanah southeasterly to a connection with the proposed Vernon-Seymour line of the Frisco, together with approximately 100 miles of trackage rights over the Frisco System, was modified by the Commission to include the same condition as that placed on the Burlington construction.

The report of the Commission says in part: In the original proceeding there were presented plans of the St. Louis-San. Fran. Ry. system and the Chic. Rock Island & Pacific Ry. system for construction, acquisition, and operation of lines of railroad in the north-central and Panhandle districts of Texas, a plan of the Fort Worth & Denver Northern Ry. for construction of a line of railroad in the Panhandle district, and a plan of the Clinton-Oklahoma Western RR. of Texas to construct an extension of its line therein.

The Fort Worth & Denver Northern is a corporation organized for the purpose of engaging in inter-State commerce by railroad. It would be a subsidiary of the Colorado & Southern Ry. and its line would be operated by the Fort Worth & Denver City Ry. The carrier last named is controlled by the Colorado & Southern, which in turn is controlled by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy. The St. Louis San Francisco & Texas Ry., the Chicago, Rock Island & Gulf Ry., and the Clinton-Oklahoma-Western RR. of Texas are subsidiaries of the St. Louis-San Francisco Ry., the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry., and the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry., respectively.

By its petition for rehearing and reargument the Burlington alleged that division 4 erred (1) in denying its application because the development, present and future, in the Pampa area and the traffic that would move and should move from that area southerly and from the south into that country make necessary, and public convenience and necessity require, the construction of a north and south line to serve that territory; (2) in finding that additional service in the area in question should be furnished by the Rock Island and the Santa Fe despite the fact that the oil and gas fields lying between Pampa and Shamrock are in urgent need of a through line from Pampa southerly; (3) in failing to permit the Burlington to construct the proposed line and so protect itself from loss of traffic and revenue to the Rock Island and the Frisco at Amarillo, Acme, Quanah, Vernon and Seymour; (4) in giving weight to the contention that the proposed Burlington line would parallel the proposed Rock Island line between Shamrock and Wellington; (5) in granting the application of the Rock Island to construct a line from Shamrock to a junction with the Frisco north of Quanah and from Quanah to Beaver Creek; (6) in giving weight to the failure of owners and operators of carbon black and casinghead gasoline plants to testify at the hearing; (7) in finding that the area northerly and northwesterly from Childress to Pampa is not tributary to the Burlington lines and failing to consider that the Burlington had surveyed the area in 1926, and (8) in failing to give sufficient weight to the traffic estimates of the Burlington and in finding that the traffic to be handled by its proposed line would be largely taken from other carriers.

The line which the Burlington proposes to construct would extend from Childress, a point on the Fort Worth & Denver City, about 23.3 miles west of Quanah, northerly through Wellington, to Shamrock, approximately 60 miles, thence northwesterly to Pampa, approximately 50 miles, a total of 110 miles. Wellington is 26 miles south of Shamrock and is the terminus of a branch line of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Ry. extending from Altus, Okla. It has a population of about 4,500. At Wellington there is a cotton compress, a grain mill, two or three elevators, 12 cotton gins, lumber yards, and other industries. Shamrock is located on the Oklahoma City-Amarillo line of the Rock Island and has a population of 3,000. It has a cottonseed oil mill, a cotton compress, six cotton gins, four gasoline extraction plants, a poultry incubator, grain elevator, and other industries. The carload freight handled there during the year 1928 was 1,929 cars inbound and 2,151 cars outbound. Childress is a division point on the Burlington and is described as a jobbing centre. Pampa, which is served by the main line of the Santa Fe and by the Clinton-Oklahoma-Western of Texas, has five grain elevators, an oil refinery, 24 oil well supply houses, machine shops, lumber yards, loading facilities, crude oil and carbon black, and various wholesale houses. The population is estimated at about 10,000. The proposed lines of the Rock Island and Burlington would parallel each other between Shamrock and Wellington and the Burlington suggests that in the event both applications be granted, a separate corporation be organized by the two companies to construct a line between those points and to operate it jointly. The area between Shamrock and Pampa is bounded on the south by the Rock Island and on the north by the Santa Fe, the maximum distance between the two lines being approximately 25 miles. On the west the area is bounded by the main line of the Santa Fe extending northeasterly from Amarillo.

The lines proposed to be constructed by the Rock Island will extend (1) from Shamrock southerly to Wellington, thence southeasterly to a

connection with the Snyder-Quanah line of the Frisco, about 5 miles north of Quanah and (2) from Quanah southeasterly, crossing the Santa Fe at Medicine Mound to a connection with the proposed Vernon-Seymour line of the Frisco, near the north bank of Beaver Creek, an aggregate distance of approximately 108 miles. The cost of the proposed line is estimated at \$4,217,854. By its application the Frisco proposes to operate, under trackage rights, over that portion of the Rock Island line between Quanah and Beaver Creek.

The testimony is that the growth of the Rock Island lines and their traffic in and near the Texas Panhandle makes it necessary to provide the system with a short intrastate route between this region and Fort Worth; that the Rock Island now hauls all traffic from Amarillo to Fort Worth via El Reno, Okla., a very indirect route; that the use of the El Reno route is restricted by four-section limitations, and that the plan now proposed will enable the Rock Island to effect important operating economies with faster service, to hold the long haul on its business, to avoid congestion at the peak of the Panhandle grain movement, and to save \$300,000 in the cost of enlarging the yard at El Reno. It is alleged that the Rock Island line from Bridgeport, Okla., to Waurika, via Lawton, is not suitable for use as part of a cut-off to Fort Worth. The distance from Amarillo to Fort Worth is 335.3 miles via the Burlington, 457.6 miles via the Rock Island through El Reno, and 378.3 miles via the proposed route.

An argument counsel for the Burlington stated that no further opposition to the Rock Island construction would be offered, nor does the Burlington question the estimates submitted by the Rock Island. The latter carrier, however, attacks the estimates of the Burlington in the following particulars. It is pointed out that while the Burlington estimates its total revenues for the first year of operation of 110 miles of line at \$693,000, the Rock Island estimates its own total revenue at \$563,000 for the operation of 108 miles, and this despite the fact that the Rock Island will have a large volume of pass-over traffic moving over the proposed cut-off, while the Burlington, being a stub-end line will have none of that character of traffic. The Rock Island points out that the earnings on traffic originating and terminating on that portion of the main line of the Fort Worth & Denver City between Estelline and Washburn in 1928 averaged \$3,095.37 per mile, and the average on 71 miles of Rock Island main line between Groom and Texola was \$3,447.80 per mile. The estimate of earnings submitted by the Burlington for the line proposed herein averages \$5,763.30 per mile, despite the fact that the last-named line is in fact a new stub-end branch extending into competitive territory while the other main lines have been established for years.

The opposition of the Santa Fe to the proposed Burlington line west of Shamrock is based principally upon the injurious effect which that line would have upon the investment of approximately \$7,000,000 made by the Santa Fe in railroad facilities at and near Pampa. The main line from Pampa to Canyon has been double-tracked at a cost of \$4,164,000 and additional trackage facilities have been provided at Pampa at a cost of \$134,000. In addition the Santa Fe spent \$2,000,000 for the completion of the Clinton-Oklahoma-Western of Texas after purchasing the line and franchise under our authority June 2 1928.

The Santa Fe feels that our authorization to the Burlington to enter the territory near Pampa would indicate a disregard for the investment made by it under our authorization in an effort to handle traffic in a reasonable and expeditious way. It alleges that Pampa has not been hampered in growth by lack of an additional railroad line and no complaints of inadequate service have been made. In answer to the allegation of the Burlington that some 300 miles would be saved between Pampa and Fort Worth by its proposed line, the Santa Fe shows that there are open routes available between those points via Amarillo and via Purcell and Cherokee over which the distances are substantially less than via the Santa Fe line through Sweetwater and Temple, which is used by the Burlington as a basis for comparison. There is also a route from Fort Worth via the Burlington to Wichita Falls and Missouri-Kansas-Texas and Santa Fe beyond. At the same time it is contended that oil and wheat, the principal commodities involved, do not require expedited service. The peak of the traffic from the oil fields occurred in 1927 and the record shows that the Santa Fe handled at that time 2.5 times as much traffic as it was handling at the time of the hearing and its facilities are capable of handling four times that volume.

While the traffic and revenue estimates of the Burlington may be somewhat optimistic it appears that after making allowance for that fact there clearly remains a public convenience and necessity to be served by the proposed line. On the other hand we believe that the fears and apprehensions expressed by the Rock Island and the Santa Fe indicate undue pessimism. There can be no doubt that the line would furnish a needed service between Pampa and the Panhandle oil fields on the one hand and Fort Worth and Dallas on the other, and also will furnish a shorter and more direct route to the Gulf ports.

There is no necessity, however, for two lines between Shamrock and Wellington. Our certificate herein will be issued on the condition that the Burlington and the Rock Island shall arrange for joint construction and operation of a line between those points, and extending south from Wellington to the point where the Rock Island line will take off in a southeasterly direction to a connection with the Frisco line north of Quanah, such arrangement to be submitted for our approval.

#### Grand Trunk Ry. of Canada.—Committees Work at Cross Purposes.

The following is from the "Financial Post" of Toronto, Aug. 21: Sharp cleavage between different Grand Trunk stockholders' committees in Great Britain is noted in recent actions taken by these bodies to obtain some "redress" from the Canadian government for their alleged ill-treatment at the hands of the Canadian people. At one time the Grand Trunk stockholders acted as one body. Now, two committees are at work and they seem to have little use for each other. They are not working together and are at pains to let it be known that they are distinct organizations.

Some time ago a group of former holders of the first and second perpetual preference shares, which numbered about 6,000, split away from the holders of the common and third preference shares. These senior stockholders decided that they would base their claim chiefly on the fact that originally they or their predecessor shareholders held bonds, that they accepted stocks 60 years ago to aid in the reorganization of the company and that they therefore have a better claim than the third preference and common stockholders. R. C. Hawkin, of London, is chairman of the senior committee and in an interview with "The Financial Post" made it clear that his committee was not associated with any action taken by the junior stockholders. The junior stockholders' committee, representing about 14,000 common and third preference stockholders and also claiming to represent the two senior classes as well, recently took action before the Privy Council appealing for the recovery of the "value" of their shares. The Privy Council of His Majesty and not on the merits or demerits of any case they might be able to make if they were granted a fiat. The junior committee calls itself, "Grand Trunk Junior Stocks, Limited" and one of its sponsors in a recent communication stated that it had no connection with Mr. Hawkin's committee, called "Perpetual (1st & 2nd) Preference Stocks Committee." The Junior Stocks Committee declares that "Mr. Hawkin's committee is without authority from any one or more of the four classes of stockholders and its views, extravagant claims for compensation and otherwise, for two classes only, as put forward in its literature and press announcements are not approved."

What the junior stockholders will now do, since their appeals to the Canadian government and the Privy Council have failed, is yet to be determined and no further move has yet been made. On the other hand, the first and second stockholders declare that they are likely to sue in the United States courts for recovery of Grand Trunk lines in the States on the ground that Canada had no right to deprive them of these lines, which are outside the legislative jurisdiction of Canada.—V. 131, p. 624.

#### Great Northern Ry.—Suit.

The company has petitioned U. S. Supreme Court to review the decision of the court of Appeals of the Eighth Circuit overruling its contentions as to the propriety of certain charges in the books of the carrier.

The appeal presents two questions; First, whether the road in its income tax return for 1917 can charge to its construction account and deduct from its gross income as operating expenses, items of \$422,677 for transporting service men and materials for construction work.

Second, whether \$4,587 in income tax return can be deducted from road's income for violating certain Federal statutes. The Internal Revenue Commissioner disallowed both charges which action was sustained by the Board of Tax Appeals and the Circuit Court. The deduction of the construction costs as operating expenses was disallowed on the grounds that they were expenses attributable to capital and as such undeductible from income.







Several years ago the Baltimore & Ohio, the New York Central and the Nickel Plate railroads acquired joint control of the Wheeling properties without first seeking authority to do so from the I.-S. C. Commission. Shortly thereafter officials of the three trunk lines filed applications with the Commission for authority to become directors of the Wheeling.

Frank E. Taplin, President of the Pittsburgh & West Virginia, intervened in these proceedings in opposition to the directorship applications and during the subsequent hearings testified that the trunk lines had violated the Anti-Trust laws in acquiring control of the Wheeling, and were diverting through traffic from the lines of the P. & W. Va. to their own system lines.

The commission thereupon entered a complaint against the trunk lines, charging violation of the Clayton Act, and, after hearing, entered an order requiring the roads to divest themselves of their illegal control. The Baltimore & Ohio and the New York Central sold their stock to the Alleghany Corporation, a Van Sweringen holding company, and the Nickel Plate put its holdings in the hands of a trustee, receiving in return certificates of deposit for the stock. Later the Nickel Plate bought up the stock sold to the Alleghany Corp. by the Baltimore & Ohio and the New York Central and turned it all over to the trustee upon receipt of certificates of deposit.

This arrangement was approved by the Commission, the stock to be held in status quo until final disposition of the Wheeling by the Commission. During the negotiation, the Pittsburgh & West Virginia had come before the Commission with an application to acquire control of the Wheeling.

Last December the Commission promulgated its consolidation plan, allocating the Wheeling to the proposed Wabash-Seaboard system, which included both the Wheeling and the Pittsburgh & West Virginia. The Nickel Plate was assigned to the so-called Chesapeake & Ohio-Nickel Plate system.

Then followed a Wabash application to acquire the Wheeling, and shortly thereafter a Nickel-Plate application for the same purpose, and all three applications were assigned for hearing on the same day. Upon objection of the Wheeling, the Wabash and Nickel Plate withdrew their applications, but hearing was held on the P. & W. Va. proposal. The Wheeling objected on the grounds outlined in its present brief, while the Nickel Plate intervened in opposition to the plan and presented testimony to show that the Wheeling would better be assigned to a system including the Nickel Plate.

Assistant Finance Director C. V. Burnside, presiding Commission official in the case, has not yet rendered his proposed report upon the P. & W. Va. application, but such report, embodying Mr. Burnside's recommendations, will be forthcoming shortly after the filing of all briefs in the case. See also Pittsburgh & West Virginia Ry. above.—V. 131, p. 626.

**White River RR., Inc.—Acquisition and Securities.**

The I.-S. C. Commission Aug. 12 issued a certificate authorizing the company to acquire and operate a line of railroad formerly owned by the White River RR. in Windsor County, Vt. Authority was also granted to the White River RR., Inc., to issue not exceeding \$225,000 common stock (par \$100) in connection with the acquisition and pursuant to a proposed plan of reorganization.

The report of the Commission says in part: The White River RR., having defaulted in the payment of certain promissory notes, and being without funds to pay its maturing obligations and the cost of repairs and replacements made necessary because of floods, Chauncey D. Parker, on behalf of himself and other creditors, on May 31 1923 filed a bill of complaint in the District Court of the United States for the District of Vermont, praying that the rights of the various creditors be ascertained, that the assets be marshaled, and that a receiver be appointed. On May 31 1928, James A. Cannon was appointed receiver. Pursuant to court's order of July 2 1928 and under authority of our order of July 25 1928, the receiver has issued \$158,050 of receiver's certificates, all of which are now outstanding. Default having been made in the payment of interest on the 1st mtge. bonds, a bill of complaint was filed by the trustee on Jan. 14 1930, asking that Cannon be appointed receiver of all the property, particularly all property subject to the mortgage, that the mortgage be foreclosed and the property sold. The two causes were consolidated, and on Jan. 29 1930 the court entered a decree directing that the property be sold at public auction.

The court found that \$305,611 principal and interest was due and payable on the 1st mtge. bonds, and \$167,564 principal and interest on the receiver's certificates. It also found that on or about July 1 1922, the company had executed and delivered to C. D. Parker & Co., Inc., as trustee, an equipment mortgage, and had issued thereunder \$30,000 of equipment mortgage bonds, of which \$29,000 were outstanding. The decree directed that the property shall be sold free from all claims of the railroad company, its creditors and stockholders, but subject to the liens of taxes and assessments lawfully levied or assessed against it, and that the purchaser shall take the property charged with the payment of the following costs and obligations to the extent they shall not have been paid out of moneys in possession of the receiver: (1) all costs of the proceedings in which the decree was entered, and the expenses of the foreclosure sale; (2) all administrative expenses, allowances, and disbursements in the proceeding, including unpaid compensation and the expenses of the receiver and his counsel; (3) compensation and expenses of the trustee under the 1st mtge. and of the trustee's counsel; (4) all unpaid indebtedness of the receiver, including receiver's certificates to the extent that such certificates are not paid out of the proceeds of sale; and (5) all unpaid claims of creditors of the railroad company, other than taxes and assessments, and other than equipment bonds, having priority over the 1st mtge.

The decree also requires that the purchaser shall assume and discharge all executory contract and lease obligations entered into or adopted by the receiver.

Pursuant to the decree, the property was sold on March 21 1930 for \$60,000 to E. S. French, Redfield Proctor, James B. Henry and H. R. Gardyne, who, in purchasing the property, were acting as a committee constituted by a plan and agreement for reorganization dated June 1 1929, between them, as members of the committee, the National White River Bank, of Bethel, Vt., as depository, and such creditors as might become parties thereto.

The reorganization agreement provides that holders of receiver's certificates, 1st mtge. bonds, equipment mtge. bonds, claims against the receiver, and preferred claims against the railroad company may become parties thereto, and participate in the plan and agreement on compliance with the terms stated. It authorizes the committee to purchase all or any part of the property of the railroad company and of the receiver, and to transfer all or any part of the property to a new company, which the committee is authorized to organize, in exchange for such stock and (or) obligations of such new company as the committee shall determine. The agreement further provides that in the event all or any part of the property of the railroad company and (or) of the receiver shall be acquired by the committee and transferred to the new company, such new company shall have an authorized capital stock of 2,500 shares of common stock of the par value of \$100 each, and shall issue its stock to or upon the order of the committee on the following basis:

**Securities and Claims to be Deposited with the Committee.**

	Principal Amount.	Par Amt. of Stock to be Issued.
Receiver's certificates—For each.....	\$100	\$100
1st mortgage bonds—For each.....	1,000	100
Equipment mortgage bonds—For each.....	100	15-29 of 100
Claims against receiver—For each.....	100	100
Preferred claims against R.R. company—For each.....	100	Not exceeding 100

The reorganization committee agrees to act without compensation, but it is to be entitled to reimbursement for its expenses, which it may arrange to have the new company pay or assume. It appears that at the time of the sale there had been deposited with the committee \$158,050, or the entire amount, of the outstanding receiver's certificates, \$207,000 of the \$250,000 of outstanding 1st mtge. bonds, and \$29,000, or the entire amount, of equipment mortgage bonds. As permitted by the decree, the committee deposited with the receiver a certificate from the National White River Bank that it held subject to his order \$158,050 of receiver's certificates as a pledge that they would make good their bid.

Pursuant to the reorganization agreement, the applicant [White River RR., Inc.] has been organized in Vermont for the purpose of acquiring and operating the railroad and other property purchased by the committee. Its articles of association executed on March 24 1930, and filed with the Secretary of State of Vermont on April 11 1930, provide for an authorized capital stock of \$250,000 (par \$100). On April 14 1930, the applicant entered into an agreement with the purchasers whereby the latter agreed to assign to the applicant their bid at the foreclosure sale, their rights under the decree, their right, title, and interest in all property purchased at the sale, certain current assets, their right to accept a deed or deeds, or other instruments of conveyance or assignment of the property as provided in the decree, their interest in the receiver's certificates, other securities, and (or) claims deposited with or held subject to the order of the

receiver, and all receiver's certificates, 1st mtge. bonds, and equipment mortgage bonds deposited with them as the reorganization committee, it being provided that the applicant shall apply the receiver's certificates and bonds so far as permitted by the decree to the payment of the purchase price of the property.

The sale made pursuant to the decree of foreclosure was confirmed by the court on April 24 1930.

In addition to the 1,982 shares of common stock to be issued in payment for property to be acquired from the purchasers, the applicant proposes to issue 268 shares to pay the costs, expenses, allowance, indebtedness, and liabilities which are charged upon the property and which the applicant will be obligated to pay as the purchaser thereof. It is stated that 78 shares will be issued in direct settlement of a like amount of accounts payable incurred by the receiver, and that the remaining 190 shares will be issued at par for cash to subscribers, or in settlement of liabilities. The cash received from the sale of such stock will be used for working capital.

A summary of the basis of the proposed stock issue follows:

Purpose of Issue—	Principal Amount.
To holders of \$158,050 of receiver's certificates.....	\$158,050
To holders of \$250,000 of 1st mtge. bonds, of which \$43,000 have not yet been deposited.....	25,000
To holders of \$29,000 of equipment mortgage bonds.....	15,000
To qualify as directors the applicant's fifth incorporator who was not a member of the reorganization committee.....	100
To meet requirements of the Vermont statutes as to par value of stock to be issued.....	50
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$198,200</b>
To pay expenses and liabilities and for working capital.....	26,800
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$225,000</b>

—V. 127, p. 819.

**Wichita Northwestern Ry.—Receivers.**

Col. Lee H. Landis has been appointed co-receiver (with O. P. Byers) with headquarters at Hutchinson, Kan.—V. 119, p. 1066.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES.**

Matters Covered in the "Chronicle" of Aug. 23.—Manufactured gas sales show gain for first 6 months, p. 1168.

**American Commonwealths Power Corp.—Earnings.**—For income statement for 12 months ended July 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 131, p. 1253, 933.

**American & Foreign Power Co. Inc.—Definitive Debentures. &c.**—

The City Bank Farmers Trust Co., 52 Wall St., N. Y. City, is now prepared to deliver definitive gold debentures, 5% series due 2030 in exchange for temporary debentures.

The capitalization of the Empresas Electricas Mexicanas, Inc., a subsidiary, has been increased from a nominal amount of 10,000 shares to 3,000,000 shares of no par value. The company was incorporated in Delaware last June to acquire the American & Foreign Power Co.'s interests in Campania Nacional de Electricidad, S. A., of Mexico.—V. 131, p. 783, 267.

**Associated Gas & Electric Co.—Debenture Rights Extended.**—

The debenture rights have been extended to Jan. 2 1934 with a step-up in the subscription price, upon the exercise of the rights. During the extended period, the holders will have the option of purchasing one-half of class A stock and one-half share of common stock of the Associated company, or one share of either of the above securities at the rate of \$45 per share from Jan. 2 1931 to Jan. 2 1932 and \$50 thereafter to Jan. 2 1934, or five shares of the General Gas & Electric Corp. common stock class A (new) at \$18 per share from Jan. 2 1931 to Jan. 2 1932 and at \$20 per share from Jan. 2 1932 to Jan. 3 1934. Pending delivery of the new rights, holders of the debenture rights, may present them at Room 2015, No. 61 Broadway, New York City, in order that the appropriate legend may be stamped on the certificates.

**Number of Stockholders. &c.**

The Associated Gas & Electric system has just taken off another distribution of its stockholders as at August 4, of which there were 207,452, after eliminating all duplicates, as compared with 204,913 on June 11. Of the total on August 4, 115,173 were male, 88,160 women, 1,007 brokers and 3,112 miscellaneous. Practically all of the increase of about 3,000 occurred in the classification of male stockholders, the number of women, brokers and others remaining practically constant. The number of customer holders increased about 1,000. Institutional holders generally decreased somewhat, but there was quite a marked increase in shares held in the names of banks and trust companies.

For the second consecutive week the Associated Gas & Electric System reports an increase in electric output over a year ago, the 60,224,944 k.w.h. for the week ended August 16, representing an increase of 1,049,421 k.w.h. over the corresponding period of last year. This was a gain of 1.8% and contrasts with a decline of 2.8% in k.w.h. output of the industry as a whole, as reported by the National Electric Light Association.

The gas output for the week of August 16 was slightly under a year ago and amounted to 299,767,800 cubic feet. Similarly the output for the four weeks ended August 16 was less than a year ago with a total of 1,154,168,100 cubic feet.—V. 131, p. 1253, 784.

**Associated Telephone Utilities Co.—Expansion.**

The total number of stations served by the Associated system increased 72,010 during the first six months of 1930 to a total of 449,800. This total makes the system one of the largest independent telephone systems in the country.

The system experienced its greatest growth, exclusive of acquisitions, in the territory surrounding Los Angeles, served by Associated Telephone Co., Ltd. This company during the period extended service to 1,449 residential and 834 commercial stations.

Substantial gains were also reported by companies serving in the industrial and petroleum centres of Pennsylvania, in the Panhandle section of Texas and in Wisconsin and Illinois.

According to the figures, the number of cancellations of commercial service decreased and orders for new commercial installations increased during the latter months of the period. Officials of the system believe these figures clearly indicate an increasing commercial stability in the 1,587 communities served.—V. 131, p. 1253.

**Atlantic Public Service Associates, Inc.—Protective Committee.**—

A protective committee has been formed for the 15-year 6% gold debts, dated Feb. 1 1923 of Atlantic Public Service Corp. (now Atlantic Public Service Associates, Inc.). The committee is as follows: Gerald W. Peck, Chairman; Frederick A. McCord, Harold E. Aul, Erno B. Pletcher, C. McC. Peale, N. P. Zech, and A. V. Howell with William H. Short, Sec., 111 West Monroe St., Chicago, and Chapman & Cutler, 111 West Monroe St., Chicago, Counsel. Depository, Chicago Trust Co., Chicago; Hibernia Trust Co., New York, sub-depository.—V. 131, p. 1253.

**Atlantic Public Utilities, Inc.—Deposits Asked.**

The committee representing the holders of class A stock has been advised that on July 30 the Eastern States Public Utilities Corp., affiliated with Atlantic Public Utilities, Inc., filed a bill in the chancery court in Wilmington, Del., asking for the appointment of receivers for Atlantic Public Utilities, Inc., Atlantic Public Service Associates, Inc., and the North American Water Works & Electric Corp.; the defendant corporations filed answers immediately admitting that they were insolvent and unable to meet their debts as they fall due and that receivers were necessary for preserving the corporation's assets for the benefit of creditors and stockholders; Clarence A. Southerland, former attorney-general of Delaware; and Ralph J. Ritchie of Asbury Park, N. J., a Vice-President of the complainant corporation, were appointed receivers for the corporations and their subsidiaries.

Committee.—Alan H. Andrews, Albert Emerton, John T. Hull and Philip B. Sawyer, with Robert J. Holmes as Secretary.

A letter to the class A stockholders say:  
This is a so-called friendly suit and this action was taken by the present management, influenced, presumably, by the maturity on Aug. 1 of the note issue of \$1,500,000. The former management has stated to the committee that when Fitkin Securities Corp. acquired control of Atlantic Public Utilities, Inc., in Jan. 1930, it was with full knowledge of the financial condition and that it was understood by the former management that Fitkin Securities Corp. was prepared to re-finance the short-time indebtedness of Atlantic Public Utilities, Inc., as the same matured. The former management further stated that the control was transferred by them to Fitkin Securities Corp., for the purpose of obtaining this financial assistance for Atlantic Public Utilities, Inc.

The committee, after careful study of the audit of Dec. 31 1929, of assets and liabilities of Atlantic Public Utilities, Inc., is firmly of the opinion that the fair value of its assets is very substantially in excess of its liabilities, but if this surplus of assets over liabilities is to be preserved for the benefit of the stockholders, prompt action must be taken. The committee will not be able to deal effectively with the situation on your behalf unless the class A stock is deposited forthwith. The certificates representing class A stock should be mailed forthwith duly endorsed, to the National Shawmut Bank of Boston, as depository under agreement dated June 10 1930. The depository will forward to you certificates of deposit for all stock certificates so deposited.—V. 131, p. 784.

**Bell Telephone Co. of Pa.—Appropriations.**

The directors on Aug. 28 appropriated for new construction over September \$1,667,218, bringing the total appropriation for the year to \$27,243,159. In the like 1929 period the total appropriation was \$27,873,827.—V. 131, p. 933, 784.

**Berwick Water Co.—Bonds Called.**

The Irving Trust Co., 60 Broadway, N. Y. City, will pay on Sept. 1 1930 at 105 and int., all outstanding gen. mfgo., series "A," 5% 50-year gold bonds, due 1956.—V. 131, p. 933, 784.

**Buffalo Niagara & Eastern Power Corp.**

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividends of 40 cents per share on the common and class A stock, payable Sept. 30 to holders of record Aug. 30: \$1.25 per share on the 1st pref. stock, payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 15, and 40 cents per share on the preferred, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 15. Previously the company paid quarterly dividends of 37½ cents per share on the common and class A stocks.—V. 130, p. 3348.

**Central Public Service Corp.—Electric Sales, &c.**

In July all properties of the corporation reported an increase of 2.13% in electricity sales, while for the seven months of the year the gain was 2.58%. July sales of electricity totaled 45,294,008 k.w.h. compared with 44,349,414 a year ago. The first seven months of 1930 electricity sales were 327,511,901 k.w.h., compared with 319,281,545 in the corresponding period of last year. Sales of gas in the seven months period totaled 7,164,909,201, an increase of 1.45% over the same period of 1929. This corporation, through subsidiaries, has started work on ten test wells in the natural gas pool of eastern Kentucky, it was announced. The wells will be located in Knott and Perry counties and are all on land known to contain large pools of natural gas.

This natural gas is intended to supply the industrial consumers in southern and central Indiana. A pipe line 260 miles long is to be laid from this region up to central Indiana, 35,000 tons of 18-inch pipe having been ordered for that purpose.

Through the drilling of these wells and the installation of its 260-mile pipe line the corporation is adding one more activity to the diversified public utility services of its various subsidiaries which operate in 471 communities. Heretofore the corporation has only distributed natural gas, but is now entering the field of production and piping.—V. 131, p. 1254, 1095.

**Alabama Subsidiary Establishes Natural Gas Rates.**

Natural gas rates at Montgomery and Selma have just been established by the Alabama P. S. Commission. Montgomery and Selma will have natural gas about Sept. 1, distribution to be made by the Alabama Utilities Service Co., a subsidiary.

The new schedule calls for a general or domestic rate of \$1.50 for the first 500 cubic feet, 500 to 2,500 feet at \$1.50 per 1,000 cubic feet and 3,000 feet or over at 65 cents a 1,000 feet. The Montgomery rate was formerly \$2 for the first 500 cubic feet. It is pointed out by Central Public Service officials that consumers gain an additional saving in that consumption of natural gas runs only about 60% of manufactured gas.

The Central Public Service Corp. is extending its manufactured gas distributing system to a number of southern communities served by its subsidiaries. Gadsden, Anniston and Tuscaloosa, Ala., were recently given natural gas service and the rates are the same as those established for Montgomery and Selma.—V. 131, p. 1254.

**Central States Edison Corp.—New Control.**

Pierson, Young & Co., Inc., and affiliated interests have purchased for cash the control of the above corporation, which controls an extensive group of public utility properties, chiefly electric light and power, in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Indiana and Alabama, with total assets in excess of \$4,000,000.

The Central States Edison Corp. owns 98% of the outstanding capital stock of Madison Light & Fuel Co., all of the common stock of Central States Edison Co., which in turn owns all of the capital stock of Bayfield Utilities Co., Beatrice Power Co., Collinsville Gas Co., Gasconade Power Co., Grand Marais Light & Power Co., Natural Gas Utilities Co., North Kansas Power & Light Co., Riviera Utilities Corp. and The Sedan Gas Co. The properties include 280 miles of electric transmission lines, 40 miles of gas transmission lines and 60 miles of gas distribution mains. The transaction will involve no public financing.—V. 131, p. 1254.

**Chicago Rapid Transit Co.—Asks Permit to Issue Notes.**

The company Aug. 21 filed an application with the Illinois Commerce Commission for authority to issue \$6,872,000 of 2-year 6% gold notes, to be sold at 96, for the purpose of paying for a program of construction and improvement projects.

The petition points out that these improvements are to be a part of the \$12,000,000 which the City Council has authorized for immediate construction, and which is to be credited against the \$65,000,000 the new company is required to spend within three years from the time of its acceptance of the ordinance passed at the referendum of voters of Chicago on July 1. The company states it desires that any delay in accepting the ordinance "shall in no way interfere with progress in extensions and rehabilitation," and that it wishes to proceed immediately with work "which is now practicable and feasible to construct or acquire, and which will best meet the needs of the traveling public."—V. 131, p. 1254, 784.

**City Gas Co. of London, Ont.—Merger.**

See Union Natural Gas Co. of Canada, Ltd., below.—V. 124, p. 2586.

**Copenhagen Telephone Co. (Kjobenhavns Telefon Aktieselskab).—Bonds Offered.**

Guaranty Co. of New York is offering \$2,000,000 25-year sinking fund external 5% gold bonds, at 99½ and int., to yield about 5.03%. Bonds are dated Feb. 15 1929 and are due Feb. 15 1954. This offering does not represent any new financing on the part of the company.—V. 130, p. 466.

**Cumberland County Power & Light Co.—Acquisition.**

See Pepperell Mfg. Co. in V. 131, p. 1269.—V. 131, p. 269.

**Eastern Massachusetts Street Ry.—Buys Line.**

The company Aug. 20 bought the Nahant and Lynn Street Ry. property at public auction for \$13,500, paying \$2,500 down, the remainder to be paid in 15 days. The Eastern Massachusetts has been providing Nahant with motorbus transportation for the past few weeks in lieu of trolley service. The sale includes a car barn, its site, 12 street cars and several parcels of land on the line of the railway.—V. 130, p. 4236.

**Electric Bond & Share Co.—Common Dividend, etc.**

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend at the rate of 1¼% on each share of common stock outstanding, payable (3-200ths of a share) in

common stock, Oct. 15 to holders of record Sept. 5. A like amount has been paid each quarter since and incl. July 15 1929.

A similar dividend at the same rate has been declared payable on common stock of the company issued after Sept. 5 1930, for common stock of Electric Investors, Inc. under the plan and agreement of reorganization dated Sept. 23 1929.

Holders of record of common stock of Electric Bond & Share Securities Corp. are to be treated for the purpose of this dividend as the holders of record of the number of shares of common stock of Electric Bond & Share Co., which holders of Electric Bond & Share Securities Corp. are entitled to receive upon due surrender of their certificates.

Treasurer A. C. Ray says: "Scrip certificates to be issued for the fractional shares to which stockholders will be entitled may be exchanged for certificates for full paid shares of common stock when presented in amounts aggregating integral shares but such scrip certificates will be void on and after Jan. 1 1940. They will carry no voting right, dividend or interest."

The regular quarterly dividend of \$1.25 per share on the \$5 preferred stock of Electric Bond & Share Co. has been declared for payment on Nov. 1 1930, to holders of record Oct. 8 1930. An initial quarterly dividend of like amount was paid on this issue on August 1 last.

The regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the \$6 preferred stock has been declared for payment on Nov. 1 1930 to holders of record Oct. 8 1930. Holders of record of preferred stock of Electric Bond & Share Co. (old company) are to be treated for the purpose of this dividend as the holders of record of \$6 preferred stock of Electric Bond & Share Co. (new company).

"The board of directors have, in accordance with the by-laws of the company, fixed Sept. 8 1930, as the day as of which stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the annual meeting, to be held on Oct. 8 1930, shall be determined and only stockholders of record at the close of business on Sept. 8 1930, will be entitled to notice of or to vote at such annual meeting," says Secretary E. P. Summerson.—V. 131, p. 113.

**Engineers Public Service Co.—Transfer Agent.**

At a meeting of the board of directors held August 12 1930, Stone & Webster Service Corp. was appointed transfer agent, in place of Stone & Webster, Inc., effective Sept. 15 1930, for the company's \$5 conv. pref. stock; \$5.50 cum. pref. stock and common stock.—V. 131, p. 1096.

**Fall River (Mass.) Gas Works Co.—To Issue Stock.**

The company has applied to the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities for authority to issue 13,236 additional shares of capital stock (par \$25) at \$37¼ per share, the proceeds to be used to retire floating indebtedness. See V. 131, p. 1256.

**Federal Water Service Corp.—Listing.**

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on and after Sept. 1 of 10,000 additional shares of class "A" stock (no par) on official notice of issuance in connection with the reinvestment of class "A" divs. in additional class "A" stock, making the total number of shares applied for to date 750,234 shares.

On July 14 1930, directors declared a quarterly dividend of 60c. per share on the class "A" stock, payable Sept. 1 1930. Stockholders were given the right to reinvest 50c. per share of the quarterly dividend of 60c. per share in the purchase of additional class "A" stock at \$27 per share, or at a price equivalent to 50c. for each 1-54th of a share of class "A" stock. Stockholders who did not request the company on or before Aug. 12, to pay the entire quarterly dividend of 60c. per share in cash will therefore have 50c. per share of the quarterly dividend of 60c. per share applied to the purchase of additional shares of class "A" stock at \$27 per share in accordance with the dividend plan.

Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30.

	1930.	1929.	1930.	1929.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Assets—</b>			<b>Liabilities—</b>	
Plant, property, equip., &c.	149,948,696	145,202,572	Federal Water Service Corp. 5% deb.	7,000,000
Invest. in affil. & other cos.	4,550,383	2,602,495	Funded debt of subs. held by public	84,574,200
Misc. spec. dep.	379,709	76,885	Def. liabilities	738,434
Cash & work. fds.	1,785,960	3,452,704	Notes payable	1,805,000
Notes receiv.	186,284	26,053	Acct.s payable	327,725
Due from affil. companies	514,189	172,445	Interest accrued	1,192,168
Customers acct.s	2,877,869	3,015,562	Divs. accrued	460,273
Unbilled acct.s			Taxes accrued	811,664
res.	267,109	359,772	Misc. accruals	201,351
Misc. acct.s rec.	335,832	190,182	Deferred income	
Res. for uncoll. acct.s & allow	Dr178,652	Dr57,852	Unearn. rev.	456,993
Materials & sup.	1,152,202	1,279,570	Reserves for retire. & replace.	10,926,334
Miscel. assets.	23,314	120,229	Other oper. res.	69,765
Deferred debits.	6,626,469	5,489,676	Contributions for extensions	299,980
			Sub. cos.—cum. pref. stock	19,830,455
			Federal Water Service Corp. cum. pref. stky	14,929,561
			Common stock y15,849,979	14,720,113
			Capital & paid in surplus	6,406,821
			Earned surplus	2,654,633
				2,488,240
<b>Total (eac. side)</b>	<b>168,519,365</b>	<b>162,020,093</b>		

x Includes investment in South Bay Consolidated Water Co. and affiliated companies recently acquired. These companies will be consolidated in the usual manner in future statements, based on audit reports which are not available at this time. y The net outstanding capital stock of Federal Water Service Corp. at June 30 1930 consists of the following: 66,442 shares of \$6 preferred, 73,029 of \$6.50 preferred, 16,029 shares of \$7 preferred; 559,780 shares of class A common; 522,000 shares of class B common.—V. 131, p. 1256, 269.

**Hamilton (Ont.) Street Ry.—City May Buy Properties.**

The sale of the company's street railway system and the fleet of inter-urban buses to the city for \$2,500,000 has been offered by the Ontario Hydro Commission, now owners of the holdings of the Dominion Power & Transmission Co. The amount is said to be less than half of what the Dominion Power & Transmission Co. quoted the city some time ago for the street railway alone. The price of \$2,500,000, it is stated, is based upon an income figured at 8%, instead of an assessed valuation.—V. 122, p. 2948.

**International Hydro-Electric System.—July Output.**

This system, a division of the International Paper & Power Co., produced 333,386,000 kwh. of electric energy in July, a new high record for that month, and an increase of 12% over the output of the present plan of the system in July 1929.

The output in the first 7 months of this year was 2,368,352,000 kwh., 11% greater than in the first 7 months of last year, and 52% greater than the output of the present plants of the system in the first 7 months of 1928. In the 12 months ended July 31 the output was 4,075,792,000 kwh., 16% greater than the output of the same plants in the 12 months ended July 31 1929.—V. 131, p. 1256.

**Internat. Telephone & Telegraph Corp.—Expansion.**

The official gazette of the Brazilian Government has published the decree granting the right to the Companhia Radio Internacional do Brasil, an associated company of the International Telephone & Telegraph Corp., to construct radio stations and carry on international radio telegraph and radio telephone service from Brazil. The concession is granted for a period of ten years and is renewable. It is planned to install radio telephone and telegraph stations as soon as possible and to make connections with the United States, Europe and other South American countries. Associate companies of the International Telephone & Telegraph Corp. operate the radio telephone circuits from Buenos Aires, Argentina to the United States and Europe and are planning to install international radio telephone in other South American countries. In the field of radio telegraph the Mackay Radio station at Sayville will connect with the various I. T. & T. associated radio stations in Brazil, Argentine and Colombia, in addition to the service already in operation with Peru.—V. 131, p. 935.

**Key System Transit Co.—Proposal for Reorganization Filed—Requests State Permission.**

The transfer of properties of the Key System Transit Co. having an aggregate book value of more than \$14,000,000 is sought in applications

filed with the California State Railroad Commission, according to a statement issued by the Commission. The statement follows in full text: Applications have been filed with the Railroad Commission by the following companies for authority to transfer various properties of Key System Transit Co. under the proposed reorganization plan: **Key System, Ltd.**, to purchase from B. W. Campbell, A. B. Peterson and R. F. Guichard, trustees, the electric railroad interurban lines and properties, and to issue 25,000 shares of no par value capital stock in payment therefor (claimed book value \$2,556,873.81 for rate-making purposes); **Key Terminal Railway, Ltd.**, to purchase from A. Strandberg, W. A. Fitzmaurice and J. B. Wilson, trustees, the terminal, fill, trestles, wharves, docks, &c., used by Key System ferries and interurban lines, and the purchasing company requests authority to issue 27,000 shares of no par value capital stock in payment therefor (claimed book value \$2,695,240.06 for rate-making purposes); **East Bay Street Railways, Ltd.**, to purchase from J. D. Cronin, E. Ofte, and W. J. Smith, trustees, the East Bay traction lines of Key System Transit Co.; and the purchasing company requests authority to issue 91,000 shares of no par value capital stock in payment therefor (claimed book value \$9,545,849.35 for rate-making purposes); **East Bay Motor Coach Lines, Ltd.**, to purchase the motor coach lines operated by Key System Transit Co. from W. S. Keefe, L. O. Alward and E. J. Klippel, trustees; and the purchasing company requests authority to issue 100 shares of no par value capital stock in payment therefor. These securities will be turned over to Railway Equipment & Realty Co., Ltd., the holding company, which will issue its securities to replace those of the old Key System issues.—V. 131, p. 1256, 1097.

**Memphis Natural Gas Co.—Sales Up 73%.**—The company reports sales of 5,054,481.700 cubic feet of natural gas during the first seven months of this year, against 2,915,017.473 cubic feet for the corresponding period of last year, a gain of over 73%. Upon completion of additions to the Guthrie compressor station and of the new Greenville-Greenwood lateral pipeline in Mississippi, further substantial increases in sales may be expected, it was said. The Appalachian Gas Corp. owns 44% of the common stock of the Memphis company.—V. 131, p. 1256.

**Michigan Bell Telephone Co.—Expenditures, etc.**—According to the September issue of "Michigan Graphic," published by the First National Bank in Detroit, Michigan's population of more than 4,000,000 make 3,375,000 local, business and social calls daily over more than 800,000 telephones. In addition, a daily average of 49,370 long distance calls are made to points throughout the State, to every corner of the country and Canada and to Mexico, Cuba, South America and the principal cities of Europe. The "Graphic" also states: "Principally served by one telephone organization, the Michigan Bell Telephone Co., the State also depends upon the service of more than 200 smaller companies that operate from a very few to several thousand telephones each, and the lines of which connect with those of the Michigan Bell and with those of the entire Bell System and its connections on this continent and overseas. "The Michigan Bell Telephone Co. serves more than 690,000 telephones in the State and approximately 122,000 are served by the smaller companies, making a total of more than 800,000 in use in Michigan. "The plant of the Michigan Bell Telephone Co. was valued at \$162,673,342 at the end of 1929, which has increased to more than \$172,000,000, including approximately \$4,000,000 in new plants under construction up to July 1 of this year. Each year since 1926 and this year between \$28,000,000 and \$30,000,000 will be added, in addition to more than \$30,000,000 that is being expended for maintenance and operation of the service."—V. 131, p. 936, 475.

**Middle West Utilities Co.—Extends Stock Purchase Warrant Privilege.**—The directors have voted to extend the period during which the outstanding common stock purchase warrants series A 1930 and common stock purchase warrants series B 1931 may be exercised. Series A warrants, which entitle the holder to purchase common stock of the company at \$40 per share until Dec. 31 1930, may now be exercised at any time up until 5 o'clock Dec. 31 1931, at which time they will become void and of no effect. Series B warrants, which entitle the holder to purchase common stock of the company at \$45 per share from Jan. 1 1931 to Dec. 31 1931, may now be exercised from Jan. 1 1931 up until 5 o'clock Dec. 31 1932, at which time they will become void and of no effect. No exchange of present warrant certificates is necessary.—V. 131, p. 936.

**Midland Natural Gas Co.—Control.**—See Twin States Natural Gas Co. below.—V. 131, p. 1256.

**Missouri Valley Gas Co.—New Interests.**—See American Utilities & General Corp. in V. 131, p. 1100.—V. 130, p. 2962.

**National Power & Light Co.—Earnings.**—For income statement for 12 months ended June 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

**Balance Sheet June 30.**

Assets—	1930.	1929.	Liabilities—	1930.	1929.
Investments	131,459,126	135,506,116	Capital stock (no par value)	138,605,017	124,195,113
Cash	13,485,361	277,841	6% gold debts, series A	9,500,000	9,500,000
Notes & loans receivable—subs	8,620,327	6,355,225	5% gold debts, series B	15,000,000	-----
Notes & loans receivable—others	15,962,000	1,621,627	Notes & loans payable, \$7 pref.	-----	3,355,000
Accounts receivable—subs	871,546	1,198,233	Stock called for demp. (contra)	15,171,693	-----
Accounts receivable—others	127,620	50,623	Div. declared	661,449	245,516
\$7 pref. stock	-----	-----	Accounts payable	55,154	61,746
\$7 demp. (contra)	15,171,693	-----	Accrued acc'ts.	394,056	378,161
Unamortized discount & Exp.	2,760,642	687,080	Stock subscriptions (contra)	125,000	125,000
Stock subscrip. rights (contra)	125,000	125,000	Subscrip. to pref. stks of subs.	-----	-----
Deferred debits.	139,842	-----	cos.	185,430	72,240
Total	188,723,158	146,001,745	Reserve	281,378	281,378
Capital Stock Outstanding:			Surplus	8,743,951	7,787,591
\$7 preferred stock (called for redemption July 15, 1930)	-----	-----	June 30 1930.	June 30 1929.	
\$6 preferred stock	-----	-----	137,584 Shares	140,295 Shares	
Common stock	-----	-----	279,685 Shares	129,605 Shares	
Common stock scrip equivalent to	-----	-----	5,441,605 Shares	5,429,584 Shares	
—V. 130, p. 4606.			7 5-10 Shares	-----	

**New England Public Service Co.—Earnings.**—For income statement for 3 and 12 months ended June 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 131, p. 1256.

**New York Steam Corp.—Plans to Change Par of Common and Split Shares Eight for One—112,000 New Shares to Be Offered Stockholders at \$50 per Share—Underwritten by Consolidated Gas Co. of New York.**—See remarks of Pres. David C. Johnson in financial report on a preceding page.—V. 130, p. 4050, 3352.

**Niagara Hudson Power Corp.—Output, &c.—**

Kwh. Generated and Purchased—	1930.	1929.
July	534,908,797	590,121,911
Seven months	4,135,030,348	4,120,966,037
Twelve months	7,219,230,193	6,895,737,756
Sales of Gas (Cubic Feet)—		
July	660,470,900	663,078,200
Seven months	5,050,422,200	4,762,894,300
Twelve months	8,596,420,400	8,026,564,800

**Earnings.**—For income statement for 12 months ended July 31, see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 131, p. 786, 271.

**New York Telephone Co.—Additional Expenditures.**—The directors have authorized the expenditure of \$5,875,340 for new construction throughout its territory. President J. S. McCulloch announced on Aug. 28, bringing appropriation for this purpose this year to \$87,736,435, of which \$56,676,585 was for the extension of facilities in the metropolitan area.—V. 131, p. 1257.

**North American Edison Co. (& Subs.).—Bal. Sheet.**

Assets—	June 30 '30.	Dec. 31 '29.	Liabilities—	June 30 '30.	Dec. 31 '29.
Prop. & plant.	502,564,469	476,296,554	Preferred stock	334,476,000	31,897,000
Cash & securities on deposit with trustee	1,564,326	1,434,505	Common stock	633,089,870	32,389,870
Stocks & bonds of other co.'s and sundry investments	982,619	952,692	Preferred stocks of subsidiaries	79,499,578	77,999,772
Due from affiliated co.'s	8,822,870	14,270,356	Minority ints. in cap. & surp. of subsidiaries	14,426,823	10,866,007
Cash	10,418,592	3,517,256	Fund. debt (company)	55,324,000	32,903,000
Bankers accept.	9,500,000	-----	Funded debt of subsidiaries	218,212,584	218,805,057
& cts. of dep.	3,072,188	4,276,734	Due to affil. co's	667,062	768,234
U. S. Govt. sec.	-----	-----	Notes and bills payable	-----	2,745,500
Notes and bills receivable	329,063	272,062	Accts. payable	2,638,804	3,005,703
Accts. receivable	10,110,324	10,861,133	Sund. curr't liab	3,088,139	3,045,914
Mat'rl & supply	8,988,093	9,112,701	Taxes accrued	11,086,337	8,478,563
Prepaid acc'ts.	628,758	653,275	Interest accrued	2,881,919	2,762,882
Discount & exp. on securities	12,577,885	10,995,109	Divs. accrued	704,684	618,156
			Sund. acc'r. liab.	149,099	158,117
			Deprec. reserves	66,011,692	63,877,344
			Capital surplus	285,184	117,708
			Undivided prof.	35,519,041	33,926,577
Tot. (each side)	569,559,187	532,642,377			

a Represented by 344,760 shares. b Represented by 470,000 shares.

**Earnings.**—For income statement for 12 months ended June 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 130, p. 3711.

**North American Co. (& Subs.).—Bal. Sheet June 30.**

Assets—	1930.	1929.	Liabilities—	1930.	1929.
Prop. & plant.	607,228,494	745,164,651	Preferred stock	30,333,900	30,333,900
Cash and secur. on deposit with trustee	1,926,988	1,914,803	Common stock	558,734,150	52,647,190
Stks. & bonds of other cos. & sundry inv.	123,767,656	48,525,897	do scrip	141,140	114,940
N. Am. com. stk.	x116,390	400,020	Purch. cts. for com. stock of No. Amer. Co.	23,775	-----
Cash	27,944,328	21,544,322	Pf. stks. of subs.	136,432,290	167,754,108
U. S. Govt. secur.	5,569,484	1,903,391	Min. int. of cap. of surp. of subs.	16,080,864	14,612,480
Notes & bills rec.	1,929,624	1,156,361	Div. payable in common stock	1,468,283	1,313,783
Accts. receiv.	14,175,255	14,220,641	Fund. of subs.	297,310,484	346,485,831
Mat'l & suppl.	10,806,951	12,021,363	Notes & bills pay.	2,076,278	531,225
Prepaid acc'ts.	939,577	1,733,291	Accts. payable	3,568,844	5,593,765
Diset. & exp. on securities	13,093,761	15,032,502	Sundry curr.liab	5,404,015	5,502,557
			Taxes accrued	12,950,880	12,438,071
			Interest accrued	3,069,220	4,351,082
			Divs. accrued	1,344,540	1,582,757
			Sundry curr.liab	149,099	111,734
			Deprec. reserve	86,500,196	95,062,024
			Other reserves	15,420,828	15,962,693
			Capital surplus	28,879,811	24,645,241
			Surplus	108,575,742	84,627,862

To (each side) \$07,498,340 863,671,244  
 x Held by subsidiary for conversion of bonds. y Represented by 5,887,529 shares without nominal or par value.  
 Note.—On June 12 1930 the North American interests in the California subsidiaries were sold to Pacific Gas & Electric Co. in consideration for common stock of that company. The assets and liabilities of the California subsidiaries, including their preferred stocks and funded debt obligations, accordingly are entirely eliminated from the consolidated balance sheet of June 30 1930. Such Pacific Gas & Electric Co. common stock is included in investments (without any adjustment to reflect the large excess of market value of such stock over the value at which the interests in the California subsidiaries were carried prior to transfer), and represents a substantial part of the increase in this item.—V. 131, p. 937, 629.

**Pacific Gas & Electric Co.—New Construction.**—The company paid out \$22,973,000 for new construction during the first six months of 1930, and now has 3,000 more men on its payrolls than it had a year ago, according to President A. P. Hochenbeamer. These figures compare with an estimate of \$35,000,000 for new construction for the entire year 1930, which estimate Mr. Hochenbeamer made last November at the request of President Hoover's National Business Survey Conference. "The figures indicate clearly," said Mr. Hochenbeamer, "that the company has not curtailed its construction program in the least. Not one order has been cancelled and it is our intention to proceed with construction as planned. In fact, 1930 expenditures to date have been slightly in excess of those for the same period last year. Total expenditures for new construction for the year 1929 amounted to \$35,357,194." In addition to the \$22,973,000 which this company spent for new construction during the first half of 1930, expenditures by the recently absorbed Great Western Power and San Joaquin Light & Power companies were \$7,335,000. Since 1920, the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. has invested more than \$200,000,000 in new construction work in Northern California, it was stated.

**Listing.**—The San Francisco Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of stock as follows: Effective Jan. 23 1930, upon official notice of issuance, 60,246 additional shares of common stock, par \$25, and 39,306 additional shares of 6% 1st pref. stock, par \$25; effective June 5 1930, 1,825,000 additional shares of common stock, effective June 2 1930; 3,572 additional shares of common stock, par \$25. (See also V. 130, p. 4050, and V. 131, p. 276.)—V. 131, p. 1097.

**Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Listing.**—The San Francisco Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on official notice of issuance, effective March 21 1930, of 875,000 additional shares of common stock, par \$100.—V. 130, p. 3352.

**Public Service Electric & Gas Co.—Completes New Transmission Line.**—Construction of the New Jersey section of a 220-kv. steel tower transmission lines which will form another interconnecting link between the electric systems of this company and the Philadelphia Electric Co. has been completed well ahead of schedule in spite of unusually difficult working conditions. The New Jersey section of the line extends from the Roseland switching station of the Public Service Electric & Gas Co. to Lambertville, a distance of 46 miles, where it will tie in with the section being built by the Philadelphia Electric Co. from its large switching station at Plymouth Meeting, Pa. This line, from Roseland to Plymouth Meeting, constitutes the so-called "southern leg" of the interconnection program mapped out several years ago providing for a tie-in of electric power between the Public Service Electric & Gas Co., Pennsylvania Power & Light Corp. and Philadelphia Electric Co. Work is now progressing on the "northern leg" from Roseland to the Delaware River, near Bushkill, where the line will connect with that of the Pennsylvania Power & Light Co. The interconnection forms one of the largest power pools in the world and makes available to all three companies approximately 3,000,000 h.p. of energy. Work has started on the New Jersey section of the Roseland-Plymouth Meeting transmission line Aug. 30 1929, and with the finishing of all construction work both in New Jersey and Pennsylvania the line will be ready to be put into operation Sept. 1.

Plymouth Meeting switching station is connected by two transmission lines to the Conowingo hydro-electric development of the Philadelphia Electric Co. It is also connected by one transmission line to the Pennsylvania Power & Light Co.'s system. Therefore the new transmission line makes available, if and when needed by Public Service Electric & Gas Co. the entire system of the Philadelphia Electric Co., including the Conowingo

development, and the entire system of the Pennsylvania Power & Light Co.—V. 131, p. 115.

Salmon River Power Co.—Tenders.—

The Irving Trust Co., trustee, 60 Broadway, N. Y. City, until Aug. 27 was to receive bids for the sale to it of 1st mtgse. 5% gold bonds due Aug. 1 1932 to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$83,551.—V. 127, p. 1105.

Southern Sierras Power Co.—Supplementary Order.—

In a supplemental order the California RR. Commission has authorized the company to issue and sell \$344,000 series C first mtgse. 6% bonds and \$1,030,500 series D 6% bonds, both due in 1965. The order supplements that issued by the Commission on April 18 1930 which authorized the company to sell \$1,374,500 series D bonds for the purpose of financing in part construction costs incurred during 1929 and to pay outstanding indebtedness. The issues are to be sold on or before Sept. 30 1930.—V. 130, p. 3161.

Southwestern Natural Gas Co.—New Pipe Line.—

The new 112-mile Tulsa-Muskogee pipe line of this company, a subsidiary of Appalachian Gas Corp., is expected to be completed and in operation by Sept. 15, two weeks ahead of schedule, according to an announcement made by Harry Mann, Vice-President of the company.

Construction of the new line, which will conduct gas from the Quinton field of Oklahoma to cities and towns in the eastern part of the State, was started late in June. The main 16-inch line, between the gas field and Checotah, a distance of 40 miles, has been completed and tested, while final work on the 10-inch Muskogee lateral will be finished by the end of the week, making gas available for delivery at the Muskogee City gate by Sept. 1.

Work on the 14-inch Sapulpa-Tulsa and the Boynton laterals is also nearing completion, and it is expected that by Sept. 15 gas will be being delivered through them under long-term contracts to Marion Oil & Gas Co. and Sapulpa Fuel Co. Construction of the Sand Springs and West Tulsa laterals will be proceeded with shortly.—V. 131, p. 789, 272.

Standard Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 12 months ended June 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 131, p. 1098.

Texas Gas Utilities Co.—Completes Line.—

Another record in the laying of natural gas main pipe lines has been established by this company, a subsidiary of the Appalachian Gas Corp., with the announcement of the completion of the Rycade field-Eagle Pass line, work on which was started late in July.

The line traverses the new \$6,000,000 Maverick County irrigation project enroute to Eagle Pass, continuing thence to the middle of the International Bridge, where present plans call for the delivery of gas to a Mexican distributing company for transmission to industrial and domestic consumers in Piedras Negras, Mexico. The distribution system in Eagle Pass, now nearing completion, will be operated by Texas Gas Utilities Co.

Completion of the Eagle Pass line marks the final step in the second section of Texas Gas Utilities Co.'s main pipe line construction program. The first section, the Rycade field-Devil's River pipe line, over 63 miles long, was completed and delivering gas in a little over 60 days.

There remains to be completed the Crystal City and Carrizo Springs distribution systems and "Winter Garden" extensions. Work on the Crystal City pipe line will commence shortly.

Sales Increase.—

The company announces that sales of natural gas to the Devil's River electric generating station of Central Power & Light Co. are now over 6,100,000 cubic feet daily. Initial deliveries on completion early in July of the pipeline from the Rycade field, at which time the power company transferred from oil to natural gas as fuel for its boilers, were 2,500,000 cubic feet daily. Early this month the load had reached 5,600,000 cubic feet daily, further demands bringing deliveries up to the present figure, with prospects of still further substantial increases.

The present load of the power company places the Texas Gas Utilities Co. well ahead of its estimated sales schedule. With a continuance of the load, revenue from this source alone is more than sufficient to provide for all operating expenses and fixed charges over the entire Texas Gas Utilities system, in which case all revenue from new pipeline recently completed or in course of construction will represent net increase.—V. 131, p. 939.

Twin States Natural Gas Co.—Debentures Offered.—

E. R. Diggs & Co., Inc., New York, are offering \$2,500,000 conv. 6% gold debts. at 98 3/4 and int., to yield over 6 3/4%.

Dated Aug. 1 1930; due Feb. 1 1933. Interest payable F. & A. at Hi-berna Trust Co., New York, trustee, without deduction for Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c\*. Redeemable as a whole or in part at any time on 30 days' notice at 100 and int. plus a premium of 1/2% for each full year of unexpired term. Company agrees to reimburse debenture holders residing in Penn., Calif., Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Mich., Minn., New Hampshire, Oregon, Wash., Conn., Maryland, Mass., Dist. of Columbia or Virginia for taxes levied by said States or District on the debentures or income derived therefrom, properly paid by such holders, not exceeding the personal property or income taxes in effect therein on Aug. 1 1930 subject to provisions of the debenture agreement.

Conversion Privilege.—Debentures are convertible at the option of the holder and subject to the provisions of the debenture agreement at any time after Feb. 1 1931 and up to but not after the 10th day prior to maturity, or, if called for redemption, at any time up to but not after the 10th day prior to the redemption date, at the principal amount thereof into participating class A stock of the company on the following basis: After Feb. 1 1931 and on or before Aug. 1 1931 at \$15 per sh.; thereafter and on or before Feb. 1 1932 at \$16 per sh.; thereafter and on or before Aug. 1 1932 at \$17 per sh.; thereafter until the 10th day prior to maturity at \$18 per sh. No fractional shares will be issued but payment will be made for the same in cash on the conversion basis existing at the time of conversion.

Data from Letter of Edward R. Berry, President of the Company.

Business.—Company, organized in Delaware, owns and operates, either directly or through its subsidiary, natural gas properties totaling more than 57,000 acres in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky. There are on this acreage more than 450 producing gas wells, having a present daily production of more than 27,000,000 cubic feet per day, an open flow capacity of more than 87,000,000 cubic feet daily, and an estimated gas reserve of more than 340 billion cubic feet. The gas horizons drained by these wells are reported to be among the most consistent and longest-lived producers in the eastern fields. The reserve acreage admits of intensive development work which will be carried out as rapidly as feasible and which should result in substantial increases in production and earnings. The average life of wells in these fields is reported to be in excess of 25 years.

The company owns over 91% of the outstanding common stock of Midland Natural Gas Co., a Delaware corporation.

Over 90% of the gross income from the properties of the company and of its subsidiary is derived from the wholesale distribution of gas under favorable contracts to several of the largest purchasers of natural gas in West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Kentucky.

The balance of the gross income is derived from the sale of gas by four subsidiaries of Midland Natural Gas Co. to domestic consumers in Pennsylvania and West Virginia communities.

Under the terms of the existing gas sales contracts, additional gas produced from presently drilled acreage will automatically have an immediate market.

Capitalization.—

Table with 3 columns: Authorized, Outstanding, and a third column with values. Rows include Convertible 6% gold debentures, Participating class A stock, and Common stock.

a Subject to divisional liens in the amount of \$754,670. b Further issuance of debentures is limited under the conservative restrictions of the debenture agreement. c 166,667 shares reserved for conversion of debentures. d 40,000 shares reserved for the exercise of rights extended to holder of participating class A stock.

Security.—Debentures are direct obligation of the company, and constitute its sole funded debt, other than divisional liens in the amount of \$754,670. Midland Natural Gas Co. has outstanding \$2,500,000 convertible debentures due 1935, and 116,887 shares of participating class A stock, and with its subsidiaries has outstanding \$1,033,780 of divisional liens. According to appraisals furnished by independent engineers, the combined properties have a sound value of \$17,940,497. The pro forma consolidated balance sheet as at May 31 1930, adjusted to give effect to subsidiary financing subsequent thereto, to the additional properties acquired, and to current financing, discloses total assets of over \$18,343,138.

After allowing for all prior charges, together with the equity applicable to the participating class A and common stock of Midland Natural Gas Co. not owned by the company, assets are equivalent to more than \$3,500 for each \$1,000 debenture. Additional debentures may be issued only under the conservative restrictions of the debenture agreement.

Earnings.—Based on 1929 historical earnings (as per footnote) Clark & Krebs, Inc., consulting engineers, state that the properties of the company and its subsidiary are at present operating on the following annual basis: Gross revenue \$1,423,806; Oper. expns., all prior requirements, incl. int. & div. charges, maint., depl., deprec. & res. for Fed. taxes of Midland Nat. Gas 869,979

Table showing Net income before income taxes \$553,827 and Interest on \$2,500,000 debentures 150,000.

The net income shown above is equivalent to an annual rate of 3.69 times the interest requirements on these debentures. Note.—Adjusted to give effect to a compressor station installed in March 1930 on one property, a rate increase granted in Nov. 1929 on one property, a well drilled in Jan. 1930 on one property, and the estimated production to be derived from three wells presently to be drilled on one property. According to Clark & Krebs, Inc., Consulting Engineers, these adjustments do not exceed an aggregate amount to \$24,000 of the net income shown above.

Purpose.—Part of these debentures has been issued in connection with the acquisition of 91% of the outstanding common stock of Midland Natural Gas Co.; the balance has been sold to provide funds to pay in part for additional properties, to provide funds for development, and for other corporate purposes.

Management.—Company and its subsidiary, Midland Natural Gas Co., is under the direction of Midland Management, Inc., which also directs the operations of the subsidiaries of Inland Utilities, Inc.

Acquires 91% Interest in Midland Natural Gas Co.—

President Edward R. Berry announces that the company has acquired more than 91% of the controlling interest of the Midland Natural Gas Co., together with additional natural gas properties located in Roane, Ritchie, Payette, Mineral, Glimer, Kanawha and Boone Counties in West Virginia, and Martin, Floyd and Mazonia Counties in Kentucky.

To provide in part for these acquisitions, the company has issued 55,000 shares of its partic. class A stock, which have been approved for listing on the Chicago Stock Exchange, and has authorized the issuance of \$2,600,000 of short-term 6% convertible debentures, which are being offered by a syndicate headed by E. R. Diggs & Co.

Through these acquisitions, the company materially increased its holdings and now owns and operates, directly or through subsidiaries, natural gas properties totaling more than 57,000 acres in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky, containing more than 450 producing wells with a daily rate in excess of 27,000,000 cubic feet and estimated gas reserve of more than 340 billion cubic feet.—V. 131, p. 1258.

Union Natural Gas Co. of Canada, Ltd.—Merger.—

Plans have been announced for the merger of this company and United Fuel Investments, Ltd., the consolidation to bring under one control operations of companies having total assets in excess of \$42,000,000. Under the plan, the Union Natural Gas Co. will exchange for each share of United Fuel Investments, Ltd. stock 6-10 of a common share of its capital stock. Holders of more than 60% of the outstanding United Fuel stock already have agreed to the plan.

The amalgamation will include the City Gas Co. of London, recently purchased by the Union Natural Gas Co. and United Fuel Investment, Ltd. with its three subsidiaries: the Hamilton By-Products Coke Oven, Ltd., United Gas & Fuel Co. of Hamilton, Ltd., and the United Suburban Gas Co., Ltd., forming one of the largest distributors of gas and coke in Canada.—V. 131, p. 1099.

United Fuel Investments, Ltd.—Consolidation.—

See Union Natural Gas Co. of Canada, Ltd. above.—V. 130, p. 4052.

United Gas & Fuel Co. of Hamilton, Ont.—Merger.—

See Union Natural Gas Co. of Canada, Ltd. below.—V. 127, p. 2529.

United Light & Power Co. (Md.).—June Sales Higher.—

Operating figures of this company show an increase in June over previous months. Continuing the favorable showing of the previous five months of 1930, there was a substantial increase during June in sales of energy in kilowatt hours. Total sales increased 9.16% over the 1929 period. Sales to the railroads showed a slight decrease. Domestic sales showed a gain of 20.48% and there was an increase of 9.53% in commercial sales, both in small light and power and large light and power. This increase in output was reflected by an 8.97% gain in revenues.

For the 12 months ended June 30 the company's total energy output increased 11.86% as compared with the preceding period, while the industry as a whole showed an increase of only about half that figure, or about 5.7%.—V. 131, p. 790, 272.

United Ohio Utilities Co.—Preferred Stock Offered.—

An issue of \$1,350,000 6% prior pref. stock is being offered at 98 1/2 and div. to yield 6.09% by Otis & Co.

Preferred over all other classes of stock as to cumulative dividends at the rate of 6% per annum, and as to assets, in event of voluntary liquidation to the extent of \$107 a share, and in the event of involuntary liquidation, to the extent of \$100 a share, in each case plus divs. Red. at any time, as a whole or in part, on 30 days' notice at \$107 a share and divs. Dividends payable Q-F. Dividends free of present normal Federal income tax. Chase National Bank, New York, registrar; American Light & Traction Co., New York, transfer agent.

Data from Letter of Vice-Pres. L. H. Heinke, Dated Aug. 20.

Company.—Company, controlling interest in which is owned by The United Light & Rys., a wholly owned subsidiary of The United Light & Power Co., was incorp. in 1926 in Delaware, and owns all of the common stock of Southern Ohio Electric Co.

Southern Ohio Electric Co. does all of the electric light and power business in 70 communities in the territory south of Columbus, Ohio, including Athens, Circleville, Gallipolis, Chillicothe and Hillsboro. The company also serves Delaware, Ohio, with electricity, steam and hot water heat, and Hillsboro with manufactured gas. Power is sold wholesale for distribution in six additional Ohio communities and in nine communities in West Virginia. The total population of the cities and towns served is approximately 110,000. The company derives more than 90% of its gross income from the sale of electricity.

Capitalization.—The consolidated capitalization of company and subsidiaries, as of June 30 1930, adjusted to give effect to this issue of 6% prior preference stock, the retirement of \$1,262,800 7% prior preference stock and the issuance in July 1930 of \$218,400 6% prior preferred stock of a subsidiary company, is as follows:

Table showing Funded debt of subsidiary company \$4,447,500 and 6% prior preferred stock of subsidiary company 218,400.

Earnings.—Consolidated net earnings of the company and its present subsidiaries for the 12 months ended June 30:

Table with 3 columns: 1929, 1930, and a third column. Rows include Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Maintenance, Taxes, general and income, and Replacement reserves.

Net earnings \$723,889 and Annual interest and dividend requirement on outstanding bonds and preferred stock of subsidiary company 267,519

Net income applicable to dividends \$448,648 and Annual dividend requirement on 6% prior preference stock (this issue) 81,000

Net income of the company and its subsidiaries, as shown above, available for dividends for the 12 months ended June 30 1930 after deduction for replacement reserves, was \$448,648, equivalent to more than 5 1/2 times the annual dividend requirement of \$81,000 on this issue of prior preference stock. Such net income, before deduction for replacement reserves, was \$690,769, or more than 8 1/2 times such dividend requirement.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be used for the retirement of \$1,262,800 7% prior preference stock.

**Utilities Power & Light Corp.—Dividends.**

Regular quarterly dividends for the third quarter of \$1.75 per share on the 7% preferred, 50c. per share on the class A stock, 25c. per share on the class B stock and 25c. per share on the common were also declared, all payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 5. Like amounts were paid in the first and second quarters.

Holders of the class A shares have the privilege of receiving 1-40th of a share of additional class A stock in lieu of their cash dividend. Likewise class B and common stockholders may each take 1-40th of a share of additional common stock in lieu of the cash disbursements on each of these classes of stock.

As to the class A, class B and common stock, unless by the close of business Sept. 15 1930 the stockholders advise the corporation that he desires his dividend in cash, the corporation will send to him the additional stock (or scrip for fractional shares) to which he is entitled.—V. 130, p. 4609.

**West Berwick Water Supply Co.—Bonds Called.**

All of the outstanding 1st mtge. 5% 50-year gold bonds, dated 1903, have been called for payment Sept. 1 at 110 and int. at the Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall St., N. Y. City.

**West Virginia Power Co.—Seeks to Expand.**

Proposing water power developments to cost \$23,026,000 in Summers, Mercer and Monroe counties, W. Va., and in Giles County, Va., the amended application of the company has been filed with the West Virginia P. S. Commission.

Known jointly as the Bluestone project, the company says in its application that it will consist of the Hinton development and the Bull Falls development. The projects will be on the New River and its tributaries, including the Bluestone, in the vicinity of the towns of Hinton, Avis and Bellepoint.

The estimated cost of the Hinton development would be \$6,171,000. It would include a dam 43 feet high, a reservoir with a capacity of 900,000,000 cubic feet, and a power house with a capacity of 31,000 h.p. It is proposed to construct this project first.

The Bull Falls development, 8.8 miles upstream from the Hinton development, would consist of a dam 125 feet high, a reservoir with a capacity of about 5,000,000 cubic feet and a power house with a capacity of 168,000 h. p. Its cost was estimated at \$16,755,000.

In its original application filed with the Commission in 1924, the company proposed the construction of one dam and power house at Bluestone Falls, 14.1 miles from the mouth of Bluestone River in Summers County. The application was not acted upon by the Commission and remained on the retired docket until several months ago, when the company petitioned for reinstatement of the application. The amended application is the result.

**INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.**

**Refined Sugar up 10 Points.**—Prices of refined sugar were advanced 10 points Aug. 29 to 4.45 cents a lb. by all leading refiners with the exception of Spreckels. The advance was initiated by Savannah Sugar. N. Y. "Times," Aug. 24, p. 28.

**Goodyear Cuts Salaries 10%.**—Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., effective Sept. 1 will reduce all salaries of sales and office forces, including executives by 10%. Company is employing 20% less salaried workers at present than at peak last year. Wall Street Journal, Aug. 28, p. 2.

**Matters Covered in the "Chronicle" of Aug. 23.**—(a) Automobile financing during June and the half year, p. 1156; (b) Life insurance sales in U. S. decline 2.2% in July, p. 1167; (c) Life insurance in Canada shows decrease in sales, p. 1167; (d) Sears, Roebuck & Co. rescinds order for Fall advance in tire prices, p. 1174; (e) Ford visions plants on 10-month year; motor-car industry will adopt plan to effect steady employment, he predicts, p. 1174. (f) Chains act to end the cigarette war; United and Atlantic & Pacific raise popular brands to two packs for 25 cents, p. 1178. (g) Copper producers refuse to cut 1c., p. 1184. (h) City of Bergen (Norway) offers \$2,680,000 5% bonds to retire 8% issue, p. 1190. (i) A. H. Bramson Co., Midland Associates, E. J. Brady & Co., Albert H. Bramson, Eugene J. Brady, and Emily Schwartz all enjoined on motion of the New York State Bureau of Securities, p. 1202. (j) Gold production and its future by H. A. Kursell of American Smelting & Refining Co.; decreased production expected by 1935, p. 1204. (k) Sales of fixed trust shares at end of 1930 estimated at over \$375,000,000 by John Newey of Standard American Corp., p. 1205. (l) Oregon statute on operation of trust business construed by State Attorney General; capital of \$200,000 required of State bank for that purpose in city of more than 100,000 population, p. 1206. (m) California credit unions not permitted to engage in banking business, p. 1207. (n) Knickerbocker National Corp., Bankshares National Corp., and Frank C. Thomas Enjoined; Bureau of Securities details deals preceding bankruptcy petition against one concern, p. 1202. (o) Transamerica Corp. to form eight subsidiaries; assets to be divided among units in different fields, p. 1209.

**Acushnet Mills Corp.—To Pay Second Dividend.**

The directors have declared a second liquidation dividend of \$10 per share, payable Sept. 2 to holders of record Aug. 22. This makes \$40 distributed to date, an initial liquidating disbursement of \$30 having been made last June. The directors and stockholders at the end of last year voted to wind up the affairs of the corporation.—V. 130, p. 3542.

**Aluminium, Ltd.—Dividend Dates Corrected.**

The initial quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share recently declared on the 6% cum. pref. stock is payable Sept. 1 to holders of record Aug. 15. This corrects item appearing in last week's "Chronicle."—V. 131, p. 1258.

**Amalgamated Silk Corp.—Files Petition in Bankruptcy—Liabilities Put at \$5,300,000 as of June 30 with Assets of \$5,500,000 at Same Date.**

The corporation filed a petition in bankruptcy Aug. 28 through B. H. H. Noble, its Secretary and acting President, following a meeting of the board of directors.

The petition explained that the directors authorized this action because the company owed debts which it was unable to pay in full, and because depressed conditions in the industry did not permit the operation or leasing of the company's manufacturing plants, equipped with 2,600 looms.

The company, said to be one of the largest manufacturers of silk products in the country, was organized in Delaware in October 1923 to take over the 14 plants of the D. G. Dery Corp. in New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia. The filing of the petition, according to Mr. Noble, is an index to generally depressed conditions and a highly competitive price situation prevailing in the silk industry.

An attempt, he said, had been made for more than a year to liquidate the inventory of the company, figured at \$1,204,000 for finished goods as of June 30, but unsatisfactory market conditions prevented completion of the liquidation. The corporation's latest balance sheet, he said, as of June 30 1930, showed assets of \$5,500,000 and \$5,300,000 in liabilities.

No estimate of present assets or liabilities are made in the petition; but these, it was said, would be filed in schedules within 10 days.

The capitalization of the corporation is \$5,000,000 in pref. stock (par \$100), of which \$3,595,000 is outstanding; 200,000 shares of no par common stock, and a bonded indebtedness of \$3,112,500.

Mr. Noble explained in his petition that the directors were willing to surrender all of the corporation's properties for the benefit of its creditors. The silk industry, according to attorneys for the petitioners, has been on the downward grade since 1919, which was the last good selling year. The cause of the slump, it was explained, was overproduction resulting from increased war-time facilities.

A director of the corporation issued a supplementary statement, through Mr. Harris, which, in part, was as follows: This step was deemed necessary by reason of the fact that continued unfavorable conditions in the industry have depleted the company's working capital and have not permitted the operation or the leasing of the company's manufacturing plants. In view of this, the management has been unable to work out any plan of reorganization which did not call for a substantial amount of new capital. The inability of the company to avoid interest new capital.

The company has outstanding approximately \$3,160,000 of 1st mtge. bonds issued by its predecessor, the D. G. Dery Corp., in 1921, secured by mortgage of its several plants located in Pennsylvania, New York and Virginia. The depreciated book value of these plants is approximately

\$3,900,000; but, based upon current prices for silk mills, said value is believed to be considerably less.

The company also has an inventory of finished merchandise on book value of approximately \$1,150,000, all of which is pledged with its factors to secure advances of approximately \$1,460,000. Other current assets include raw material of approximately \$50,000, and cash, trade acceptances and mill supplies of somewhat in excess of \$200,000.

Current liabilities, in addition to the sum owed to the factors above stated, amounted to something in excess of \$300,000.—V. 131, p. 131, 478.

**American Bond & Mortgage Co.—Bondholders Given Right To Intervene.**

The debenture bondholders' protective committee was granted a petition of intervention as hearing in a bill in equity seeking appointment of a receiver for the company opened before Chief Justice William R. Pattangall at Augusta, Me., Aug. 27. The company's demurrer to the complaint of Herbert W. Weeks and others who ask the receivership was recently overruled by Justice Pattangall. In the petition of intervention, Newton C. Farr and other members of the protective committee a leged no action or receivership was necessary; that the committee had the situation under control and that company officers whose activities had been questioned had been removed and new officers installed.—V. 131, p. 1258, 940.

**American District Telegraph Co. (N. J.)—Acquisition.**

Pres. C. C. Johnson on Aug. 27 announced that the Bankers Electric Protective Association of Boston has been acquired by the above company. The Bankers Electric Protective Association furnished burglary protection in New England. Mr. Johnson and E. A. Ward will be added to the latter company's directorate.—V. 130, p. 2774.

**American-Hawaiian Steamship Co.—Balance Sheet June 30 1930.**

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Fixed plant, vessels in com-		Capital stock.....	\$4,756,029
mission & shore plant.....	\$9,406,634	Excess of revenue over dis-	
Investments at cost.....	3,746,079	burse, incompl'd voyages..	253,007
Unexpired insurance & .....	182,110	Accounts payable.....	407,339
Advance payment acct. fuel		Dividend payable.....	3,748,800
oil contract.....	1,416,000	Purchase money obliga-	
Mixed claim award & accrued		tions on vessels.....	2,313,790
interest.....	2,293,453	Ships replacement fund....	780,429
Accts. receiv. incl. disaster &		Res. for P. & I. insurance...	24,413
other claims recoverable....	892,441	Res. for coll. mixed claim	
Supplies.....	62,772	award & accrued interest..	2,293,452
Cash in banks & on hand....	1,217,514	Surplus.....	5,029,881
Call loans.....	400,000		
Total.....	\$19,607,092	Total.....	\$19,607,092

The balance sheet gives effect to special dividend of \$8 of which the stockholders were advised at the time as follows: "Partly through liquidation of various funds arising out of the war activities the American-Hawaiian Steamship Co. has surplus current assets considerably in excess of the present requirements of the business. At a special meeting of the board of directors held June 9 1930, it was voted to declare a special dividend of \$8 a share payable on July 15 1930, to holders of stock of the company of record at the close of business July 1 1930."

For income statement for six months ended June 30, see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 130, p. 4610, 4242.

**American Ice Co.—Earnings.**

For income statement for month and 7 months ended July 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 131, p. 1100, 631.

**American International Corp.—2% Stock Dividend.**

The directors have declared the regular semi-annual dividend of \$1 per share in cash and 2% in stock on the outstanding capital stock, no par value, both payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 12.

Stock distributions of 2% each were made on April 1 and Oct. 1 1929, and on April 1 1930.—V. 131, p. 273.

**American Service Co.—New Control.**

The purchase of the American Service Co., an ice utility serving 54 cities in 13 Southern and Middle Western States, for \$18,000,000 was announced on Aug. 28 by the Nathan L. Jones Interests of Salina. Ninety-three plants are involved, including those at Parsons, Pittsburgh, Lawrence and Iola, Kan.; Austin, Texas; Shreveport, La.; Montgomery, Ala.; Knoxville and Chattanooga, Tenn.; Atlanta, Ga., and Joplin and Nevada, Mo. The American Service groups will be maintained under the same management, with Nathan L. Jones as President the announcement said.—V. 130, p. 4243.

**American Trustee Share Corp.—New Branch Offices.**

This corporation, depositor for Diversified Trustee Shares, has opened branch offices at 134 South La Salle St., Chicago, Ill., under the management of R. G. Robertson and R. W. C. Smale; Equitable Bldg., Denver, Colo., under the management of R. L. Kemper; and W. P. Story Bldg., Los Angeles, Calif., under the management of Guy M. Rush and A. H. Meng.—V. 131, p. 1100.

**Armstrong Cork Co.—Smaller Dividend.**

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 17, placing the stock on a \$1 annual basis, compared with \$2 previously.—V. 131, p. 274.

**Arundel Corp., Balt.—Receives Contract.**

The corporation was the successful bidder for a contract to dredge 11,930,995 cubic yards of intercoastal waterway from Beaufort to the Cape Fear River in North Carolina.

The canal to be constructed is to be part of the Government's inland waterway project to extend from Norfolk, Va., to Charleston, S. C., and the section of the work awarded the local corporation will involve a cost of about \$1,000,000. It was said. Section 111 of the intercoastal waterway is that portion between New River and the causeway at Wrightsville.—V. 131, p. 792.

**Asbestos Corp., Ltd.—Bondholders To Forego Interest.**

Holders of the general mortgage bonds will forego interest on the bonds for two years as a result of a resolution adopted by them at the meeting on Aug. 28. If the company is not in position to resume payments before that time expires. The bondholders also designated the firm of Stewart, James & Cook of New York, consulting mining engineers, to make an immediate investigation of the property.—V. 131, p. 941.

**Associated Oil Co. of Calif.—Capital Distribution to be Made by Subsidiary.**

The West Coast Oil Co., a subsidiary, has declared a dividend of \$40 a share as a distribution of a portion of the capital assets, subject to the approval of the California Corporation Commission, payable Sept. 2.

The regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 a share was also declared, payable Oct. 6 to holders of record Sept. 26.—V. 131, p. 1259.

**Atlantic Coast Fisheries Co.—New President.**

Harden F. Taylor, Vice-President has been elected President, succeeding F. W. Bryce, resigned.

The annual report of the company will be mailed to stockholders in about 10 days and will cover the period from Jan. 1 1929, to April 30 1930, it is stated.—V. 129, p. 1742.

**Atlantic Mortgage Co., Durham, N. C.—Receivership.**

Temporary receivers for the company were named Aug. 18 by U. S. District Judge I. M. Meekins at Elizabeth City, N. C. The receivers are J. W. Howard, Baltimore, and E. E. Duncan, Raleigh. Show cause hearing on the receivership was set for Sept. 5 before Judge Meekins here.

There are two actions, one involving \$1,060,633 in mortgage bonds and the other \$37,000, which were consolidated by order of Judge Meekins. Both were brought by James A. Gobel on behalf of himself and other holders of the bonds.

The first action lists as defendants the Union Trust Co., Baltimore, trustee; the Maryland Guaranty Co., Baltimore, guarantor of the individual collateral mortgages against receivers of the New Hope Realty Co., Durham, and the Atlantic Mortgage Co., Durham. The other action lists the same defendants with the addition of W. G. Bramham and T. L. Bland, receivers of the First National Co., Durham.

The plaintiff alleges in this first action that there is a default in principal under defaulted mortgages of \$492,835 and interest default under defaulted mortgages of \$36,462.20, a total of \$529,298 due the Union Trust Co., trustee, by the Atlantic, which it "is totally unable to pay."

The plaintiff alleges further that interest coupons due April 1 and July 1 of this year were paid only through advances from the Union, guaranteed by the Maryland Casualty Co., which have not been repaid and that the casualty company will guarantee no more loans, and that alleged foreclosures and bids of defendant companies were "nullities."

The Maryland Casualty Co., though its liability is restricted to individual mortgages only, proposed on Aug. 11 to the Union Trust Co. to provide for taking care of the bonds at natural maturities provided wholesale liquidation and consequent acceleration of maturities at this time was not brought about.

The trustee expressed doubt at its ability to accept such a proposal, and that question is placed before Judge Meekins.

The second action, including the First National receivers, involves bonds totaling \$835,000, of which default in principal and interest under defaulted mortgages is alleged to total \$308,000. It is sought to have Receivers Mason and Powell cancel a bid of the New Hope Realty Co. on defaulted mortgages or assign the bid to the Maryland Casualty Co.—V. 129, p. 963.

**Atlantic Refining Co.—Semi-Annual Report.**—J. W. Van Dyke, Chairman of the Board says in part:

Continuing the efforts of the management to maintain and improve plant, equipment and other fixed properties, substantial capital expenditures were made for the following general purposes: Crude producing and purchasing, \$1,725,000; pipe line, \$796,000; marine, \$733,000; refining, \$1,322,000; marketing, \$4,943,000; miscellaneous, \$9,000; total, \$9,528,000.

Of the above total expenditure only \$4,404,000 was drawn from current assets on hand Jan. 1 1930, as \$5,124,000 was provided through that amount of depreciation, etc., charged as a cost of operation during the period, and, of course, deducted from gross earnings before net earnings, as reported, were computed.

For income statement for 6 months ended June 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Comparative Balance Sheet June 30.

1930.		1929.		1930.		1929.	
Assets—		Liabilities—					
Plant account	\$96,558,112	\$89,736,139	Common stock	\$67,414,525	\$66,665,850		
Perm. invests.	10,728,947	5,967,160	Cap. stk. of sub.				
Cash	6,323,889	12,601,545	cos. not held				
U. S. Govt. sec.	1,031,891	1,103,890	by A. R. Co.		222,222		
Oth. market sec.	2,204,239	728,486	Debentures	14,158,759	14,306,600		
Accounts receivable	\$12,504,767	15,052,461	Cap. & surp. of minority int.	105,115			
Notes receivable	358,628	318,537	Accts. payable	4,581,557	6,767,462		
Due from empl.	79,097	63,506	Fed. taxes (est.)	1,193,000	2,195,000		
Inventories	34,697,384	35,663,370	Other curr. liab.	48,171	66,664		
Prepaid and deferred items	1,398,987	2,064,319	Acr. liabilities	561,264	416,102		
Other current assets	133,413	75,119	Deferred items	698,319	433,944		
			Other oper. res.	11,365,421	13,351,598		
			Surplus	\$64,965,223	\$8,949,096		
Total	\$165,091,353	\$163,374,539	Total	\$165,091,353	\$163,374,539		

x After deducting \$53,861,999 for depreciation and \$4,847,281 for depletion and amortization. y Less reserve for bad debts. z Consists of \$54,107,846 earned surplus; \$10,448,715 paid in surplus and \$408,662 capital surplus.—V. 131, p. 1100, 632.

**Atlas Stores Corp.—Listing.**

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 11,984 shares of common stock (no par value), on official notice of issue in payment of three 1 1/4% stock dividends, making the total applied for 377,725 shares.

On Aug. 1 1930, the directors declared a quarterly dividend of 25c. per share in cash upon the common stock payable Sept. 2 to holders of record Aug. 15 and dividends of 3 3/4% in stock upon the common stock, of which 1 1/4% is payable Sept. 2 to common holders of record Aug. 15. 1 1/4% is payable Dec. 1 1930 to common holders of record Nov. 17, and the remaining 1 1/4% is payable March 2 1931 to common holders of record Feb. 16 1931.

Each share of common stock issued in payment of such stock dividends will be capitalized out of earnings or earned surplus of the corporation at the book value, exclusive of earned surplus, per share of common stock outstanding immediately prior to the payment of such stock dividends.

Consolidated Income Statement Year Ended March 31 1930.

[Based, as to the 2 Months Ended June 1 1929, on Conservative Estimates of Gross Profits.]

Net sales of merchandise	\$20,575,624
Cost of merch. sold, sell., general & adminis. expenses, incl. prov. for credit losses & for N. Y. State franchise tax	18,798,287
Depreciation & amortization	1,020,726
Net operating profit	\$1,656,612
Miscellaneous earnings	153,191
Total income	\$1,809,802
Interest charges	64,269
Provision for Federal income tax	214,356
Net income	\$1,531,177

Consolidated Statement of Common Stock & Surplus Account for Period from June 1 1929 to March 31 1930.

Common stock & surplus as at June 1 1929 after giving effect to refinancing adjustments	\$2,819,086
Reserve for conting. established as at June 1 1929 to provide for revaluation of assets of constituent companies & other adjustments incident to consolidation	Cr750,000
Adjust. applc. to period prior to June 1 1929, rep. the reserve against def. sales contracts dated prior thereto, based on completed experience (adequate provision having been made in current profit & loss acct. in respect of subseq. sales, in accord. with policy of present management), sundry charge-offs & expenses in connection with consolidation	Dr506,753
Combined net income for 10 months ended March 31 1930 (incl. net inc. of subs. for entire period irrespective of dates of acqui)	1,374,638
Total surplus	\$4,436,969
Dividends paid & accrued by subs. prior to date of acquisition	68,011
Preferred dividends	29,167
Common dividends—cash	233,499
Cost of treasury stock acquired (net)	176,011
Common stock & surplus March 31 1930	\$3,830,281

Consolidated Balance Sheet March 31 1930.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$467,338	Notes payable	\$100,831
Accounts & notes receivable	\$5,055,623	Accts. pay. & accrued expenses	669,117
Inventories	1,108,226	Customers' credits against undelivered sales	61,573
Sundry deposits & receivables	25,531	Dividends payable	37,500
Cash surrender value of life insurance policies	19,641	Prov. for local, State & Federal taxes	166,047
Furniture & fixtures & store equipment	\$596,768	Prov. for Federal income & State taxes	201,029
Deferred charges & prep. exp.	93,252	Preferred stock	2,250,000
		Common stocks	\$1,489,375
Total (each side)	\$7,366,379	Earned surplus	728,034
		Capital surplus	1,662,872

a After reserve for credit losses of \$674,586. b After reserve for depreciation of \$339,070. c Represented by 297,875 no par shares.—V. 131, p. 1259, 942.

**Atlas Utilities Corp.—Acquires 80% of Exide Securities Capital Stock.**

The corporation announces that it has acquired in excess of 80% of the capital stock of Exide Securities Corp., and has elected to exercise options granted to it by agreements for exchange of stock entered into in response to the offer made on July 16 1930. Holders of deposit receipts are called upon to deposit same with The Chase National Bank of the City of New York, depository, promptly and stock certificates of the Atlas Utilities Corp. will be issued in exchange.

Stockholders of the Exide Securities Corp. were given the choice of receiving for each share of their capital stock either 9-20ths of a share of the \$3 preference stock, series A, of Atlas Utilities Corp., or 2 1/4 shares of the common stock of Atlas Utilities Corp. The market value of the common stock of Atlas Utilities Corp. during the current calendar year has ranged between \$2 to \$14 1/4 per share.

The consolidated balance sheet of the Atlas Utilities Corp. and the Atlas Utilities & Investors Co., Ltd., shows market value assets as of July 15 1930 in excess of \$17,000,000.—V. 131, p. 942.

**Autocor Co., Ardmore, Pa.—Tenders.**

Holders of 1st mtge. s. f. 7% conv. gold bonds, dated May 1 1922, are being notified by the Chase National Bank of New York that it will purchase such bonds to an amount sufficient to exhaust the moneys held in the sinking fund on Sept. 15 1930. As successor trustee, the bank invites sealed offers to be submitted to its corporate trust department, 11 Broad St., N. Y. City, prior to Sept. 15 at a price not exceeding 107 1/2 and interest to the date of purchase.—V. 130, p. 2585.

**Automatic Musical Instrument Co.—Defers Dividend.**

The directors have voted to defer the quarterly dividend of 60 cents per share due July 15 on the no par value preference partic. stock.—V. 130, p. 1463.

**Auto Strop Safety Razor Co., Inc.—Smaller Dividend.**

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share on the class B stock, payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Sept. 10. This compares with a quarterly rate of 40 cents per share heretofore paid.

The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share on the convertible class A stock, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 10.—V. 131, p. 792.

**(The) Aviation Corp. (Del.)—Business Increased.**

American Airways, Inc., transport subsidiary, carried 109,467 pounds of air mail over its various lines during the month of July, as against 103,219 during June; an increase of 6,248 pounds which, according to the official figures published by the Postoffice Department, is practically half the total increase of 12,813 pounds for all air lines in the country.

The revenue increase of American Airways for the month was \$10,179.

F. G. Coburn, President of the Aviation Corp. on Aug. 26 issued the following statement, with respect to bid opened by Post Office Department on Aug. 25 for the Southern Transcontinental airmail route between Atlanta, Ga. and Los Angeles, Calif. by way of Dallas and El Paso, Tex. and San Diego, Calif.

The Robertson Aircraft Corp., which bid jointly with Southern Air Express, Inc. for the Southern Transcontinental airmail route between Atlanta, Ga. and Los Angeles, Calif. by way of Dallas and El Paso, Texas is a subsidiary of American Airways, Inc., the air transport subsidiary of the Aviation Corp. This joint bid of Robertson and "Safeway," as Southern Air Express, Inc. is familiarly termed in the Middle West territory which its service, was the only tender for this southern route. However, the Post Office Department reserved decision with reference to this bid as well as with reference to the two bids received by the Department for the Middle Transcontinental airmail route between New York, N. Y. and Los Angeles, Calif. by way of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and Amarillo, and so it is not known whether a contract will issue.

If a contract should issue, it will be operated by a subsidiary of American Airways, Inc., which is fully equipped to undertake the task within the limit of 30 days from the date of award of the contract specified in the advertisement by the Post Office Department. American Airways is now, and for some years has been, flying in that territory. It has mail routes between Dallas and Dallas along the Gulf Coast, and passenger and mail business between Dallas and Brownsville, and passenger business between Dallas and El Paso. It has a large plant at Love Field, Dallas, Texas, with headquarters offices at Fort Worth, Texas, and has already a hangar and adequate facilities at Atlanta and El Paso, and ample flying equipment and personnel for the whole route.—V. 131, p. 478, 1260.

**Aviation Credit Corp.—Stockholders to Receive Offer.**

Negotiations have been completed whereby Commercial Credit Co. will offer to purchase all the outstanding stock of the Aviation Credit Corp., contingent upon the acceptance by the stockholders of at least 90% of the stock of the Aviation Credit Corp.

The price will be announced after an audit of the Aviation Credit Corp. is completed Aug. 30. The price will approximate \$23 a share, it is stated. The Aviation Credit Corp., which is associated with the Curtiss-Wright group, finances the sale of aircraft, motors and related accessories. For the nine months from beginning of operations to Dec. 31 1929, net income from all sources was \$276,032, equal to \$1.10 a share on the 250,000 common shares, and volume of purchases totaled \$724,715. Total resources as of Dec. 31 1929, were \$5,377,480.

Commercial Credit Co. has supervised credit and collection details for the Aviation Credit Corp. on a fee basis and holds 10% of the outstanding capital stock.—V. 130, p. 1119.

**Baldwin Locomotive Works.—New Directors, &c.**

At the meeting of the directors held on Aug. 28, the board was increased to 16 from 15 members.

William L. Austin resigned as a director of the company, and also from the board of the Standard Steel Works Co., after having been in the service of the Baldwin Locomotive Works for 60 years.

Thomas Newhall and Joseph Wayne Jr., were elected directors to fill the two vacancies existing on the board. Mr. Newhall also was made Chairman of the executive committee.

Thomas S. Gates retired as a director of the Midvale Co. and Standard Steel Works Co. and Baldwin-Southwark Corp.

Mr. Newhall was elected to each of these boards to fill the vacancies created by Mr. Gates' retirement. Mr. Newhall was also made Chairman of the board of directors of Baldwin Locomotive Works.

Mr. Gates remains as a director of banking firms of J. P. Morgan & Co., New York, and Drexel & Co., Philadelphia. Mr. Wayne is President of the Philadelphia National Bank. He is also a director of the Midvale Co. Mr. Gates recently retired from J. P. Morgan & Co. and Drexel & Co. to assume the new position of President of the University of Pennsylvania.

**August Shipments Increase.**

Shipments by the Baldwin Locomotive Works in August are expected to be in excess of \$3,000,000 which would compare with \$2,525,000 in July. Business booked in August has been the largest volume of any month since last March when bookings amounted to about \$2,250,000. New business taken on in April was \$1,670,000, so that orders for the current month will be somewhat between these two figures. Booking in August will also compare with \$330,000 booked in July when business was practically at a standstill. August bookings were swelled by the order for 15 heavy freight locomotives for the Chicago Great Western RR. value of this order alone being considerably in excess of \$1,000,000. The locomotives are for delivery in November. Business has been quiet, but there are some inquiries under way and an improvement in locomotive business is expected to develop in September or October at latest. Baldwin has sufficient orders on hand to maintain production of about \$3,000,000 per month for balance of the year.—("Philadelphia Financial Journal,"—V. 131, p. 1260.

**Baldwin Rubber Co., Pontiac, Mich.—New Product.**

The company will soon go into production on a new type of molded braking lining, in the recently completed addition to the Pontiac, Mich. plant, was announced on Aug. 16 by President Samuel C. Clark. The addition has a capacity of 50,000 feet of brake lining per day and special machinery is now being installed for early production.—V. 129, p. 3356.

**(Joseph) Bancroft & Sons.—Smaller Dividend.**

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 30 cents per share of the common stock, payable Sept. 30 to holders of record Sept. 15. Previously the company paid 62 1/2 cents quarterly.—V. 131, p. 942.

**Bankers Bond & Mtge. Co., N. Y.—New Name.**

See Manhattan Mortgage & Guaranty Co. below.

**Bankers Bond & Mtge. Guaranty Co. of America.—**

See Manhattan Mortgage & Guaranty Co. below.—V. 130, p. 4245.

**Banksheres National Corp.—Enjoined From Further**

**Sales of Stock.**— See last week's "Chronicle," page 1202.—V. 130, p. 139.

**(Ludwig) Bauman & Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.**

	1930.	1929.
Net sales	\$11,751,559	\$11,238,347
Cost of goods sold, selling, oper., admin. and other expenses, less miscell. income (excl. of officers' and employees' bonuses subordinated by contract to dividends on 1st pref. stock)	9,677,086	9,074,728
Depreciation on buildings	139,012	135,650
Bad accounts written off and provided for	941,902	878,944
Interest paid	473,822	454,576
Provision for Federal income tax	51,767	71,309
Subordinated bonuses	161,436	202,067
<b>Net profit</b>	<b>\$306,534</b>	<b>\$421,074</b>
Earns. per share on 150,000 shares common stock (no par) after allowing for pref. dividends	\$0.49	\$1.17

**Comparative Balance Sheet June 30.**

	1930.	1929.	1930.	1929.
<b>Assets—</b>				
Cash	300,280	280,733		
Accts. receivable	7,038,029	6,752,197		
Inventories	1,338,836	1,658,273		
Pref. stock purch. by employees	66,390			
Cash, surr. val. of life insurance	150,916	134,797		
Prepaid ins., int., supp., &c.	137,653	134,398		
Net worth of Elbecco Realty Corp	1,601,136	1,578,938		
Fixed assets	306,873	299,551		
Good-will	1	1		
<b>Tot. (each side)</b>	<b>10,940,114</b>	<b>10,833,889</b>		
			<b>Liabilities—</b>	
			Notes payable	2,210,000
			Accts. payable	241,150
			Accrued Fed. income taxes	14,367
			Prov. for conting. liability	517,894
			Conv. 7% cumul. 1st pref. stock	2,215,000
			6 3/4% non-cumul. 2nd pref. stock	1,189,800
			Common stock	1,189,800
			Surp. arising from reval. of invest. in Elbecco Realty Corp	1,596,136
			Surplus approx. for pref. stock sinking fund	150,000
			Earned surplus	2,627,766
			<b>Tot.</b>	<b>10,940,114</b>

x After allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1,015,561. y Represented by 150,000 no-par shares.—V. 131, p. 1101, 479.

**Beech-Nut Packing Co.—Regular Common Dividend.**

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share on the common stock, par \$20, payable Sept. 30 to holders of record Sept. 12. Previously this year, the company paid regular quarterly payments of like amount on the common stock on Jan. 10, April 10 and July 10.—V. 131, p. 631.

**Beacon Transport Co.—Certificates Called.**

All of the outstanding 6% marine equip. & mtge. gold trust certificates, Nos. 701 to 2,000, incl., due semi-annually from April 15 1931 to April 15 1937, inclu. have been called for payment on Oct. 15 next at 101 and int. at the Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 125, p. 1197.

**Beatrice Creamery Co.—Further Expansion.**

The company on Aug. 29 announced that it has completed negotiations or the acquisition of the Carry Ice Cream Co. of Washington, D. C., and the Maryland Creamery Co., Baltimore, Md. Acquisition will be completed through exchange of Beatrice preferred and common stock for the outstanding securities of the two companies.

The Carry Ice Cream Co. and Maryland Creamery Co. are among the largest ice cream producers in their territories. Their acquisition gives the Beatrice Creamery Co. its first representation in these cities, and marks the second stage in the company's 1930 program of eastern expansion. The first step was the purchase of Liberty Dairy Products Corp. of Pittsburgh, announced three weeks ago.

President C. H. Haskell, estimated that on the basis of present operations, the new subsidiary companies will earn in excess of \$10 a share on the common stock involved in their purchase.—V. 131, p. 1101.

**Bendix Aviation Corp.—Reorganize Departments of Subsidiaries.**

Announcement of the reorganization of six executive departments of the Charles Cory & Son Corp., for 90 years manufacturers of marine equipment and recently merged as another unit of the Bendix Aviation Corp., was made on Aug. 23 by Vice-President A. P. Homer.

S. J. Cairns, formerly Comptroller of the Waltham Watch Co. and before that assistant trust officer of the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston, has become assistant general manager of the Cory company, H. J. Boll, lately production manager of the Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor Co., has been made production manager. L. E. Oneal, previously with the Delta-Star Electric Co. has been appointed manager of industrial sales.

L. D. Naudin, chief electrical engineer in charge of naval vessels for the New York Shipbuilding Co., has become consulting engineer for Cory. Victor Carbonara, formerly production engineer of the Pioneer Instrument Co., has been made chief engineer and Joseph Harper superintendent of the service and installation department.

**Receives Assets of Consolidated Instrument Co. of America, Inc.—See latter company below.**

**Earnings.**—For income statement for 3 and 6 months ended June 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Vincent Bendix, President, in issuing the earnings statement, said: "These earnings are after substantial write-offs incident to the dismantling of the Stromberg Motor Devices Chicago plant and moving it to a new and modern plant in South Bend.

"Progress has been made in the reduction of operating expense and increased efficiency. A saving of \$40,000 monthly in overhead has recently been effected, and other steps are being taken which would further reduce our costs. The current position of the corporation is strong.

"Earnings for the third quarter should be improved by reason of the judgment recently entered in favor of the Stromberg Motor Devices Co., a subsidiary of Bendix Aviation Corp., against the Zenith Carburetor Co. in the amount of \$268,000, thus ending litigation on patent infringement in progress for many years. We anticipate that this judgment will be paid in the current quarter."—V. 130, p. 4420.

**Bolsa Chica Oil Corp.—Will Share in Income from Four Kettleman Wells.**

The corporation will be paid approximately \$30,000 this month and about \$7,000 to \$7,500 monthly hereafter as its share of the money accruing to companies having shut-in wells on the North Dome of Kettleman Hills. This money comes from four wells on production on the North Dome and is compensation to operators owning shut-in wells for oil drained from their lands by these four wells. Under terms of the North Dome curtailment agreement between the Federal Government and oil operators on the North Dome, 25% of the oil production of these four wells goes into a fund which is distributed monthly to owners of shut-in wells.

The four wells contributing to the compensation fund are Milham Exploration Co.'s Elliott No. 1 (the discovery well); Continental Oil Co.'s Elliott No. 12-8, and Standard Oil Co. of California's No. 1P-8 and its No. 11, p-81. Bolsa Chica's Ferguson No. 24-1 well is on Sec. 24-22-17. See also V. 131, p. 942.

**Borden Co.—Suit Filed.**

An \$800,000 damage suit charging violation of the Clayton Anti-Trust Act was filed in the Federal District Court at Chicago against the Borden Co. and Borden Farm Products Co. Hilda F. Ellison, widow of the founder of the Clover Leaf Milk Co., filed the suit and also named as defendants Thorwald Gregersen and Gunnar K. Gregersen, who once held a majority of Clover Leaf stock.

Mrs. Ellison charges that she was induced to sell 315 shares of Clover Leaf stock at \$535 a share when it was worth \$1,000 a share. ("Wall Street Journal")—V. 131, p. 942, 632.

**Boston Store of Chicago, Inc.—Acquisition.**

The Reins & Meiss Co., one of the largest jobbing concerns of Cincinnati, founded 52 years ago, has just announced its retirement from business

and the sale of its entire stock of merchandise for a price approximating \$500,000. The purchaser is the Boston Store of Chicago, which several years ago bought the stock of the Siegel & Cooper Co., Chicago, for \$1,500,000. The stock consists of knit goods, fancy notions, hosiery, under wear and ready-to-wear, womens' and children's apparel.

The Reins & Meiss Co. has been selling to large retail stores throughout the United States. All the large department stores of Cincinnati were among its customers. Harry Meiss stated that the large stock of the company was sold to an outside store rather than to a Cincinnati concern in order not to show any preference to any Cincinnati customers.

The Boston Store is one of the largest cash department stores in the world. It occupies a 17-story building, covering an entire block, and has 3,000 employees.—V. 125, p. 653.

**Bulova Watch Co., Inc.—New Unit, &c.**

Arde Bulova, Chairman of the Board, Aug. 22, says in part: In addition to our factories in Bienna, Switzerland, our manufacturing unit in Providence, R. I., our casing and timing unit on Fifth Avenue New York, there is now a third manufacturing unit being put into operation for the making of Bulova movements at Woodside, L. I. (N. Y. C.).

The Bulova sales volume is keeping steadily ahead of last year, and there is every indication that this lead will be maintained.—V. 131, p. 1260, 118.

**Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining & Concentrating Co. Dividends.**

The directors have declared the regular 25-cent monthly dividend and the usual extra 25-cent monthly dividend, payable Sept. 5 to holders of record Aug. 28.—V. 131, p. 943.

**Calumet & Arizona Mining Co.—Omits Dividend.**

The directors on Aug. 26 voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily paid about Sept. 23 on the capital stock. On June 23 last, a quarterly distribution of 50 cents per share was made as against a quarterly of \$1.50 per share on March 24. Previously, the company paid quarterly dividends of \$2.50 per share.—V. 131, p. 1101.

**Canada Steamship Lines, Ltd.—Defers Pref. Dividends.**

The directors have voted to defer the quarterly dividend of 1 1/2% due Oct. 1 on the 6% cumul and partic. pref. stock. This rate had been paid to and incl. July 1.

The following official statement was issued by the company: "Due to the general depressed business conditions which have prevailed in Canada since last fall and which have been reflected in the earnings of the company, payment of the regular quarterly dividend on the 6% cumul. pref. stock, which will fall due on Oct. 1, 1930, will be deferred with the view to maintaining the credit position of the company. This dividend has been paid since Jan. 1 1927, the last quarterly dividend having been paid on July 1 1930.

"A substantial part of the company's revenue is derived from the movement of grain from the Head of the Lakes to Montreal and Quebec and this traffic, which was much below normal last fall has been considerably less during the present season to date. No immediate prospects of improvement in this branch of the company's activities are indicated.

"Passenger traffic, originating in Canada and the United States, has fallen off to some extent with a resultant loss of revenue. Package freight has also been affected but is comparatively satisfactory.

"Throughout the current period of depression the company's property has been maintained in sound physical condition and the directors feel that the earning power has been in no way impaired but in fact has been improved and the company is in a splendid position to take advantage of any return to normal conditions.

"The dividend is accumulative and payments will be resumed as soon as earnings warrant."—V. 131, p. 1101.

**Canada Wire & Cable Co., Ltd.—New Interests Acquire Stock.—Initial Class B Dividend.**

Following meetings of the board of directors of this company or Noranda Mines, Ltd., the following joint statement was issued by W. H. Marsh, Vice-President of Canada Wire & Cable Co., Ltd., and James Y. Murdoch, K. C., President of Noranda Mines, Ltd.:

"Plans have been consummated whereby Noranda Mines, Ltd., has acquired a substantial share interest in the Canada Wire & Cable Co., Ltd., James Y. Murdoch, K. C. of Toronto, and Noah A. Timmins of Montreal, President and a director respectively of Noranda Mines, Ltd., have been elected to the board of directors of the Canada Wire & Cable Co., Ltd. The latter company will shortly commence the construction of a rod mill and wire-drawing plant adjacent to the copper refinery now being erected in Montreal East by Canadian Copper Refiners, Ltd., the Noranda refinery subsidiary."

Mr. Marsh also announced that the board of directors have declared the quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the class A common stock, the dividend being payable Dec. 15 1930 to holders of record Nov. 30, and also announced the declaration of an initial dividend upon the class B common stock of Canada Wire of 43 3/4 c. per share, payable the same day to shareholders of similar record.—V. 130, p. 4247.

**Carman & Co., Inc., New York.—Dividends, &c.**

The company has declared dividend No. 10 for the third quarter on its class A stock at the rate of 50 cents per share, payable Nov. 29 to holders of record Nov. 15.

The company has also declared dividend No. 8 on its class B stock, payable in class B stock at the rate of 1-40 of one share, or 50 cents in cash per share held, payable Oct. 25 to holders of record Oct. 15.

**Earnings.**—For income statement for 3 and 6 months ended June 30, see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 130, p. 4421.

**Carnegie Steel Co.—New President, &c.**

See United States Steel Corp. below.—V. 131, p. 633.

**(J. I.) Case Plow Works Co.—Nothing for Second Preferred and Common Stockholders.**

The report of Haldeman C. Stout, receiver, filed in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware reveals that there is nothing available for distribution to the holders of the 2d pref. and common stockholders. Accordingly, "it is ordered by the Chancellor that distribution of the assets in said receiver's hands be made solely to the holders of the shares of 1st pref. stock of said defendant corporation to the exclusion of any right of participation therein on the part of the holders of shares of 2d pref. and common stock of said defendant corporation."—V. 127, p. 1393.

**Caterpillar Tractor Co.—Listing.**

The San Francisco Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 117,647 additional shares of capital stock, no par value, upon official notice of issuance.

The additional shares are to provide for the maximum requirements of the conversion privilege of the 5-year 5% conv. gold notes.—V. 131, p. 793.

**Celotex Co.—Stockholders to Form Voting Trust—Stockholders to Receive Rights for New Stock—Underwritten—Five-Year Option on 100,000 Shares at \$15 per Share Granted—Earnings, &c.**

The common stockholders are being asked by a stockholders group, composed of C. S. Mott, Moye W. Stephens, H. E. Vance, T. A. Burt, Lee B. Ewing, T. B. Munroe, C. E. Stedman, C. G. Muench, T. S. Kearns and C. F. Dahlberg, to deposit their holdings under a five-year voting trust. C. S. Mott, of Flint, Mich., V.-President and director of General Motors Corp., T. A. Burt of Urbana, Ill., and W. S. Gray Jr., Vice-President of Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., N. Y. City, have been named as voting trustees.

A comprehensive financial program has been arranged in connection with the establishment of the voting trust, which includes the prompt establishment of a revolving credit for the company, control of the finances of the company by a finance committee, changes in the personnel of the board of directors, and an offering to the stockholders of rights to subscribe to approximately 55,300 shares of common stock at a subscription price of \$10 a share. This offering of common stock has been underwritten by the banking house of White, Weld & Co., and associates.

These stockholders, in a letter now being mailed to common shareholders asking for deposit of their shares under the voting trust, state that in their opinion the company is being operated on a sound manufacturing and merchandising basis, and that its interests can best be served by continuing its present operating policies but in connection with the revised financial program. They are of the opinion that the plan will take care of the cash needs of the company and will provide a program which will carry the business forward with increased earnings.

Stockholders are being asked to deposit their common shares under the voting trust not later than Sept. 20 1930. It is understood that a substantial block of common stock has already been deposited, represented by shares of members of the above group. It is planned to list the voting trust certificates on the New York Exchange.

The plan includes an amendment to the certificate of incorporation of the company to cut off pre-emptive rights of holders of shares of preferred and common stocks of the company to subscribe to additional common shares of the company, and the granting to the interests which have arranged the credit and the underwriting by the company of 5-year options to purchase a total of 100,000 shares of its common stock, or voting trust certificates, at \$15 a share, of which total of 100,000 shares these interests are to reserve for the management of the company options to purchase 25,000 shares, or voting trust certificates, such options to the management to be distributed within approximately three years.

The board of directors of the company, at a meeting held Aug. 27, approved this and recommended it to the stockholders for favorable action. A meeting of common shareholders to approve the amendment to the certificate of incorporation and certain amendments to the by-laws of the company is scheduled for Sept. 24 1930.

Earnings of the Celotex Co. for the 8 months ended June 30 1930, were \$114,409 after all charges and after excluding \$103,818 of non-recurring income accruals. In view of these greatly reduced earnings and the depression in building activity, which has adversely affected sales of the company's chief products, the board of directors voted to omit payment of the quarterly dividend on the company's preferred stock, ordinarily payable Oct. 1. The balance sheet of the company, as of June 30 1930, showed net working capital of \$1,551,607 as compared with \$1,641,468 as of Oct. 31 1929.

The balance sheet of June 30, as mailed to stockholders, gives effect to the acquisition by the company of the foreign patents, patent rights and trade-marks formerly owned by Dahlberg Corp. of America. The Dahlberg Corp. of America, in exchange for such foreign patents and trade marks, received 18,552 shares of Celotex common stock and accounts in the amount of \$115,781. This purchase puts the company in possession of the right of unrestricted manufacture in all countries of the world.

Investments in and advances to the South Coast Co. are shown at \$2,081,674, representing an investment of \$110,380 in the common stock of that company, and advances, chiefly in cash, of \$1,971,294. The South Coast Co. is now operating under a receivership, into which it went last June upon petition to the Federal Court in Louisiana. The extent of the loss to the Celotex Co. in connection with these advances will be more definitely determined after the close of the next grinding season in January 1931.

**Preferred Dividend Deferred.**—The directors have voted to defer the quarterly dividend due Oct. 1 next on the 7% cumulative preferred stock.—V. 130, p. 4612, 4247.

**Central Leather Co.—Off Boston List.**

By order of the committee on stock list, the common and 7% preferred stocks have been stricken from the Boston Stock Exchange list, the company having discontinued its Boston transfer and registrars' offices.—V. 125 p. 100.

**Chelsea Exchange Corp.—Omits Dividends.**

The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividends of 25c. each on the class A and B stocks due at this time, in order to conserve the assets and build up the surplus account. Previous dividend action was taken at the end of July a year ago, when four quarterly dividends of 25c. each were declared on both classes of stock.—V. 128, p. 1735.

**Clean-it-erias, Ltd.—Bankrupt.**

A meeting of creditors of the company, held recently following assignment in bankruptcy made on July 23, appointed F. M. Moffatt, Toronto, as trustee and a committee of five inspectors to represent the creditors. Tenders are being asked for the company as a going concern.

The company operates some 20 service shops and a cleaning plant and does a business of cleaning, pressing, dyeing and pleating. It was originally organized in 1927 as a private company, but was financed early in 1929 through the issue of class A shares, and at that time took the present name. Capitalization consists of 10,000 class A shares (no par value) authorized, of which 3,500 are issued and 40,000 common shares, of which 35,378 shares are issued. ("Financial Post," Toronto).

**Clifton Co., Ltd.—Bonds Called.**

All of the outstanding 7% 2nd mtge. 15-year convol. s. f. bonds, of 1919 have been called for payment Sept. 26 next at 102½ and int. at the Royal Bank of Canada in Toronto, Canada, or to the Chatham-Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. in New York City, or to the Toronto General Trust Corp., Toronto, Canada, at the holder's option.

Upon surrender of the bonds, payment will be made at 102½ and int. to the date of presentation. Frank A. Dudley is President.

**Club Aluminum Utensil Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.**

<b>Years Ended June 30—</b>	1930.	1929.	1928.
Total sales	\$2,538,122	\$5,864,823	\$7,106,733
Net operating profit	loss\$394,639	91,725	903,045
Miscellaneous income	Dr.64,881	11,483	71,900
Total income	loss\$459,520	\$103,208	\$974,945
Federal income taxes		25	121,415
Bursell inventory loss		100,000	
Net profit after all charges	loss\$459,520	\$3,184	\$853,530
Dividends			586,530
Balance	loss\$459,520	\$3,184	\$267,000
Earns. per sh. on 271,240 shs. capital stock (no par)		Nil	\$0.01

<b>Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30.</b>				
<b>Assets—</b>		<b>Liabilities—</b>		
1930.	1929.	1930.	1929.	
Cash	\$88,918	\$93,341	Accts. payable	\$77,601
Notes receivable	17,578		Notes payable	454,536
Accts. receivable	x1,012,436	621,303	Accruals	32,408
Inventories	345,370	856,910	Reserves	127,931
Other assets	33,550	251,319	Deferred income	9,168
Fixed assets	y205,254	268,011	Res. for def. comm	6,485
Deferred charges	51,228	67,797	Res. for Fed. taxes	25
Deficit	850,308	117,243	Other liabilities	3,941
			Common stock	z1,903,000
Total	\$2,604,643	\$2,275,926	Total	\$2,604,643

x After reserve and carrying charges of \$145,847. y Less reserve for depreciation of \$41,313. z Represented by 271,240 shares of no-par value.—V. 130, p. 627.

**Coca-Cola International Corp.—Bal. Sheet June 30.**

<b>Assets—</b>		<b>Liabilities—</b>		
1930.	1929.	1930.	1929.	
Cash	\$26,502	\$17,011	Class A stock	x\$1,653,020
Com. stock Coca-Cola Co.	4,415,880	4,510,880	Common stock	y4,415,880
Class A stock Coca-Cola Co.	1,653,020	2,013,090	Surplus	26,502
Total	\$6,095,402	\$6,540,981	Total	\$6,095,402

x Represented by 165,302 no par shares. y Represented by 220,794 no par shares. For income statement for 3 and 6 months ended June 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 130, p. 3710, 2034.

**Colonial Beacon Oil Co.—Earnings.**

For income statement for 3 and 6 months ended June 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 131, p. 3360, 3167.

**Columbia Oil & Gasoline Corp.—Correction.**

We have been officially informed that the Columbia Gas Corp. (Del.), which was reported to have been formed early this year by the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey interests, never made an offer for the stock of the Columbia Oil & Gasoline Corp. The latter company was organized by the Columbia Oil & Electric Corp. as part of its plan to segregate its oil and public utility properties. Investigation failed to disclose the incorporation in Delaware of any such company by the name of Columbia Gas Corp. (Del.). This corrects the statement published in our issue of May 31 1930, p. 3884.—V. 131, p. 1261, 119.

**Columbia Pictures Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.**

<b>Years Ended—</b>	June 28 '30.	June 29 '29.
Gross profit	\$4,240,428	\$2,287,018
Amortization of film	2,714,971	1,585,793
Amortization of film distribution rights purchased	429,618	145,462
Interest charges	41,016	16,675
Net income	\$1,063,824	\$539,088
Other income	105,635	87,734
Total income	\$1,169,459	\$626,823
Provision for Federal income taxes	139,500	75,000
Net profit	\$1,029,959	\$551,823
Preferred dividends	70,254	14,390
Common dividends	58,841	
Balance, surplus	\$900,864	\$537,433
Earnings per share on common stock (no par)	\$6.22	\$4.78

<b>Comparative Balance Sheet.</b>				
<b>Assets—</b>		<b>Liabilities—</b>		
June 28 '30.	June 29 '29.	June 28 '30.	June 29 '29.	
Cash	\$516,291	\$388,488	Notes payable	\$314,770
Notes receivable	3,000	3,000	Accts payable and accrued expenses	700,600
Accts receivable	631,984	303,768	Reserve for Federal income taxes	139,500
Due from officers	37,243	75,257	Income taxes	75,000
Inventories	2,667,430	1,142,018	Adv. fr. franchise holders & ex'rs	188,426
Film rights purch.	249,800	187,009	Mortgage payable	37,500
Adv. re joint prod.	17,268	43,768	Due to officers	13,718
Prepaid expenses	89,142	79,235	Deferred income	45,499
Stock subs. rec'd.	120,744		Res. for conting'ies	40,000
Cash surrender val.			Capital stock	c2,487,948
Life insurance	18,900	80,150	Capital surplus	85,681
Miscell. investm'ts	a80,897	80,150	Earned surplus	1,744,008
Land, bldgs., &c.	b1,368,000	839,889		
Total	\$5,797,651	\$3,142,582	Total	\$5,797,651

a After reserve for decline in market value of \$95,000. b After reserves of \$284,065. c Represented by 18,092 shares no par cumulative preferred stock and 156,908 shares no par common stock.—V. 130, p. 4613, 4421.

**Commercial Investment Trust Corp.—Dividends.**

The regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 on the 7% 1st pref. stock and of \$1.62½ on the 6½% 1st pref. stock has been declared payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 5.

The regular quarterly dividend on the conv. preference stock, optional series of 1929, has been declared payable on the same date to holders of record Sept. 5 in common stock at the rate of 1-52d of a share of common stock per share of conv. preference stock so held, or at the option of the holder, in cash at the rate of \$1.50 for each share of conv. preference stock owned. The corporation at least five days before such record date will mail to convertible preference stockholders notice of this dividend together with a form of written order which must be executed and filed with the corporation on or before Sept. 16 by any convertible preference stockholder desiring that his dividend be paid in cash rather than in common stock. The transfer books will not close. Checks, stock certificates and scrip will be mailed.

The regular quarterly dividend of 40 cents per share in cash and 1¼% in common stock has been declared on the common stock, also payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 5. Checks in lieu of fractions of shares distributable by reason of such stock dividend, based upon the bid price for common stock of the corporation on the New York Stock Exchange at the close of business on the date on which such common stock sells "ex" the stock dividend, will be paid to stockholders entitled thereto. The transfer books will not close. Checks and stock certificates will be mailed. Like amounts were paid on the respective stocks on July 1 last.—V. 131, p. 930.

**Commercial Investment Trust, Inc.—New Contract.**

The Bendix-Westinghouse Automotive Air Brake Co. of Pittsburgh, Pa., has completed arrangements with the Commercial Investment Trust, Inc., for the financing of time payment sales of its air brakes for trucks and buses.

An error appeared in the recent item stating that an arrangement has been entered into by the Brunswick Radio Corp., and Commercial Investment Trust, Inc., whereby C. I. T. will act as the official financing organization for Brunswick dealers and distributors covering radio sales made on the installment plan. The Brunswick Radio Corp. is the successor to the Musical Division of Brunswick-Balke-Collender Co., not successor to the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Co. See V. 131, p. 1261.

**Commercial Solvents Corp.—2% Stock Dividend.**

The directors have declared the regular quarterly cash dividend of 25c. per share on the outstanding common stock, payable Sept. 30 to holders of record Sept. 10.

The directors also declared a dividend payable in stock on Sept. 30 to holders of record Sept. 10 at the rate of 2 shares for each 100 shares then outstanding. Non-dividend bearing scrip certificates will be issued for fractional shares to which any stockholder may become entitled as a result of this stock dividend, and this scrip when aggregated will be exchangeable for full shares. The company also paid 2% in stock on Nov. 1 1928 on April 1 and Oct. 1 1929 and on March 31 1930.—V. 131, p. 1261.

**Connecticut Mortgage & Title Co.—Trustee.**

Judge John Rufus Booth, at a special session of Connecticut Superior Court, Aug. 19, named the Union & New Haven Trust Co. as temporary succeeding trustee to all trustee mortgages held by the company at the time it was placed in receivership on Aug. 16.

**Consolidated Food Products, Ltd. (& Subs.).—Earnings.**

<b>Earnings for Year Ended March 29 1930.</b>	
Net loss after all expenses but before depreciation & bond interest	\$122,165
Provision for depreciation	6,500
Bond interest	75,019
Net loss for year	\$203,664
Balance at credit April 1 1929	Cr.33,512
Adjustment re minority interest	379
Income tax adjustment	Cr.2,349
Class A dividend	11,339
Deficit as at March 29 1930	\$179,543

<b>Consolidated Balance Sheet March 29 1930.</b>			
<b>Assets—</b>		<b>Liabilities—</b>	
1930.	1929.	1930.	1929.
Land, buildings, equip., &c.	\$3,192,679	6% 1st mtge. skg. fund bonds	\$1,227,000
Cash in bank	31,757	Deferred bills payable, 6%	300,000
Cash in stores and on hand	67,677	Minority interest of Arnold Brothers, Ltd.	3,969
Inventories	491,617	Class A stock	1,056,300
Accounts receivable and deb'ts accounts payable	19,573	Common stock	x1,413,129
Prepaid insurance, taxes and expenses	35,444	Bank loan, secured	175,000
Cash with trustee	355,043	Bills payable, trade	51,091
Mortgage receivable	15,002	Accounts payable, trade	204,263
Life insurance, cash surrender value	4,106	Accrued charges and bond interest	44,583
Deferred charges, organization expense, &c.	262,439	Total (each side)	\$4,475,336
		(no par) shares.—V. 131, p. 276.	



**Consolidated Instrument Co. of America, Inc.—Dis-solves—Liquidation Dividend.—**

This company, with the approval of its stockholders, has transferred its assets to the Bendix Aviation Corp., for 16,416 shares of common stock of that corporation and has dissolved. The above mentioned common stock is ready for distribution as a complete liquidating dividend, in the ratio of one share of such common stock for each 12 shares of stock of this company. Fractional shares of such common stock will not be issued, but arrangements have been made for buying or selling any such fractional interests at the time the liquidating dividend is distributed.

"Holders of stock of the Consolidated Instrument Co., who have not received by mail a letter to stockholders accompanied by the form of letter of transmittal to be used by them to obtain the liquidating dividend, should apply for copies of such papers to the Commercial National Bank & Trust Co. of New York, 56 Wall St., N. Y. City, so that they may make proper application for the liquidating dividend." says the Consolidated company.—V. 131, p. 276.

**Consolidated Laundries Corp. (Md.)—Resumes Div.—**

The directors have declared a cash dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 15. This is the first cash dividend on the common since April 30 1927, when 50 cents per share was paid.

Sales and profits in 1930 to date are ahead of last year, the company stated.—V. 131, p. 481.

**Crown Cork & Seal Co. (Balt.)—New Product, etc.—**

The company has developed a special closure for use on packaged lubricating oils, and with leading oil companies concentrating sales activities on branded motor oils in containers, a wide distribution of the new seal is being developed.

The company also makes caps and closures for food and pharmaceutical products, its Baltimore plants producing more than 300,000 gross closures of all types per day.

The company has acquired valuable patents covering rubber closures to be used with metal caps in sealing food products containers, and will immediately inaugurate large scale production of the new closures. Vice-Pres. F. E. Fusting announced on Aug. 27. "During the past year," said Mr. Fusting, "our company acquired valuable patents covering rubber formulae to be used in connection with a sealing medium on large size closures for food products. We are now about to engage on a large scale in the sale of such metal tops to the food packing industry."—V. 131, p. 1262.

**Deep Rock Oil Corp.—Earnings.—**

For income statement for 12 months ended June 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 130, p. 4057, 2215.

**Derby Oil & Refining Co.—Earnings.—**

For income statement for 6 months ended June 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Balance Sheet June 30 (including Derby Oil Co.)		
Assets—	1930.	1929.
Real est., bldgs., equip., &c.	\$3,789,473	\$3,560,502
Cash in bank and on hand	264,520	289,763
Acc'ts, notes and accept's receiv.	354,516	2387,486
Inventories	627,740	430,884
Acc'ts rec. (secured)	—	55,000
Investments at cost	—	58,589
Deferred charges	33,416	9,057
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,070,293</b>	<b>\$4,791,281</b>
Liabilities—	1930.	1929.
Notes payable	\$359,000	\$210,000
Acc'ts payable	601,294	387,109
Tank car notes	24,957	38,216
Miscell. reserves (taxes, &c.)	32,356	45,330
Minority interest	7,848	11,875
Net worth	\$4,044,838	4,098,750

\* Being excess assets over liabilities, represented by: \$4 dividend cumulative pref. stock, authorized 100,000 shares, no par value (having a valuation in liquidation of \$60 per share); issued, 50,000 shares (of which 28,858 shares in treasury). Common stock, authorized 500,000 shares no par value; issued, 271,232.7 shares (of which 8,284.95 shares in treasury). y Less \$3,389,815 depreciation and depletion. z After \$13,235 reserve for doubtful accounts.—V. 129, p. 1130.

**Detroit Aircraft Corp.—Orders Increase, etc.—**

Orders on hand Aug. 12 totaled \$1,088,048, of which \$827,000 represents a U. S. Navy order for bombing planes, leaving unfilled commercial orders of \$261,048. The commercial business will be filled within six weeks, while the Navy order is scheduled for delivery early in 1931.

"The realization of profits by the Detroit Aircraft Corp. has, of course, been deferred by the sharp shrinkage in volume in the aviation industry," President Edward S. Evans said. "Considerable progress has been made, however, in rounding out our manufacturing, sales and engineering program, and we are now in a position to take full advantage of any improvement in business and the economies of a centralized organization."

"Our loss in the first half of this year, while substantial, was considerably under that shown in the last half of 1929. It appears reasonably certain that we will be able to further minimize our loss for the current half year."

"Sales expense in the current half will amount to only 20% of expenditures in the first half, due to our now having a nation-wide distributing organization which eliminates considerable direct factory sales expense. With new manufacturing methods and specially designed machinery in one of our principal divisions, we will shortly be able to produce a better ship, although the man-hours required per ship have been reduced to 40 from 140. These instances are the highlights of the general economies now in effect throughout our organization."

**Sells Ryan Aircraft Plant.—**

The Detroit Aircraft Corp. announces the sale of the Ryan Aircraft plant, located at Lambert Field, St. Louis, to Phil DeC. Ball. Manufacturing activities of the Ryan subsidiary were recently moved to the enlarged Detroit plant of the company, where the complete Ryan line will be manufactured.

Until the time of the sale, the plant had been used as a central service station for all planes made by the Detroit company, and the service department will now be moved to Parks Air College, St. Louis, another subsidiary.

It is understood that Phil Ball will be appointed a distributor for Detroit Aircraft planes, and the plant will be used for the present in that work.—V. 131, p. 944, 1102.

**Detroit & Canada Tunnel Co.—Listed.—**

The securities market on the New York Produce Exchange has fully listed 2,251,125 shares common stock (no par value), with authority to add 848,875 shares, reserved for conversion of bonds on notice of issuance.—V. 131, p. 120.

**Dow Chemical Co.—Earnings.—**

Years Ended May 31—	1930.	1929.
Net profit after charges and taxes	\$2,782,017	\$2,437,000
Earnings per sh. on 630,000 shs. com. stk. (no par)	\$4.08	\$3.53

**Dumbarton Bridge Co.—Balance Sheet.—**

Comparative Balance Sheet.			
Assets—	July 31 '30.	Dec. 31 '29.	Liabilities—
Cash	\$27,207	\$18,527	Accounts payable
Notes receivable	40,000	40,028	Accrued accounts
Acc'ts receivable	1,134	1,723	1st mtg. 6 1/2% bds.
Other assets	29,074	4,342	Res. for maint. & repair
Permanent assets	1,949,453	1,975,546	Capital stock
Depos. with trustee for retire. of bds.	—	—	Surplus
Jan. 1 1930	25,000	—	
Sinking fund	164	164	
Deferred	1,263,091	1,260,128	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,310,125</b>	<b>\$3,323,533</b>	

**Durant Motors, Inc.—Resignation.—**

Ralph A. Vall, Vice-President of this corporation, announced his resignation on Aug. 22. He had been connected with the concern in this capacity since Jan. 1 1929. He was retained last week when William C. Durant announced the reorganization of the executive personnel with himself as President.—V. 131, p. 1262.

**Eastern Greyhound Lines, Inc., of Michigan.—Notes Offered.—**

An issue of \$600,000 equipment mortgage 6% gold notes was recently offered by Lane, Piper & Jaffray, Inc., Minneapolis, at prices to yield from 5% to 6 1/4%, according to maturity.

Dated March 1 1930; due serially \$100,000 semi-annually Sept. 1 1930-March 1 1933. Denom. \$1,000 e\*. Principal and int. (M. & S.) payable in United States gold coin at the office of Foreman-State Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Red., all or part, in reverse order of maturity upon 21 days' notice at principal amount and int. plus a premium of 1/2% for each six months or fraction thereof between date of redemption and date of maturity.

Issuance.—Authorized by the Michigan Public Utilities Commission.

Data from Letter of O. S. Caesar, President of the Company.

Business.—Company owns and operates a bus transportation system extending throughout the lower peninsula of Michigan and portions of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. Company forms a division of the Greyhound Lines, which operate throughout the United States. The routes of Eastern Greyhound Lines, Inc., of Michigan are 1,293 miles in length, extending from Chicago to Cleveland, Detroit and Grand Rapids, and serving intervening and adjacent territory, including the cities of South Bend, Elkhart, Toledo, Kalamazoo, Battle Creek, Lansing and Flint. Company owns 135 modern coaches of the parlor car type, each seating from 26 to 38 passengers. Provision is made for systematic maintenance and repair of coaches at well equipped garages and service stations of the Greyhound System. Passenger terminal facilities are owned or leased in the principal cities served.

Company is a public utility subject to regulation by the public service commissions of Michigan, Indiana and Ohio as to routes, fares and schedules. Company holds certificates of public convenience and necessity issued by State commissions authorizing it to carry passengers in intra-state travel on a large portion of its route mileage.

Management and Control.—Company is a subsidiary of The Greyhound Corp., which is the principal holding company in the field of long distance bus transportation. The subsidiaries and affiliated companies of The Greyhound Corp. form a bus transportation system of national scope unified by the common designation, Greyhound Lines. The companies in the group own 1,867 buses which travel an average distance of approximately 286,000 miles daily on 38,689 miles of routes, serving most of the principal cities in the United States on regular schedules.

Security.—Secured by a closed 1st mtge. upon 119 motor coaches. The coaches are of modern design and standard make. The value of the mortgaged property, based on cost less depreciation, as of Feb. 28 1930, was \$916,986, which is more than 50% greater than the principal amount of these notes.

Earnings.—Combined earnings of Eastern Greyhound Lines, Inc., of Mich. and the companies and lines which have been merged with it, after eliminating non-recurring income, during the three years ended Dec. 31 1929 were as follows:

	1927.	1928.	1929.
Gross revenue	\$1,612,692	\$2,442,168	\$2,539,134
Operating expenses	1,366,825	2,049,496	2,051,953
Net operating income	\$245,867	\$392,672	\$487,181
Depreciation	163,576	241,641	222,841
Net income available for interest and Federal income tax	\$82,291	\$151,031	\$264,340
Annual interest on real estate purchase obligations	—	—	4,220
Maximum annual interest on this issue of notes	—	—	36,000

The net income as shown, before deducting interest and Federal income tax, during the three years ended Dec. 31 1929 averaged 4.1 times the combined maximum annual interest requirement of present real estate purchase obligations and this issue of notes. For the year 1929 such net income was equal to more than 6.5 times such combined maximum annual interest requirement.

Sinking Fund.—Company covenants that if on March 1 of any year depreciation, taken at the rate of three cents per bus mile, shall have reduced the net book value of the pledged equipment to an amount less than 150% of the principal amount of these notes outstanding on that date, it will on or before the following April 15 pay to the trustee cash sufficient to reduce the outstanding notes by redemption to such an extent that the net value of the pledged equipment shall be greater than 150% of the principal amount of notes outstanding.

**Eastman Kodak Co.—Subsidiary to Acquire Gelatine Plants and Business of American Glue Co.—**

This company, which, through a subsidiary, will take over the gelatine plants and business of the American Glue Co., manufactures gelatine, one of the most important raw materials in photographic film paper and plates, in Rochester, N. Y. and in Germany. The purchase of the American Glue Co. plants will provide a substantial additional supply.

The Eastman Gelatine Corp. will take over the glue company's gelatine plants and business upon ratification of the sale by the American Glue Co. stockholders. Albert Goodhue, manager of the Glue company's gelatine department, will become Vice-President and General Manager of the Eastman Gelatine Corp., William M. Stuber, President of the Eastman Kodak Co., is President of the Gelatine subsidiary.

An important advantage of the Eastman Kodak Co. in the acquisition of the Peabody, Mass., plants is that they are in the heart of the tannery industry, leather "trim," being the principal ingredient of gelatine. See also American Glue Co. in V. 131, p. 1258.—V. 131, p. 1103.

**Eljer Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.—Tenders.—**

The Colonial Trust Co., trustee, Pittsburgh, Pa., will until Sept. 12 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st mtge. 6% s. f. gold bonds to an amount sufficient to absorb \$25,489 at prices not exceeding 103 and int.—V. 128, p. 408.

**Evans-Wallower Lead Co.—Sells Oxide Branch.—**

See National Lead Co. below.—V. 129, p. 2864.

**Even-Heat Oil Burner Corp.—Sale of Stock Enjoined.—**

Further sale of the stock of the corporation of 580 Fifth Ave., N. Y. City has been enjoined by the New York Supreme Court, the Bureau of Securities of the Attorney-General's office announced Aug. 24. The order was signed by Justice Faber in Brooklyn.

The corporation, as a company, and John H. Kimball, its treasurer, were the defendants named in the injunction order. Kimball, the statement said, consented to the injunction, individually and for the company. Deputy Attorney-General David Wohl charged that the defendant entered into an agreement with the William M. Howard Co., a selling organization, by which the latter had a call on 15,000 shares of preferred stock of the Even-Heat concern, and 7,500 shares of common stock, at \$125 a share, to be sold to the public at \$25 a share.

Two salesmen made collateral sales in excess of \$75,000 by obtaining securities by representing that they would hold them as collateral and later return the securities with profit to the purchasers of the oil burner stock, the affidavit charged. These securities were misappropriated by the two salesmen and the funds received diverted to their own use, Mr. Wohl declared.

**Exide Securities Corp.—80% of Stock Acquired.—**

See Atlas Utilities Corp. above.—V. 131, p. 945.

**Farmer & Ochs Co. of New York.—Trustee.—**

The Hibernia Trust Co. has been appointed trustee under an agreement with the above company, securing collateral trust notes.—V. 130, p. 2589.

**Farm Tools, Inc., Mansfield, O.—Consolidation.—**

Effective July 1 1930, the Vulcan Plow Co., Roderick Leam Co., Hayes Pump & Planter Co., Galva, Ill., and Peoria (Ill.) Drill & Seeder Co. will be known as Farm Tools, Inc., with headquarters at Mansfield, O. Several years ago the aggressive officials of Vulcan Plow Co. and the Roderick Leam Co. realized that by grouping their resources, personnel and institutions, under one management, they could put their dealers in line to make more profits and make them faster. So successful was the venture and so encouraging the dealer support, that similar arrangements were made with the Hayes Pump & Planter Co., Galva, Ill., a year later, and with Peoria Drill & Seeder Co., Peoria, Ill. Effective July 1 1930, the Vulcan Plow Co., Evansville, Ind. (in the plow business), Roderick Leam Co., Mansfield, O., (builders of tillage tools),



"Our European sales organization is making headway in spite of the unfavorable business conditions in Europe. Quite a number of things have been done there, too, which will reflect themselves in greater volume."  
—V. 130, p. 4060.

**Guardian Investment Trust.—Earnings.—**

Year Ended March 31—	1930.	1929.
Net income.....	\$967,035	\$502,627
Preferred dividend.....	191,175	134,322
Income applicable to common stock.....	\$775,860	\$368,305

**Balance Sheet May 31. •**

Assets—	1930.	1929	Liabilities—	1930.	1929.
Cash on deposit.....	\$418,569	\$269,178	Accts payable and		
Call loans.....	300,000		Federal taxes.....	\$110,425	\$27,235
Securities at cost.....	6,276,219	3,795,594	Prof. cts. (conv.)..	1,083,895	2,394,582
Accts receivable.....	2,543	10,518	Prof. cts. (non-		
Recoverable int. &			convertible).....	1,693,275	136,525
divs. on securi-			Common cts.....	2,920,405	1,293,325
ties purchased.....	2,271	12,456	Res've for divs....	175,952	70,694
Treas. stk. at cost..	280,241		Surplus.....	995,890	467,059
Prepaid insurance..	675				
Total.....	\$6,979,843	\$4,389,421	Total.....	\$6,979,843	\$4,389,421

—V. 130, p. 4426, 2782.

**Gude Winnill Trading Corp.—Financial Report.—**

Robert C. Winnill, Chairman, says in part:  
The original issue of the capital stock consisted of 100,000 shares, which were represented by voting trust certificates sold by the corporation at \$50 per share. Between Aug. 15 1929 and May 20 1930, such certificates representing 30,000 shares of stock were repurchased by the corporation and cancelled. Additional certificates representing 5,000 shares of stock have since been bought and are now carried at cost.

In spite of the marked shrinkage in the values of corporate securities which resulted from the financial re-adjustment through which the country passed during the period covered by this report, the value of the stock of the corporation, based upon the value of its net assets as of July 31 1930, was over \$49 per share. In other words, the capital of the corporation has been retained approximately intact.

The book value of the investments July 31 1930 at cost was \$2,625,357 and market value \$2,412,125.

The following is the list of stocks now held in the portfolio:

2000 Allied Chemical & Dye Corp.	4000 Gulf Oil Corp. of Penna.
1000 American Surety Co.	6000 Home Fire Insurance Co
5000 Continental Insurance Co.	5000 Interlake Iron Corp.
5000 Fidelity Phenix Fire Insur. Co.	500 National Lead Co.
2500 Gen'l Realty & Util. Corp., pfd.	1000 Timken Roller Bearing Co.

**Balance Sheet July 31 1930.**

Assets—	Capital stock	Surplus	Total (each side)
Cash on deposit.....	\$713,069	\$2,800,000	\$3,513,069
Loan receivable.....	100,000	655,459	753,459
Securities owned at market.....	2,412,125		2,412,125
Gude Winnill Trading Corp. vot. tr. cts. (at cost).....	222,003		222,003
Syndicate deposit.....	7,012		7,012
Prepaid taxes.....	1,250		1,250
			\$3,455,459

x Represented by 70,000 no par shares.

Note.—The corporation has issued warrants for the purchase on or before Aug. 15 1934, of voting trust certificates, representing 20,000 shares of its stock, at \$52 per share.—V. 129, p. 1292, 973.

**Haiku Pineapple Co., Ltd.—Pack Increases.—**

The company in the 1930 season to Aug. 9 packed 495,058 cases as compared with 396,211 in 1929, an increase of 98,847, or 25%. The pack so far represents more than 93% of the entire output for the calendar year of 1929, when 530,434 cases were represented in the company's summer pack.

The bulk of the increase is represented in the company's summer pack. In the period from July 1 1930, to Aug. 9, the company packed 416,521 cases which compares with 292,135 for the corresponding 40 days last year.

The management estimates that the pack for the entire calendar year of 1930 will approximate 650,000 cases.—V. 130, p. 4251.

**Hancock Oil Co. of Calif.—Listing, etc.—**

The application of the company to list 207,087 shares of \$25 par value class A common stock has been approved by the board of governors of the Los Angeles Stock Exchange.

The company's principal product is gasoline which is marketed by approximately 450 independent service stations in Southern California. For the first five months of this year gross operating income totaled \$3,532,056 with net income of \$213,850, equal to 92c. a share. For the entire year of 1929 gross operating income was \$8,019,223 and net income \$383,035.—V. 131, p. 947.

**Hathaway Mfg. Co., New Bedford, Mass.—Omits Div.—**

The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable at this time on the capital stock. Three months ago, a quarterly distribution of \$1 per share was made.—V. 128, p. 3838.

**Hayes Body Corp.—Earnings.—**

For income statement for three and six months ended June 30, see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 131, p. 1264.

**Hedger Transportation Corp.—16 Concerns Merge.—**

The following companies, operating on the New York State Barge Canal, have merged their interests with the Hedger Transportation Corp. of Delaware, with William E. Hedger of New York as President; Hedger Transportation Co.; W. E. Hedger, Inc.; Balenas Co.; Baryton Co.; Dixie Co.; Holbrook Co.; Nat Sutton Co.; Pearl Harbor Co.; Winthrop Co.; Harbor Towing Co.; Whitehall Co.; Willet Co.; Oneida Transportation Co.; Quantico Co.; Frederic Lanning Co., and the Hedger Barge Co., Inc.

Recent official figures place the tonnage on the canal so far this year at 500,000 tons more than last year during the same period. The Hedger Line operates one of the principal fleets on the canal. It carried more than 350,000 tons of freight in 1929.

While details have not been announced, it was reported that the financing of the merger would provide for the issue of 500,000 shares of no par value.—V. 131, p. 1265.

**Heywood-Wakefield Co.—\$1.75 Dividend—New Director.**

The directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of \$1.75 a share on the 1st pref. stock, payable Sept. 2 to holders of record Aug. 27. The last payment of similar amount was made on March 1, so that the stock is at present on a \$3.50 annual basis.

Henry C. Perry, Treasurer, has been elected a director to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Levi H. Greenwood.—V. 131, p. 1105.

**Hotels Management & Securities Corp.—**

A Washington (D. C.) dispatch Aug. 27 had the following:  
Harry Wardman, local building construction magnate, has relinquished active control of his various hotel and real estate enterprises with an estimated value of \$30,000,000 to the Hotels Management & Securities Corp. Executive officers of the new company include Emory L. Colbentz of Frederick, Md., Chairman of the board; J. Reed Lane of Davenport, Iowa, President, and George E. Allen of Chicago, Ill.; E. Roger Miller of Asheville, N. C., and Alfred C. Torgeson of New York City, as Vice-Presidents.

Mr. Wardman announced that there was no cash involved in the transaction nor any financial consideration. He explained that the deal marks his virtual retirement from business, although he intends to devote his time to private real estate interests.

The properties involved in the transaction include the Wardman Park Hotel, the Carlton Hotel, Hotel Roosevelt, Chastleton Hotel, Hotel Annapolis and various apartment houses.

**Hummel-Ross Fibre Corp., Hopewell, Va.—Bond Offering.**

American Bank & Trust Co. of Richmond, Va., and Fred'k E. Nolting & Co., Inc., Richmond, Va., are offering \$500,000 1st mtge. 6½% serial gold bonds at prices to yield from 6¼% to 6¾%, according to maturity.

Dated Sept. 1, due serially 2 to 10 years. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Interest payable M. & S. at American Bank & Trust Co. of Rich-

mond, Va., trustee. Red. all or part on any int. date on at least 30 days' notice at a premium of ½ of 1% per year or fraction thereof to maturity of bonds redeemed.

**Data from Letter of President J. P. Hummel, Dated Aug. 6.**

**Business.**—Corporation was organized in 1920, by a group of men, eminently successful in this business in Wisconsin, who realized the industrial advantages of Hopewell, and developed there the present plant of the corporation. Engaged in the manufacture and sale of Kraft paper, board, and various by-products, its market is the entire country, with particular emphasis on the Eastern seaboard. Its modern plant is located on the deep water of the James River about 20 miles below Richmond, and besides having excellent steamship facilities, is served by both the Norfolk & Western and Seaboard Air Line Rys. The principal raw material used is pine wood, of which the neighboring counties furnish an almost limitless supply, readily accessible at low cost.

**Properties.**—Timber lands owned had a book-value on Dec. 31 1929 of \$96,000. This land is composed of tracts in Sussex, Prince George and Dinwiddie counties. Land, buildings, plant, cottages and dwellings have been appraised by Hardy S. Ferguson & Co. of New York, as of June 28 1930, at \$1,136,000 and machinery and other equipment at \$1,700,000, making a total property valuation of \$2,932,000.

**Earnings.**—During the past 4 years, 1926 to 1929 inclusive, aggregate net earnings after depreciation amounted to \$1,135,320. This would average over eight times the interest requirements on this issue, and over three times the requirements for interest and annual curtail of \$50,000.

<b>Capitalization—</b>	<b>Authorized.</b>	<b>Outstand'g.</b>
1st mtge. 6½% serial gold bonds (this issue).....	\$500,000	\$500,000
7% cumulative preferred stock.....	2,000,000	None
2nd mtge. 8% bonds due Sept. 1 1935.....	1,000,000	723,500
Common stock.....	3,000,000	2,237,500

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be used to retire \$400,000 of maturing 1st mtge. bonds, and to provide funds for the purchase of additional equipment and for the expansion of the plant.

**Balance Sheet as at Dec. 31 1929.**

[After Giving Effect to Present Financing.]

Assets—	Liabilities—	Total
Cash.....	Notes & accounts payable....	\$51,078
Bills & accts. receivable.....	Accrued liabilities.....	34,773
Inventories.....	1st mtge. bonds.....	500,000
Plant, equip., &c., less deprec.....	2nd mtge. bonds.....	723,500
Equity in insurance companies.....	Deferred liabilities.....	13,750
Deferred charges.....	Common stock.....	2,237,500
	Earned surplus.....	213,467
Total.....	Total.....	\$3,774,098

**Imperial Tobacco Co. of Canada, Ltd.—Dividends.—**

The company has declared the regular semi-annual dividend of 3% on the preferred stock (£1 sterling par) and an interim dividend of 1½% on the \$5 par common stock, both payable Sept. 30 to holders of record Sept. 3.—V. 130, p. 3888.

**Indian Motorcycle Co.—To Cancel Promissory Notes.—**

At the special meeting, the stockholders approved the issuance of 40,000 shares of common stock to President E. Paul du Pont or his nominees, against the surrender and cancellation of four outstanding promissory notes dated April 21 1930 and totaling \$500,000, thereby discharging in advance of maturity liabilities shortly to become due, and thus saving interest charges. These notes were redeemable at the option of the company by the issue of the amount of treasury stock indicated. Due to the lack of a quorum of preferred stock, no action was taken on creation of an issue of \$500,000 gold debentures of which \$300,000 7% initial series was to be issued presently. Adjournment was taken until Sept. 2.—V. 131, p. 1105.

**Indian Refining Co.—New Director.—**

George d'Utassy has been elected a director, succeeding Gen. H. C. Smither, deceased. Mr. d'Utassy has also been elected a Vice-President.—V. 130, p. 4428.

**Inspiration Consolidated Copper Co.—Meeting Postponed.—**

The meeting of the directors to act on the dividend which would ordinarily be paid about Oct. 7 has been postponed because of lack of a quorum. A quarterly distribution of 50 cents a share was made on July 7 last, as compared with quarterly payments of \$1 a share previously.—V. 130, p. 3725.

**Insull Utility Investments, Inc.—Rights.—**

The common, 1st and 2nd pref. stockholders of record August 30 1930, are offered the right to subscribe on or before Sept. 15 to \$600,000 shares of additional common stock, at \$50 a share, in the ratio of one additional share of common stock for every five shares of common or 11 shares of preferred stock held.—V. 131, p. 797.

**International Equities Corp.—New Director—Earnings.**

In announcing the election to the Board of E. L. Phillips, President of Long Island Lighting, Empire Power, United Gas & Electric companies, and numerous other public utility operating and holding companies; S. R. Bertron, of Bertron, Griscom & Co., Inc. and Chairman of the Board of International Equities, made public a statement of the corporation covering operations for the period Jan. 1 to July 31 1930. Net profits, after all deductions including taxes, available for dividends on the class "B" common stock, aggregated, after dividends on the class "A" and after allowing for the participating feature of "A" shares, to 16.56% on the paid in amount of such stock. The equity available for the "B" shares on the basis of July 31 quotations was equivalent to 120.16% of the paid in amount of class "B" stock.

The International Equities Corp. was formed in 1927 and has been managed by Bertron, Griscom & Co., Inc. since March 1928. It is an investment trust of the general management type and has a capitalization of 39,593 shares of \$3.50 dividend class "A" stock, of which \$50 has been paid in, and 20,000 shares of \$3.50 dividend class "B" stock paid up to the extent of \$12.50 per share. In respect of the surplus, after dividends are paid on each class at the rate of \$5.50 a share, one-third reverts to the "A" stock, and the balance to the holders of class "B" shares. Dividends on "A" shares have been paid regularly and, early this year, the "B" stock was placed upon a cash div. basis of 12% on the paid in amount.

In addition to Mr. Phillips, the Board includes S. R. Bertron, Rodman E. Griscom, Radu Irimescu, Louis J. Kolb, F. M. Kirby, Willis H. Booth, and Max Winkler. The executive committee is composed of S. R. Bertron, Rodman E. Griscom, Willis H. Booth and Max Winkler.

**International Nickel Co. of Canada, Ltd.—Listing.—**

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 825,817 additional shares of common stock (no-par value) upon official notice of issuance from time to time and payment in full, in connection with the offer by the company to its common stockholders of the right to subscribe for additional shares of its common stock, making the total amount applied for, 14,592,095 shares of common stock.—V. 131, p. 1265, 1106.

**International Petroleum Co., Ltd.—25c. Dividend.—**

A dividend of 25c. per share has been declared, payable on or after Sept. 15 in respect to the shares specified in any bearer share warrants of the 1929 issue upon presentation and delivery of coupon No. 26 at the following banks: The Royal Bank of Canada, Toronto 2, Canada; City Bank Farmers Trust Co., 52 Wall St., N. Y. City; the National City Bank of New York, 36, Bishopsgate, London, E. C. 2, England, or the office of the company, 56 Church St., Toronto 2, Canada. The payment to shareholders of record Aug. 30, and whose shares are represented by registered certificates of the 1929 issue, will be made by check, mailed from the offices of the company on Sept. 13. The transfer books will be closed from Sept. 1 to Sept. 15, inclusive, and no bearer share warrants will be "split" during that period.

A dividend of the like amount was paid on the stock in March and June last.—V. 131, p. 484.

**International Products Corp.—Earnings.—**

For income statement for six months ended June 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.  
Current assets as of June 30 1930, totaled \$4,785,381 and current liabilities \$456,657, comparing with \$4,860,407 and \$450,864, respectively, on Dec. 31 1929.—V. 130, p. 4617.

**International Standard Electric Corp.—Capital Inc.**  
The corporation has filed a certificate at Dover, Del., increasing the authorized no par stock from 500,000 shares to 1,000,000 shares.  
The stock of this corporation is 100% owned by the International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.—V. 130, p. 4428.

**Investment Co. of America.—Balance Sheet June 30.—**

	1930.	1929.	1930.	1929.
Assets—	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash in banks and demand deposit.	787,941	81,865		
Sec. demand loans	800,000	1,000,000		
Invest. sales receiv.		353,758		
Divs. and accrued interest receiv.	60,583	92,541		
Investments	15,451,095	14,356,733		
Deferred charges	253,750	288,750		
<b>Total (ea. side)</b>	<b>17,353,370</b>	<b>16,173,647</b>		
Liabilities—				
Pref. stock—ser. A	5,000,000	5,000,000		
Pref. stock—ser. B	1,000,000	1,000,000		
Common stock	3,181,658	2,385,533		
Investm't purchase obligations			421,631	
Pref. div. payable July 1		105,000	105,000	
Accrued int. on 5% debenture bonds		62,500	62,500	
Reserve for Federal income tax		154,703	204,696	
Divs. rec. on stock not owned		1,650	1,748	
Reserve for cumulat. preferred divs.	260,286	179,254		
Reserve for contin. 5% gold debenture, series A	245,000	200,000		
Surplus	2,342,572	1,613,285		

x Represented by 137,827 shares of no par common stock.  
For income statement for six months ended June 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 131, p. 1266.

**Jefferson Electric Co.—Smaller Dividend.—**

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 15, placing the stock on a \$2 annual basis against \$3 heretofore.—V. 130, p. 4428.

**Jewel Tea Co., Inc.—Sales Lower.—**

Period Ended Aug. 9—	1930—4 Weeks—	1929.	1930—28 Weeks—	1929.
Sales	\$1,060,493	\$1,188,728	\$9,609,604	\$10,202,146
Avg. No. of sales routes	1,248	1,186	1,233	1,170

—V. 131, p. 1266.

**Keith-Albee-Orpheum Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—**  
For income statement for six months ended June 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 130, p. 2222.

**Knickerbocker National Corp.—Enjoined From Further Sales of Stock.—**  
See last week's "Chronicle," page 1202.—V. 130, p. 2222, 2403.

**Koholyt Corp. (Konigsberger Zellstoff Fabriken & Chemische Werke Koholyt Aktiengesellschaft).—New Control.—**

The Feldmuehle Papier und Zellstoff Werke, A.G., has acquired a controlling interest in Koholyt Corp. from Inveresk Paper Co. Feldmuehle is one of the outstanding paper companies of Europe and its connection with Koholyt, one of the leading sulphite pulp producers of the continent, may be expected to prove beneficial to both. Feldmuehle manufactures news print, sulphite papers, high-grade writing paper and cellulose wrappings similar to cellophane; it is understood that its own requirements for sulphite pulp will take a large proportion of Koholyt's output.—V. 126, p. 3605.

**Kroger Grocery & Baking Co.—Readjusts Financial Status—To Operate Grocery, Meat and Produce Departments in Sears, Roebuck Stores.—**

In a letter accompanying dividend checks to common stockholders of the Kroger company, President Albert H. Morrill, says:  
On April 23 1930, a revised annual report for the year ended Dec. 31 1929, was submitted showing certain adjustments, and the establishment of a contingent reserve of \$500,000, appropriated from surplus for further adjustments, if any, affecting prior years.  
Since that date our accounting department, in conjunction with the company's auditors, Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery, has been at work continuously on an audit of the books. In addition to the reserve of \$500,000, set up in April, this audit has disclosed further necessary adjustments affecting the year 1929 and previous years, amounting to \$259,257.80, which has been charged to earned surplus. Further, the method of valuing our store inventories previous to 1930 has been revised in accordance with the advice of Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery, and has resulted in a further charge to earned surplus of \$314,296. The result is that the \$500,000 reserve, heretofore set up, has been absorbed and an additional charge made against earned surplus of \$573,554.

It has not been possible to determine the effect of these adjustments upon the previously reported earnings of 1929. The transactions covered other previous years as well and without further audits, involving considerable expense, an allocation to the proper year is not feasible. These adjustments do not take into account any anticipated recovery of Federal income tax on claims pending, or in preparation, arising from these and former adjustments. The audit thus completed, we are advised, represents the financial condition of the company as of Dec. 31 1929, with reasonable accuracy. Therefore, we do not feel warranted in expending further effort or money on discovery of past errors, discrepancies or inaccuracies in the accounts.

On April 1 1930 we owed the banks \$4,000,000. On June 28 1930 we owed the banks \$500,000. On Aug. 25 1930 we owed the banks nothing.  
During the first six months of 1930, we have absorbed out of earnings and charged to depreciation \$471,538 in excess of the amount charged in the first six months of 1929, however, the value of assets, subject to depreciation charges, has increased approximately \$2,000,000 for the same period. This accounts for approximately \$127,000 of the increase, and the remaining amount of approximately \$344,000 is due to the application of higher rates of depreciation. The change in depreciation policy thus evidenced, we believe to be in accordance with conservative business practice and sound principles of accounting.

On April 1 1930, our inventories amounted to \$25,130,469. On June 28 1930, the date we closed our books for the first half year, our inventories amounted to \$21,224,735, a reduction of \$3,905,734.

It is appreciated that stockholders at this particular time would like to be informed as to the comparison between results of operations for the first and second quarters of 1930, although it has not been, nor will it be the policy of the company to issue quarterly earning statements. But it has not been possible to segregate the net result of operations for the first quarter from those for the second quarter. During the first half year of 1930, the company showed an operating loss of \$76,890, against which there is an offset "other income" of \$341,492, resulting in net earnings for the first half of 1930 of \$264,601, or \$0.1229 per share on the 1,795,536 shares of common stock outstanding after payment of preferred dividends.

Material improvement in personnel has been effected by some additions and by a general stimulating of the morale. This has resulted in a marked betterment in the spirit of the entire organization.

Cordial relations have been established with Sears, Roebuck & Co., and as a result general food departments, operated by our company, are shortly to be opened in Chicago and the Cincinnati retail stores of Sears, Roebuck & Co. If the anticipated results from the establishment of these departments are realized, it is felt that further developments along the same lines in other stores of Sears, Roebuck & Co. may be expected.

See also Sears, Roebuck & Co. below.—V. 131, p. 1107.

**Lampport & Holt Steamship Co.—Receiver.—**

On a motion by the London Maritime Investment Co., Ltd., acting as trustee for the debenture holders, Justice Humphreys in the Vacation Court at London, Aug. 27, made an order for the appointment of a receiver and manager of the Lampport & Holt Steamship Co.  
Justice Humphreys gave leave to the receiver and manager to borrow sums up to \$250,000 and to make advances up to \$500,000 to the Liverpool, Brazil and River Plate Steam Navigation Co., a subsidiary company in which the Lampport company holds a large interest and which counsel said it was desired to keep going. Lampport & Holt and the Duke of Abercorn, another trustee of the debenture holders, did not oppose the motion. The usual judgment in a debenture holders' action was entered.

Sir William McLintock was appointed as the receiver and manager of the Lampport company. He was recently made a member of the committee to confer with the directors of the Royal Mail Co. and with the boards of directors of the various subsidiary and associated companies on matters of management, administration and finance.

**Lane Bryant, Inc. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—**

Year Ended May 31—	1930.	1929.	1928.
Sales (net of returns)	\$17,146,911	\$14,255,402	\$11,115,290
Cost of sales, operating, administrative and selling expense	16,201,552	13,437,164	10,694,556
Operating profit	\$945,358	\$818,238	\$420,734
Miscellaneous income	60,199	57,939	58,954
Total income before Federal taxes	\$1,005,557	\$876,177	\$479,688
Prov. for deprec. of build., equip., &c.	201,599		
Interest	14,282		
Paid to estate of J. M. Coward in lieu of profits between Jan. 1 1930 and date of acquisition of the Coward business	82,150		
Federal taxes	75,000	99,550	54,612
Total	\$632,616	\$776,626	\$425,076
Shares com. stock outstanding (no par)	134,953	\$3,351	70,000
Earnings per share	\$3.99	\$8.05	\$4.57

x Includes Coward Shoe and Rite Corset Co. from Jan. 1 1930.

**Consolidated Balance Sheet May 31.**

Assets—	1930.	1929.	Liabilities—	1930.	1929.
Land, buildings, equip., &c.	\$1,498,946	\$1,312,873	Preferred stock	\$1,408,900	\$1,500,000
Cash	1,210,067	938,228	Common stock	2,148,818	1,185,008
Accts. receivable	816,346	832,047	6% debentures	2,000,000	
Inventories	3,626,183	1,822,127	Trade creditors, net for deduct. disct.	978,739	900,785
Prepaid rent, taxes, &c.	293,252	196,077	Others		10,995
Invest. in stocks of affil. cos.	7,500	47,667	Affil. cos., current accounts	8,963	23,879
Loans and advances	62,129		Prepaid sales and credits to custom.	68,755	59,704
Other investments	1,640	1,025	Accr. salaries, &c.	104,330	107,580
Patents, patents, trademarks, good will,			Mtge. paym'ts. due quar. to May 1 1930		2,000
Treasury stock	191,745	248,429	Prov. for current Fed. inc. taxes & addition, as e. a. for prior years	112,242	140,198
			Mtge. on real est.	19,500	19,500
<b>Total (ea. side)</b>	<b>\$7,707,810</b>	<b>\$5,398,474</b>	Surplus	1,523,563	1,448,824

x After deducting \$933,179 for depreciation and amortization. y After deducting \$46,421 for doubtful accounts. z Represented by 134,953 shares of no par value. a Including \$45,000 provision for retirement of preferred stock.—V. 131, p. 1107, 485.

**Lincoln Title & Guaranty Trust Co., Newark.—Insolvent.—**

The company has been declared insolvent by Vice-Chancellor Malcom G. Buchanan of New Jersey. The Vice-Chancellor Aug. 25 named Arthur T. Vanerbilt and the New Jersey National Bank & Trust Co. as trustees in the liquidation of the company's trust fund, reported to aggregate \$13,000,000.

In addition to the trusteeship the New Jersey National Bank was also named as depository and was directed to post a bond of \$100,000 after it was pointed out the administration of the trust is protected by bonds of \$1,000,000 set aside in the trust department of the bank for that purpose.

Vice-Chancellor Buchanan allowed the trustee \$18,000 as a fee for administration of the company's affairs.  
All assets of the company with the exception of the trust fund will be administered by receivers in the Federal jurisdiction named by Judge William N. Runyon. This will mean that there will be no conflict between the two courts in administration of the company's affairs.

**Lion Oil Refining Co.—Contract.—**

Col. T. H. Barton, President, announces the signing of a contract with United Gas Co. to supply the latter company with gas from the No. 1 McFadden well in Victoria County, Tex. This well, which was brought in recently, is now flowing 39,894,000 cubic feet of gas daily on actual gauge. Work of laying a pipe line to connect with the 16-inch pipe line of the United Gas Co., three miles distant from the well, will be begun immediately.—V. 131, p. 1107.

**Louisiana Oil Refining Corp.—Marketing Varied Line.**

The company is now marketing a varied line of automobile accessories and also articles supplied by automatic vending machines through a chain of nearly 5,000 stations in six States in the territory now served by the company, President M. J. Grogan announced. The automotive accessories include storage batteries, tires, tubes, &c., while cigarettes are proving a big seller through vending machines.  
The supplies are distributed through 983 company-owned, optioned and leased filling stations and 4,000 independent dealers who sell Louisiana Oil Refining products exclusively. The service has been well received by motorists, Mr. Grogan said.—V. 131, p. 1266.

**McAleer Mfg. Co.—Earnings.—**

For income statement for six months ended June 30, see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 131, p. 282.

**McKesson & Robbins, Inc. (Md.).—Earnings.—**

The report for the six months ended June 30 1930 (see detailed statement under "Earnings Department") shows profit of \$1,409,116, after depreciation, interest, Federal taxes, and minority interests, equivalent after dividend requirements on 7% preference stock, to 61¢ a share on 1,072,728 shares of common stock, excluding stock held in treasury. This compares with net profit of \$1,962,933 or \$1.50 a share on 859,870 common shares in first half of 1929.

President F. Donald Coster says:  
"In view of heavy decrease in profits of almost all essential industries in the country this year, the decline in profits is not surprising. Rather there is reason for satisfaction that earnings were so large in view of fact that the company has consolidated within the last two years 67 subsidiary managements. Of these, 16 were acquired in the last 12 months and have not yet reached the McKesson standard of operation. This is probably the largest number of individual units ever consolidated in one merger in so short a time.  
"With return of more normal business, stockholders may look forward to increasing profits from the improved methods now being actively developed. The company has recently introduced two new products which are being received with great favor by the medicinal and dental trades."

**Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30.**

Assets—	1930.	1929.	Liabilities—	1930.	1929.
Property acct. x	1,432,863	10,301,047	7% conv. pt. stk.	21,409,000	19,151,650
Cash	3,306,916	3,287,500	Common stock		
Call loans		250,000	Initial surplus	627,667,694	20,699,783
Bankers' accepts	73,162	486,504	Conv. debentures	22,000,000	
Cash value insur. policies	2,514	19,254	Fed. stock of subs.	1,000,000	1,060,000
Marketable secur.	97,942	373,101	Min. int. subsd. com. stock	109,053	85,614
Notes and accounts receivable	24,056,784	18,929,734	Retailers' profit plan	41,490	
Inventories	26,874,052	23,458,155	Notes & accept. pay	1,124,786	11,570,888
Advances & misc.			Accounts payable	5,968,534	6,303,971
Investments	13,348,978	5,237,321	Wages, ord. taxes, commissions & other accn. pay'ts	774,559	626,676
Deferred charges	3,011,005	656,811	Fed. & for'n taxes	591,747	531,780
Good-will, trademarks, trade names, &c.			Mortgages payable		482,028
			Guar. deposits to former stkhldrs	564,884	572,619
			Install. on cap. stk	114,603	971,165
			Res. for conting.	275,558	140,058
			Earned surplus	562,309	863,496
<b>Tot. (each side)</b>	<b>\$2,204,217</b>	<b>62,999,728</b>			

\* After depreciation and amortization. a Par \$50. b Represented by 1,072,728 no-par shares.—V. 131, p. 1267, 639.

**(1.) Magnin & Co.—Listing.**

The San Francisco Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 15,000 shares 6% cum. conv. pref. stock, par \$100.—V. 130, p. 1473.

**Manhattan Mtge. & Guaranty Co.—Changes Name.**

President Saul Cohn announced that, effective Sept. 2, the name of the company will be changed to the *Bankers Bond & Mortgage Co.* The change in name was made for the purpose of facilitating handling the widening scope of the operations of the organization.

The *Bankers Bond & Mortgage Co.* of New York is a subsidiary of the *Bankers Bond & Mortgage Guaranty Co. of America*, of which Albert M. Greenfield of Philadelphia and New York is Chairman of the board. This organization now has total assets of approximately \$38,000,000, and while its operations at present are chiefly confined to the more populated Eastern States, plans calling for extending operations to other States as conditions warrant such expansion. The other subsidiaries are *Bankers Bond & Mortgage Co., Philadelphia*, and *United States Mortgage & Title Guaranty Co. of Newark, N. J.*

**Manville Jenckes Co., Pawtucket, R. I.—New President, etc.**

Dexter Stevens, Vice President, has been elected President, succeeding Frederick L. Jenckes, resigned.  
Henry F. Lippitt continues as Chairman of the board; Isaac B. Merriman as General Manager of the Pawtucket plant and Ernest L. Little as Treasurer. Robert L. Burnett has been elected Vice President and Charles R. Steedman Secretary.—V. 129, p. 2240.

**Marchant Calculating Machine Co.—Bal. Sheet June 30.**

Assets	1930.	1929.	Liabilities—	1930.	1929.
Cash	\$274,717	\$141,423	Current liabilities	\$226,873	\$98,442
Receivables	368,014	347,003	Deferred income	22,512	—
Inventories	889,350	778,362	Res. for executive stock participa.	50,000	50,000
Other assets	37,207	—	Common stock	1,880,664	1,681,124
Land	78,093	—	Preferred stock	248,961	248,961
Plant & equip.	639,933	654,406	Surplus	859,543	692,855
Patents	940,646	820,294			
Deferred	30,593	29,804			
Total	\$3,288,554	\$2,771,382	Total	\$3,288,554	\$2,771,382

x After depreciation.—V. 131, p. 1267.

**Marine Midland Corp.—New Directors.**

Dexter P. Rumsey of Buffalo, N. Y., has been elected a director.—V. 131, p. 709

**Marion Steam Shovel Co.—Balance Sheet June 30.**

Assets	1930.	1929.	Liabilities	1930.	1929.
Land, bldgs., mach., equip., &c.	\$4,837,787	\$5,245,751	Accts. payable	\$297,748	\$625,975
Investments	1,678,387	489,411	Notes payable	250,000	154,470
Cash	449,923	287,218	Adv. pay receiv.	16,385	24,186
Accts. and notes rec. less reserve	1,687,826	3,479,092	Accrued interest, payrolls, &c.	272,612	313,456
Inventories	4,155,609	4,052,065	Federal, State and county taxes	67,499	151,659
Deferred charges	201,194	424,289	Divs. declared	54,250	54,250
			Notes and accounts payable affil. co.	66,948	66,687
			1st mtge. 20 yr. bds.	3,273,500	3,889,000
			Cum. pref. stock	3,100,000	3,100,000
			Common stock	2,500,000	2,500,000
			Surplus	\$3,111,782	\$3,598,144

Total (ea. side) 13,010,724 13,977,826  
x Represented by 100,000 shares of no par value. y Paid in and appropriated surplus \$2,946,355, earned surplus \$108,500, total, \$3,111,782.  
z After reserve for depreciation.

For income statement for six months ended June 30, see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 130, p. 3727.

**Marmon Motor Car Co.—Dividend Omitted.**

In connection with the omission on Sept. 1 of the dividend on the common stock, we give below a record of dividends paid since and including Dec. 1 1926.

Dec. 1 1926 to Dec. 1 1929, incl.	March 1 1930.	June 2 1930.
\$1 a share in cash quarterly	50c. in cash	2% in stock

See V. 131, p. 950.

**Metro-Goldwyn Pictures Corp.—Anti-Trust Suit Ended.**

See West Coast Theatres, Inc., below.—V. 130, p. 3555, 2596.

**Metropolitan Fire Insurance Co., of N. Y.—New Interests.**

See Rossia International Corp. in last week's "Chronicle," p. 1270.—V. 129, p. 488.

**Minnesota Mining & Mfg. Co.—Acquisition.**

The purchase for \$2,000,000 of Baeder Adamson Co. of Phila., Pa., sandpaper and paper manufacturers, by the above company was announced on Aug. 8 by the President, W. L. McKnight. The sandpaper plant in Philadelphia will be removed to St. Paul. The paper mill will be operated in Philadelphia.

**Monighan Mfg. Co.—Sales Increase.**

Period End. July 31—	1930—Month—1929.	1930—7 Mos.—1929.
Sales	\$194,600	\$340,000
	\$134,299	\$422,561

—V. 131, p. 640, 283.

**Monsanto Chemical Works.—Listing.**

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 6,248 additional shares of common stock (no par) upon official notice of issuance in connection with the declaration of a 1 1/4% quarterly stock dividend, payable Oct. 1, to holders of record Sept. 10, making the total amount applied for 422,721 shares.

The shares to be issued will be capitalized by crediting the capital stock account for the stated value of such shares (\$16 2-3 per share) and charging earned surplus with that amount plus an amount equal to the pro rata share of surplus on the capital stock outstanding just prior to the issuance of the stock dividend, and by crediting the capital surplus account with the balance.—V. 131, p. 640, 1108.

**Motor Wheel Corp.—Balance Sheet June 30.**

Assets	1930.	1929.	Liabilities	1930.	1929.
Land, buildings, machinery, &c.	\$6,977,843	\$7,383,076	Common stock	\$8,500,000	\$6,875,000
Patents	275,000	—	Accts. payable	\$302,196	\$1,079,076
Cash	1,371,166	1,985,727	Accrued taxes, &c.	167,406	184,078
Certificates of deposits, &c.	414,904	—	Federal taxes	213,375	199,153
Marketable securities	1,909,894	1,521,973	Fed. tax res.	121,198	331,772
Notes & accts. rec.	1,125,089	2,418,400	Contingent reserve	342,976	222,207
Inventories	2,350,719	3,164,549	P. & L. surplus	6,444,124	8,808,017
Other assets	1,439,852	592,768			
Deferred assets	226,808	232,810			

x After depreciation. y Represented by \$50,000 no-par shares.  
Our usual comparative income account for the three and six months ended June 30 was published in V. 131, p. 640.

**(F. E.) Myers & Bro. Co.—Earnings.**

For income statement for 9 months ended July 31 1930 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 131, p. 800.

**National Grocer Co.—Petition for Temporary Receivership.**

A petition for voluntary temporary receivership has been granted in Wayne County (Mich.) Circuit Court. Union Guardian Trust Co., Detroit, has been appointed receiver. Hearing on petition to make receivership permanent will be held Sept. 10. National Grocer recently disposed of the wholesale end of its business, except the hotel and institution department conducted from the Detroit office. In that connection it has sold for cash four of its wholesale branches, for which approximately \$458,000 was received.—V. 130, p. 4432.

**National Lead Co.—Acquisition.**

The red lead, litharge and orange mineral business of the Evans-Wallower Lead Co., Charleston, W. Va., has been acquired by the National Lead Co., effective as of Aug. 1.

A subsidiary company has been organized to operate the new National Lead unit, under the name of the Evans Lead Co. which is capitalized at \$1,000,000. The officers are:—President, Edward J. Cornish (President of the National Lead Co.); Vice-Presidents, Ray Evans and W. H. Rowley.

The entire equipment and plant have been taken over, as well as the organization, and for the time being at least will be operated under the name of the Evans Lead Co., with headquarters at Charleston.

The Evans, Wallower Company will continue in the electrolytic zinc and mining business.—V. 130, p. 4065.

**Nehi Corporation.—Earnings, etc.**

For income statement for six months ended June 30, see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Sales of the corporation, manufacturers of carbonated beverages, were adversely affected in the first half of the current year by the late arrival of the hot weather period, but sales in July were in turn benefited by a 25% increase, according to C. A. Hatcher, President.

"With advertising expenditures more advanced for the year than is normally the case in this period, and in view of the justifiable anticipation for an increase in business in the latter part of 1930, it must be accepted that the net result of the operations for the first six months period cannot fairly be considered alone," he explained.

The company's report for the first six months of 1930 shows net income of \$196,621, as compared with \$371,244 for the corresponding period last year. This is equivalent to 64 cents a share on the common stock for the first half of the current year as against \$1.85 for the same period a year ago. The current position of the company shows a ratio of 7 to 1 in current assets over current liabilities.

In a statement to stockholders Mr. Hatcher said in part: "Sales in July of 1930 total \$310,162 as against \$247,129 during July of 1929, an increase of 25%. Nehi concentrates, which yield the company its highest percentage of profits, showed a gain of 82% and shipments to date made in August, together with additional shipments entered for movement in August, are ahead of August of last year."

"Another situation which had a bearing on the company's operations in the first six months of the present year was the more rigid credit policy of the management, and our endeavors to effect a reduction of inventories held by a number of franchised bottlers. As a result of this effort, which we believe to be in line with sound business practice, an important movement of cars set up for June shipment was delayed. These conservative measures, however, should be reflected beneficially as time goes on.

Inventories in the hands of bottlers on June 30 were substantially lower than they were on the corresponding date a year ago.

"The management believes that because of this improved inventory condition and with a continuance of favorable weather, sales in the last six months of the current year should make a favorable comparison with a year ago.

"The balance sheet shows that after allowing for increased dividend requirements, and after deducting for taxes, depreciation and reserves, the company's earned surplus was \$504,365 as compared with \$516,313 disclosed in the audit of the previous six months, only a nominal difference when consideration is given to the fact that the common dividend was raised on Dec. 1 1929 from \$1 to \$1.30 annually.—V. 130, p. 4432, 2597.

**Neisner Brothers, Inc.—Earnings, etc.**

For income statement for six months ended June 30, see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

The report for the six months ended June 30 1930 shows net profit of \$202,642 after interest, depreciation, amortization and Federal taxes, equivalent after dividend requirements on 7% preferred stock to 60 cents a share on 206,233 no-par shares of common stock.

A. H. Neisner, President, says: "We find in cities where our stores are located many factories now working that were idle the first part of the year. The profits in the chain store business during the first six months of the year are a small percentage of the total for the year due to the fact that the large increase in sales during the latter part of the year reduces our cost of doing business.

"During the first six months of 1930 we have taken additional mark-offs on merchandise of approximately \$100,000, meeting each new low price that the market offered.

"Business is progressing favorably. Eleven new stores have been opened this year under favorable leases which will produce a large volume of business for the last six months of 1930.—V. 131, p. 951, 125.

**New York Investors, Inc.—Earnings.**

For income statement for six months ended June 30 1930, see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

The company reports for the six months ended June 30 1930 net profit of \$1,114,613 after Federal taxes, charges and preferred dividends of subsidiaries, equivalent after dividend requirements on 6% 1st and 2d pref. stock to 90 cents a share on 1,004,424 no-par shares of common stock.—V. 130, p. 3178, 2597.

**Niagara Share Corp. of Maryland.—Listing.**

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$15,000,000 20-year 5 1/4% convertible gold debentures, due May 1 1950.

	Comparative Consolidated Income Account.	
	4 Mos. End. April 30 '30.	Year End. Dec. 31 '29.
Gross income	\$670,329	\$1,921,520
Dividends	129,431	256,043
Interest	535,881	1,742,182
Profits from sales of securities	46,880	466
Syndicate profits	43,329	—
Real estate rentals	13,939	—
Mortgage fees earned	2,474	—
Miscellaneous income	—	—
Total	\$1,442,263	\$3,920,211
General expenses	156,237	168,545
Interest on funded debt	8,500	26,750
Interest on unfunded debt	1,221	205,151
Provision for Federal & State taxes	115,065	123,713
Net income	\$1,161,240	\$3,396,052
Less: Income of subsidiary & acquired companies prior to date of acquisition included therein	—	2,189,072
Balance	\$1,161,240	\$1,206,980

The consolidated profit and loss statement for the year ended Dec. 31 1929, combines the income of the parent company from the date of its organization (June 18 1929) with the income for the entire year 1929 of subsidiary and subsidiary companies as were under the control or direction of Niagara Share interests prior to their acquisition by the parent company.

The 1929 net income of all other acquired and subsidiary companies not included herein was in excess of \$175,000, indicating a total consolidated net income of more than \$3,500,000.

All income is in cash; stock dividends are not treated as income. The net increase in unrealized appreciation in value of the corporation's investments in stocks and bonds was \$42,727,232 during the four months ended April 30 1930.

Pro-Forma Consolidated Balance Sheet as of April 30 1930.  
Giving effect to sale of \$15,000,000 5% conv. debts., due May 1 1950.]

Assets	Liabilities
Cash & call loans	Notes & accounts payable
Accounts & notes receivable	Interest payable
Interest & dividends receiv.	Sec. sold, not yet cov. or del.
Stocks & bonds at cost	5 1/2% conv. debts., 1950
Mtgs. & real estate & leaseholds (book value)	Schoellkopf Sec. Corp. 6s
Miscellaneous assets	Mortgages payable
Unamortized bond discount	Reserves
	Preferred stock
	Common stock
	Capital surplus
	Earned surplus

Total (each side) \$126,642,139  
a Issued or issuable, 5,513,019 shares (no par). b 15,516 shares (no par).  
Note.—The market value of the corporation's investments in stocks and bonds exceeded cost by \$8,328,028 on April 30 1930.  
—V. 131, p. 1108, 487.

**Nichols Copper Co.—Larger Class A Dividend.—**

The directors have declared a dividend of 75 cents per share on the class A stock and a similar amount on the class B stock, both payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 3. Previously payments have been 43 3/4 cents per share on the class A and 75 cents per share on the class B stock. Payments previously had been made every three months on the class A and every six months on the class B stock.

The provisions of the stock provide that after June 30 1930 the class A and class B stocks are in all respects on a parity.—V. 127, p. 4041.

**Noranda Mines, Ltd.—Acquires Interest in Canada Wire & Cable Co., Ltd.—**See latter company above.—V. 130, p. 4432.

**North American Car Corp.—Earnings.—**

For income statement for three and six months ended June 30, see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 130, p. 4066.

**North Central Texas Oil Co., Inc.—Bal. Sheet June 30.—**

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1930.	1929.	1930.	1929.
Fixed assets.....	\$2,065,871	\$2,108,470	
Cash and time deposits.....	297,643	1,237,906	
Securities owned.....	752,222	227,425	
Acc'ts receivable.....	2,635	3,195	
Deferred assets.....	179,483	203,248	
		Preferred stock.....	\$885,000
		Capital stock.....	1,975,792
		Fed. income tax.....	32,322
		Res. for Fed. tax.....	15,232
		Dividends payable.....	16,250
		Res. for cont'g.....	150,000
		Deferred credit to income.....	48,382
		Surplus.....	340,109
Total (ea. side).....	\$3,297,856	\$3,780,245	\$3,780,245

\* Includes mineral rights and leases (less reserve for depletion), \$2,049,369, lease equipment (less reserve for depreciation), \$12,170; and furniture, fixtures and autos (less reserve for depreciation), \$4,331. y Authorized, 400,000 shares of no par value; issued and outstanding, 262,600.

For income statement for three and six months ended June 30, see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 130, p. 3892.

**Northern Paper Mills Co.—Earnings.—**

For income statement for six months ended June 30, see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 130, p. 4621.

**(Chas. F.) Noyes Co., Inc.—Acquisition.—**

This company on Sept. 15 will take over the business of A. A. Brody, Inc., now at 9 East 38th St., N. Y. City, and Alton A. Brody will become associated with the Noyes organization in an official capacity. The Brody firm has been associated with the Noyes organization in leasing operations in the past.—V. 131, p. 487, 641.

**Ohio Mid-Cities Corp.—Initial Dividend.—**

The directors have declared an initial dividend of 10 cents a share on the no-par class A preferred stock, payable Oct. 25 to holders of record Oct. 20.—V. 129, p. 3976.

**Ohio Oil Co.—Acquisition, etc.—**

See Transcontinental Oil Co., below.—V. 131, p. 1268, 1109.

**Ohmer Fare Register Co.—New Director, &c.—**

Robert C. Lee of the Guardian Trust Co. of Cleveland has been elected a director to fill the vacancy on the Board. The company, it is reported, is preparing to market several new machines internationally.—V. 130, p. 3370.

**Oliver Farm Equipment Co.—Omits Dividend.—**

The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share on the convertible participating preferred stock, due at this time. The regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on prior preferred stock was declared, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 10.

"In view of present unsettled conditions of agriculture in United States, directors deemed it advisable to conserve cash resources by omitting dividend on participating preferred stock." President M. W. Ellis stated. "During the first six months of 1930 sales volume of company was approximately equal to that of preceding year. Profits, however, were somewhat lower because of the fact that sales of tractors were on a reduced basis pending the design and introduction of a complete new line of four-cylinder tractors. Production of these new tractors is now under way in preparation for next season's domestic and export business."—V. 131, p. 1109.

**Ontario Mfg. Co.—Omits Common Dividend.—**

The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend on the common stock due at this time. Three months ago the rate was reduced to 50c. quarterly from 75c. per share.

The regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share on the preferred stock has been declared, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 20.—V. 130, p. 4621.

**Ontario Steel Products Co., Ltd.—Earnings.—**

Years End. June 30—		1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.	
Total profits.....		\$169,181	\$237,980	\$201,093	\$224,144	
Depreciation.....		92,210	83,847	76,252	65,654	
Profits after deprec.....		\$76,971	\$154,132	\$124,841	\$158,490	
Bond interest.....		19,500	21,030	22,500	25,910	
Sinking fund.....		28,500	26,970	25,500	24,090	
Net income.....		\$28,971	\$106,132	\$76,840	\$110,490	
Preferred dividend.....		25,221	25,221	44,925	52,500	
Common dividend.....		\$2,541	\$3,681	\$5,169	\$30,000	
Balance, surplus.....	def	\$78,791	def	\$2,770	def	\$19,554
Profit and loss surplus.....		\$464,206	\$464,206	\$464,062	\$491,144	
Sbs.com.stk.out.(no par)		51,588	51,588	45,588	x7,500	
Earnings per share.....		\$0.07	\$1.56	\$0.70	\$7.73	
x Par \$100.						

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1930.	1929.	1930.	1929.
Property, &c.....	\$2,002,589	\$1,902,034	
Good-will.....	1	1	
Cash.....	168,769	62,994	
Bills & acc'ts rec.....	250,133	395,125	
Inventories.....	379,583	593,305	
Other assets.....	118,819	65,027	
Deferred charges.....	16,937	22,733	
		Preferred stock.....	\$360,300
		Common stock.....	x858,198
		Bonds.....	298,300
		Special bank loan.....	55,000
		Acc'ts payable.....	53,576
		Income tax.....	5,000
		Bond interest.....	9,750
		Reserves.....	938,667
		Provision for divs.....	26,720
		Surplus.....	384,320
Total (each side).....	\$2,934,831	\$3,041,219	\$3,041,219

x Represented by 51,588 no-par shares.—V. 129, p. 1298.

**Pacific Finance Corp.—Earnings, etc.—**

For income statement for six months ended June 30 1930, see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

The corporation for the six months ended June 30 1930, reports net profits of \$1,175,064 after charges and taxes, equivalent after dividend requirements on series A 8% preferred stock, the 6 3/4% series C preferred and 7% series D preferred, to \$1.12 a share (par \$10) on 892,145 shares of common stock. Lee A. Phillips, chairman of the board says that the net for this year represents a slight increase. The book value of the common as of June 30 1930 was \$24.84 a share, compared with \$17.23 a year ago.

Mr. Phillips, commenting on earnings, said: "Business conditions have not been particularly advantageous, but despite that fact the earnings of the corporation have been satisfactory. A number of important changes in personnel and in the actual methods under which the business of the corporation is being conducted are reflecting a most conservative tone in our operations."

"Of prime importance among these new policies is the substantial increase in the reserves. A substantial amount, as reflected in our balance sheet, has been transferred from surplus and placed in voluntary reserve for credit losses and contingencies and reserves for future routine business will be carried on the increased basis."—V. 130, p. 3893, 2983.

**Page & Shaw, Inc.—Stockholders May Recover Nothing.—**

The Boston "Transcript," in its issue of Aug. 21 had the following: "Stockholders probably will recover nothing unless a proposed plan of reorganization of the company is carried out, it was disclosed at a hearing

on the appointment of a receiver before Referee in Bankruptcy Arthur Black, Aug. 20, but creditors may be paid in full.

Attorney Bartholomew A. Brickley of Boston was appointed receiver in bankruptcy over the objection of counsel for first preferred stockholders who contended that they should have definite representation in the affairs of the corporation. Attorney Hugh D. McLellan, who was appointed receiver on a previous petition to the Superior Court, told the referee that he did not care to assume the Federal receivership.

The only note of hope for stockholders of any class was sounded by Attorney George R. Nutter, representing the corporation, who said that the proposed reorganization plan might net them new stock in exchange for old in a going concern. He added that the plan might be accepted or rejected.

"If the stockholders accept the plan," he said, "and do not rescind their stock purchases, there is some hope that they may net something out of reorganization. If they choose to rescind and participate in the distribution of assets, I cannot see how any of them can get anything out of it. I should say it would mean zero for all of them."

The hearing before the Referee in bankruptcy followed the filing of a voluntary petition in bankruptcy by the corporation, which estimated its liabilities as in excess of \$300,000, and its assets as \$200,000. Attorney John A. Spalding, appearing for a large number of class "A" stockholders in suggesting Attorney Martin Witte for receiver said:

"They feel that they have a large interest in this corporation. Many wish to rescind their purchases on grounds of fraud. If they are able to do this, they may well appear as creditors rather than as stockholders. It seems to me they should have some voice in the naming of a receiver."—V. 131, p. 1268.

**Pan American Petroleum & Transport Co.—Control.—**

Control of this company has become vested in the Standard Oil Co. (Ind.) by reason of the acquisition by the latter company as of July 19 1930 of 936,542 shares of common stock and 1,902,770 shares of class B common stock of the Pan American Petroleum & Transport Co. See also Standard Oil Co. of Indiana in V. 130, p. 4625.—V. 131, p. 1269.

**Paramount-Publix Corp.—Anti-Trust Suit Ended.—**

See West Coast Theatres, Inc., below.—V. 131, p. 953, 802.

**Park & Tilford, Inc.—Earnings.—**

For income statement for six months ended June 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 131, p. 284.

**Parmalee Transportation Co.—Earnings.—**

For income statement for six months ended June 30 1930, see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 131, p. 1110.

**Paterson Mutual Hosiery Mills, Inc.—Agent.—**

The Chase National Bank has been appointed agent to issue and transfer voting trust certificates for preferred and common stocks.—V. 130, p. 3893.

**Pathe Exchange, Inc.—Anti-Trust Suit Ended.—**

See West Coast Theatres, Inc., below.—V. 131, p. 953, 125.

**Pet Milk Co.—New Director.—**

Sidney J. Weinberg of Goldman, Sachs & Co. has been elected a director in place of Waddill Catchings, resigned.—V. 131, p. 1269.

**Phillips Petroleum Corp.—Construction Program.—**

The Phillips Pipe Line Co. announce that 51 miles of 8-inch pipe have been shipped them and actual construction work on their gasoline line was started at Borger, Tex., Aug. 4, and at Laverne, Okla., Aug. 14. Construction is complete from Borger to a point 10 miles north of the Canadian River and at Laverne, Okla., over 12 miles have been laid with other crews expected to be at work in a few days at Medicine Lodge and Wichita. Progress at the rate of 10 miles a day is expected within two weeks at which time over 1,000 men will be employed.

Elevations for all pump stations are complete from Borger to St. Louis and at Borger actual construction has been started on four storage tanks with a total capacity of 270,000 barrels. Pump station equipment has been ordered consisting of 21 centrifugal pumps to be directly connected to gas engines by gear increasers. The engines will use butane as fuel which will be pumped through the line without intermingling with the transportation of gasoline. A contract has been let for the telephone line which will parallel the entire distance of the pipe line and work will be in progress Sept. 1.—V. 131, p. 954.

**Pillsbury Flour Mills, Inc.—Earnings.—**

Year Ended June 30—		1930.	1929.
Operating profit.....		\$4,833,458	\$5,042,056
Interest, discount, &c.....		1,375,363	939,519
Depreciation & maintenance.....		877,522	822,973
Federal taxes.....		355,375	465,000
Net income.....		\$2,225,198	\$2,814,564
Previous surplus.....		7,217,486	5,647,832
Total surplus.....		\$9,442,683	\$8,462,397
Preferred dividends.....			286,815
Common dividends.....		1,373,003	958,097
Balance surplus.....		\$8,069,680	\$7,217,486
Earns. per shr. on 549,225 sbs. com. stk. (no par) ..		\$4.05	\$4.60

Balance Sheet, June 30.		1930.	1929.
Assets—		\$	\$
Fixed plant.....	x17,768,160	15,675,740	10,000,000
Movable plant.....	y378,035	325,345	
Cash.....	1,325,329	1,227,441	
Ready marketable securities.....	18,250	18,250	
Trade acc'ts rec.....	z1,603,501	1,275,338	
Bill of lading drafts under collect'n.....	a2,075,527	2,012,055	
Inventories.....	8,348,658	10,816,167	
Miscell. acc'ts rec.....	199,180	332,970	
Surr. value of life insur. policies.....	247,740	235,913	
Prepaid insurance, interest, &c.....	203,482	202,195	
Inv. in and adv. to partly own. subs.....	1,520,154		
Trade members' ps. sundry stks., &c.....	77,267	69,533	
Due from employ.....	49,029	32,920	
Dset. on bonds.....	564,016	615,314	
Hydra lic rights.....	1	1	
Goodwill, tr. marks, trade names, &c.....	1	1	
Total (each side).....		\$34,378,330	\$32,839,186

x After deducting \$2,063,933 for depreciation and maintenance. y At depreciated value. z Less reserve of \$244,035 for bad debts. A Less reserve for \$20,964 for possible losses. B Including Island Warehouse Corp. bonds, \$600,000.—V. 129, p. 1458.

**Porto Rican-American Tobacco Co.—Div. Dates.—**

The quarterly dividend of 87 1/2 cents per share, recently declared, on the class A stock is payable Oct. 10 (not Oct. 1 as previously stated) to holders of record Sept. 20. See V. 131, p. 954.

**Republic Steel Corp.—To Begin Expansion of Plants.—**

Work on the \$1,000,000 expansion program for the open-hearth department at the Youngstown works is to be started shortly, company officials announced. The work involves the installation of three new 270-ton cranes, the largest ever placed in use in this country. A large addition to the open-hearth building will be constructed. The corporation has 15 open hearths at the Youngstown works, all but two of which are of 85-ton capacity. The present expansion will increase the thirteen 85-ton furnaces to 110-ton capacity and provide for their later expansion to 250-ton capacity. The average monthly capacity of the open-hearth division will be increased from 72,000 to 95,000 tons and the new equipment will result in substantial savings in producing costs.

At Warren, O., the corporation has announced plans for expansion and improvements involving an outlay of \$1,500,000, exclusive of additions now under way representing an investment of \$1,000,000. On Sept. 1

the company's blast furnace at this point will be blown out for repairs and changes, during which it will be enlarged to 1,000 tons daily capacity from 700 tons. It is expected the stack will be idle until Nov. 1. Other improvements will benefit the company's flat-rolled steel division, and include three new slab-heating furnaces for the strip mills, construction of new buildings for the strip department and widening of the 18-inch mill to enable it to roll strips up to 32 inches wide, and a unit for the manufacture of conduit.

**To Retire \$88,000 of Republic Iron & Steel Co. Bonds.—**

Eighty-eight (\$88,000) 10-30-year 5% s. f. mtge. gold bonds, due April 1 1940 of the Republic Iron & Steel Co. have been called for payment Oct. 1 next at 105 and int. at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., 70 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 131, p. 1269, 1110.

**Root Refining Co., Shreveport, La.—Defers Dividends.**

The directors have voted to defer the quarterly dividends of 75c. per share and 45c. per share on the \$3 cum. pref. stock and prior pref. stock, respectively, which are due Sept. 1. These rates had been paid since and including March 1 1929.—V. 130, p. 2985.

**Ruhr Chemical Corp.—Calls 6% Bonds.—**

Dillon, Read & Co., fiscal agents, announce that \$106,000 of 6% sinking fund mortgage bonds, series A, due April 1 1948, have been drawn for redemption Oct. 1 1930. The drawn bonds will be paid by Dillon, Read & Co. at 100 and int. At the option of the holders of these bonds, the principal and interest may be collected in London at the office of M. Samuel & Co., Ltd., in sterling, or in Amsterdam at the offices of Mendelssohn & Co. and Nederlandsche Handel-Maatschappij, in Dutch guilders, or in Zurich, Switzerland, at the office of Credit Suisse, in Swiss francs.—V. 129, p. 1459.

**Safeway Stores, Inc.—Earnings.—**

For income statement for six months ended June 30, see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 131, p. 1270.

**St. Joseph Lead Co.—Earnings.—**

For income statement for six months ended June 30 1930 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 130, p. 3181, 2788.

**(Clarence) Saunders Corp.—New Stock Issue.—**

An amendment to the charter authorizing an additional 50,000 shares of 7% cum. partic. stock, as the first step in an expansion program, was announced Aug. 16 by Clarence Saunders. The purpose of the proposed issue is to aid in setting up local Clarence Saunders store companies. The issue will not be offered to the public.

"My plans call for a new system of local company set-up," said Mr. Saunders. "I propose that the new companies shall issue class A common stock at \$10 a share, par value, and class B with \$1 par value, but with equal voting rights. The class A common will have a preferential dividend right of \$1 and thereafter to share equally with the B stock. The B stock would be owned by the parent corporation.

"Each local company will be required to invest 25% of its net capital in pref. stock of the parent company. This will not only enable the local companies to share in the parent company profits, but will give us a better tie-up over the territory."

It is planned that the new 50,000 issue by the parent company will be taken up in this way.

This plan will not apply to the California company, now in operation, since it already has an organization set-up. But it will be divided into two companies, and the plan will be followed as nearly as practicable.

The Clarence Saunders Stores, now in receivership, may be liquidated. This belief comes from negotiations now going on whereby the Clarence Saunders Corp. may assume liability for the \$500,000 note of the stores held by a group of New York bankers. Mr. Saunders is willing that the corporation assume this note, in return for which the corporation would issue three and five year debentures at 7%.

"This would make the corporation the largest creditor," said Mr. Saunders. "It would be my idea to urge liquidation with all possible haste for the simple reason that in a close-out the creditors would realize much more right now than they could by waiting. This is virtually the same plan I proposed to the New York bankers, but they would not listen. When they declined to listen I withdrew my proposal, but they reopened the matter with me."

"I am frank to say that I would rather have the corporation assume responsibility for this note, though neither I nor it is morally or legally liable, than to be tied up with a lawsuit for two or three years." See also Clarence Saunders Stores, Inc., below.

**(Clarence) Saunders Stores, Inc.—Solvency Indicated.—**

The Memphis "Appeal" Aug. 19 had the following: The company appears to have been solvent when it went into the hands of receivers July 15, a preliminary audit of the firm's accounts reveals. The company on that date had assets that totaled \$1,123,438 in excess of liabilities, according to a statement filed in U. S. District Court Aug. 18 by Leslie M. Stratton and Joseph R. Peters, receivers.

It shows total current assets of \$2,642,396 and liabilities of \$1,518,958. Included in the assets is cash on hand and in banks, \$247,859; accounts receivable, \$20,168; and inventories, \$722,221. The net value of stores, furniture and fixtures, delivery equipment and autos, improvements and remodeling is \$963,413.

Prepaid rents and expense and deposits on water and light contracts total \$4,107. Due from affiliated companies: Clarence Saunders Corp., \$20,202; Clarence Saunders Pacific Coast Stores, \$35,000, and from Clarence Saunders Tigers, a professional football team, \$3,030. Franchise rights were listed with a book value of \$626,393.53.

Under liabilities are included \$500,000 in notes payable; \$972,901 accounts payable (vendors), and accrued taxes, interest, wages and rents, \$46,056.

The statement was prepared from the books as they were found July 15 1930 and is subject to such changes as may be warranted after the audit and verifications are completed.

[It was announced Aug. 17 by Clarence Saunders that the Clarence Saunders Corp. had agreed to purchase \$500,000 in notes held by an Eastern banking syndicate against the Clarence Saunders Stores, Inc.] See also Clarence Saunders Corp. above.—V. 131, p. 956, 488.

**Schulco Co., Inc.—Earnings.—**

For income statement for six months ended June 30 1930 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

The balance sheet as of June 30 1930 shows land and buildings of \$15,000,000 against which there are first mortgages of \$7,482,000, while reserve for depreciation on buildings owned is carried at \$645,024. Of the mortgage gold bonds \$480,500 have been retired by the sinking fund and a further \$239,332 are held in the treasury, leaving net amount outstanding \$6,780,167. Bonds purchased or redeemed during the six months period totaled \$72,032. Current assets of \$733,068 as of June 30 1930 were over 2.5 times current liabilities of \$286,857.—V. 130, p. 3896, 2787.

**Schulte Retail Stores Corp.—Earnings.—**

For income statement for six months ended June 30, see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 131, p. 2601.

**Scott Paper Co.—Earnings.—**

For income statement for seven months ended July 27, see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 131, p. 1270.

**Scovill Mfg. Co.—Smaller Dividend.—**

The directors have declared a dividend of 75 cents per share payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 15. Previously the company paid quarterly dividends of \$1 per share.—V. 130, p. 1667.

**Seaboard Utilities Shares Corp.—Dividend, &c.—**

The directors voted on Aug. 19 1930 to pay on Oct. 1 1930 dividend of 12 1/2 c. per share to shareholders of its no par value common stock of record at the close of business Sept. 2 1930. Company has over 28,000 shareholders in over 40 states and in foreign countries.

Assets as of Aug. 4 1930 include shares of more than 75 leading utility, operating and holding companies of the United States. Liquidating value per share as of Aug. 4 1930 was \$6.68.—V. 131, p. 1270, 642.

**Sears, Roebuck & Co.—Meat and Produce Departments to be Operated by Kroger Chain.—**

Arrangements have been made between the Kroger Grocery & Baking Co. and Sears, Roebuck & Co., whereby the former will operate general

grocery, meat and produce departments in Sears, Roebuck stores in Chicago and Cincinnati.

Albert H. Morrill, President of the Kroger company, states that the establishment of these two departments operated by the Kroger concern, is an experiment and if successful will lead to the establishment of similar departments in other Sears, Roebuck stores.

Kroger goods, of course, will be sold in the departments the grocery chain will operate in the two Sears, Roebuck stores. Inasmuch as the Sears, Roebuck stores are large and complete mercantile units, serving large numbers of persons, sales of the Kroger company should benefit by this plan.

The plan will be advantageous to Sears, Roebuck & Co., not only through rentals, but also through increased patronage their stores will draw from persons who come to buy groceries and meats at the Kroger departments. Then, too, it will further round out the service Sears, Roebuck & Co. will be enabled to give, supplying practically all wants in all lines to its trade. The grocery, meat and produce units will not be installed until October. See also Kroger Grocery & Baking Co. above.—V. 131, p. 1270.

**Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corp.—Earnings.—**

The corporation reports gross earnings of \$88,423,056 for the six months ended June 30 and net available for interest and other charges of \$16,547,272. The amount available for common stock after all charges and preferred dividends was 49 cents a share, compared with \$1.02 a share in the first six months of 1929. An official statement says:

"Lessened profits are attributed to unsatisfactory prices prevailing during the period, and to generally unfavorable business conditions. Full advantage has not been obtained from investment in owned marketing facilities although the increase in gallonage through such facilities showed a large gain in the first six months of the year. Extensive drilling was necessary in the Oklahoma City field, involving large expense, but owing to proration the corporation was unable to realize on this investment, since the flow of the wells is limited to a small fraction of developed production.

No effect is given in the above figures to the acquisition of the Pierce Petroleum properties which only became effective July 1.

The detailed earnings for the six months ended June 30 are given under "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 131, p. 1112, 643

**Specialized Shares Corp.—Omits Dividend.—**

The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend which ordinarily would have been payable about Sept. 1. The last quarterly disbursement of 25 cents per share was made on June 2 last.—V. 129, p. 1301.

**Standard Oil Co. (Ind.)—Report Denied.—**

Officials of the company have issued a denial of a report that their company was planning to build at Casper, Wyo., a plant capable of utilizing the hydro-genation process.

**Appeal Patent Case.—**

The company and 45 other oil companies filed in the U. S. Supreme Court Aug. 23 their appeal from the decision of a three-Judge Federal Court at Chicago holding them guilty of violating the Sherman Anti-Trust law through pooling of patents on the process of making cracked gasoline. The controversy is regarded of great importance in the oil industry and by producers generally because the highest Court is asked to rule whether the monopolies granted to patent owners become unlawful when the patents are pooled.

The Federal Court held that the agreements between the oil companies under which the cracking patents were used was in violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Law.

The Government charged the companies with engaging in an unlawful restraint of inter-State commerce in cracked gasoline through cross license agreements by which an unauthorized extension of patent monopolies was obtained and suits attacking the validity of the patents avoided.

The oil companies contend the agreements constitute a lawful use of patent monopolies.

**Acquisition.—**

See Pan American Petroleum & Transport Co. above.—V. 131, p. 643, 490.

**Studebaker Corp.—Ranks Fifth in 37 States.—**

Total registration of new automobiles in 37 States reporting for July show Studebaker in fifth place among all makes, according to a compilation issued this week by the corporation. During the first six months of the year, before the introduction of the free wheeling models, Studebaker ranked tenth in total registrations in the same States.

In Illinois, California and Arizona Studebaker registrations were exceeded only by Ford and Chevrolet, while in Maryland, Indiana and Alabama Studebaker registrations ranked fourth. Improvement of sales position is reported from numerous metropolitan centres, including New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco.—V. 131, p. 803, 1113.

**Superior Oil Corp.—Receivership.—**

A recent dispatch from Tulsa, Okla., had the following: Receivership for the corporation, asked by E. Stewart Matlock, New Castle, Pa., minority stockholder, was under advisement by Judge Franklin E. Kenamer of Federal District Court pending the outcome of efforts to reorganize the company.

Attorneys representing the plaintiffs in seven receivership suits plan a reorganization conference in New York late this month.

Testimony at the hearing of Matlock's petition, which alleged mismanagement, was that George Nathan, New York, had dominated the company since buying a block of shares two years ago.—V. 131, p. 1271, 1113

**Swift & Co., Chicago.—To Retire Notes.—**

The Boston Stock Exchange has been informed that the 5% 10-year sinking fund gold notes, due Oct. 15 1932, have been called for payment at 100% and interest on Oct. 15 1930. The \$26,500,000 notes to be retired is the balance of an original issue of \$50,000,000 dated Oct. 16 1922.—V. 131, p. 957.

**Texon Oil & Land Co.—Extra Dividend.—**

The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$3 per share and the regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, both payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 10.—V. 130, p. 3898.

**Thomson Electric Welding Co.—Extra Dividend.—**

An extra dividend of \$1 per share and the regular quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share have been declared, both payable Sept. 2 to holders of record Aug. 27. An extra of like amount was paid in each of the six preceding quarters.—V. 130, p. 4069.

**Thompson-Starrett Co., Inc.—Earnings, &c.—**

For income statement for three months ended July 31 1930 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

The uncompleted work on contracts on hand on July 31 1930, amounted to \$30,205,623 compared with \$19,796,492 at the end of July 1929.—V. 131, p. 287.

**Tidal Refining Co.—Granted Charter.—**

This company, a subsidiary of the Tidal Oil Co., which has extensive holdings in New Mexico, has been granted a charter to erect refineries, natural gasoline plants and to lay pipe lines in New Mexico.—V. 121, p. 2889.

**Tide Water Associated Oil Co.—Balance Sheet.—**

The balance sheet given in our issue of Aug. 16 1930, page 1113, is as of June 30 1930 and 1929.—V. 131, p. 1272.

**Union Tank Car Co.—Balance Sheet June 30.—**

	1930.	1929.		1930.	1929.
Assets—	\$	\$	Liabilities—	\$	\$
Tank car equip.	335,639,310	35,788,563	Capital stock	31,351,200	31,206,200
Accr. inc. & def. chgs.	74,469	108,045	3 1/2% equip. tr. cert.	9,100,000	10,400,000
Material	471,214	642,911	Accounts payable	1,477,945	644,724
Cash & securities	12,174,014	10,373,048	Accr. int. & taxes	480,777	475,563
Accts. receivable	1,556,354	1,797,248	Reserves	405,205	410,989
Unamort. debt disc.	107,005	141,109	Surplus	7,207,242	5,711,448
Total	50,022,369	48,848,924	Total	50,022,369	48,848,924
x After deducting reserve for depreciation.	y	Represented by 1,254,043 shares, no par value.			

For income statement for six months ended June 30, see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 130, p. 2411.

**Transcontinental Oil Co.—Properties Transferred.**

Transfer of the assets and properties of this company to the Ohio Oil Co. was made Aug. 21, it is stated. The distribution of Ohio Oil Co. common stock to the Transcontinental stockholders commenced on Aug. 27 and will be made through the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co.

The present outstanding certificates for \$25 par common of Ohio Oil Co. may be presented to the Chase National Bank of New York, transfer department, for exchange for certificates for no par common at the rate of two shares of new no-par common for each share of \$25 par common stock.—V. 131, p. 1272, 1113.

**United Dry Docks, Inc.—Obituary.**

President Edward P. Morse died at Deep Brook, Digby County, Nova Scotia, on Aug. 26.—V. 130, p. 1669.

**United Founders Corp.—Common Dividend No. 4.**

A dividend of 1-70th of a share on each share of common stock has been declared, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 2. An initial distribution of like amount was paid on Jan. 2 last, followed by a similar payment on April 1 and on July 1.—V. 131, p. 288, 263.

**United Grain Growers, Ltd.—Lower Dividend.**

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 6%, payable to the 30,000 farmer shareholders on Sept. 1. This is a reduction of 2% from last year.—V. 129, p. 4151.

**United States Leather Co.—New Vice-Presidents.**

R. H. Zinn, E. G. Brooker and E. H. Amory have been appointed Vice-Presidents. A. T. Lynch, Vice-President, resigned.—V. 131, p. 645.

**United States Shares Corp. (Md.).—Consolidation.**

See United States Shares Corp. (N. Y.) below.

**United States Shares Corp., N. Y.—Proposed Consol.**

The stockholders of this corporation and of the United States Shares Financial Corp. (Del.) will vote on Sept. 8 and Sept. 10, respectively, on approving a plan of reorganization and agreement between the two corporations, dated as of Aug. 21 1930, providing, among other things, for the transfer to United States Shares Corp. (Md.) of substantially all of the assets, properties, rights and privileges of the two corporations, as businesses and going concerns (except funds of taxes, which are reserved), subject to all liabilities (which the transferees assume to pay), except certain liabilities, in exchange for 164,000 shares of the common stock of United States Shares Corp. (Md.), to be issued to the New York corporation. The plan of reorganization and agreement was approved by the directors of the New York and Delaware corporations at a meeting thereof held Aug. 22 1930. They will also vote on authorizing the board to vote the stock of United States Shares Financial Corp. held by the N. Y. corporation in favor of the sale of all or substantially all of its property, assets, rights and privileges as a business and going concern, as of July 31 1930, to United States Shares Corp. in exchange for 266,000 shares of its fully-paid and non-assessable stock, pursuant to the offer hereafter referred to, or for such other consideration and upon such other terms and conditions as they may approve.

The stockholders will also vote on approving a proposal to transfer all or substantially all of the assets, properties, rights and privileges of the New York and Delaware corporations to United States Shares Corp. (Md.) and to receive in exchange therefor 164,000 shares and 266,000 shares, respectively, of the common stock of United States Shares Corp. (Md.).

The plan of reorganization and agreement provides that the United States Shares Corp. (Md.) contemplates making an offer to the United States Shares Corp., a N. Y. corporation, to purchase all of its property, assets, rights and privileges as a business and going concern as of July 31 1930, in exchange for 164,000 shares of its fully-paid and non-assessable common stock without par value.

The plan of reorganization also provides that the United States Shares Corp. (Md.) contemplates making an offer to United States Shares Financial Corp., a Delaware corporation, 111,911 shares of the common stock whereof are owned by the corporation, to purchase all of its property, assets, rights and privileges as a business and going concern as of July 31 1930, in exchange for 266,000 shares of its fully-paid and non-assessable common stock without par value.

The authorized capital stock of the United States Shares Corp. (Md.) is 3,100,000 shares, without par value, of which 100,000 shares are classified as class A stock and 3,000,000 shares as common stock. All of the 100,000 shares of class A stock and option rights, evidenced by optional warrants, to purchase an aggregate of not exceeding 500,000 shares of the common stock of the United States Shares Corp. (Md.) at the prices and upon the terms and conditions specified in the certificate of incorporation of the latter corporation have been issued to certain officers, directors of the United States Shares Corp. (Md.) and others, some of whom include officers and directors of the New York and Delaware corporation, who have been instrumental in the organization of United States Shares Corp. (Md.) and who expect to participate in its management, in consideration of the payment of the organization expenses and services in connection with the organization of the Maryland corporation. None of the shares of the common stock of United States Shares Corp. (Md.) have been issued.

The plan will be declared effective upon deposit of 95% of each class of stock outstanding. Deposits will be accepted up to and incl. Oct. 15. The time limit may be extended to Nov. 15 or a later date.

Balance Sheet July 31 1930.

UNITED STATES SHARES CORPORATION (N. Y.)			
Assets	Liabilities		
Cash and cash deposits.....	\$87,952	Loans payable.....	\$1,287,286
Drafts receivable.....	11,563	Accounts payable.....	102,112
Accrued interest receivable.....	608	Divs. unclaimed on trust shs.....	1,610
Accounts receivable.....	28,212	Liabl. for undelivered trust shs.....	11,832
Notes receivable.....	76,625	Reserves for dealers' commis.....	2,535
Subscribers to capital stock.....	1,350	Reserves for Fed. income taxes.....	9,642
Investments.....	1,673,086	7% pref. stock (par \$100).....	116,300
Furniture and fixtures (net).....	18,983	6% pref. stock (par \$10).....	437,560
Deferred charges.....	3,688	Common stock (no-par value).....	b375,797
Good-will.....	1,000,000	Subscriptions to common stock.....	3,280
		Surplus.....	554,114
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,902,068</b>	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,902,068</b>

a Includes Bankers Investment Trust of America deb. shares, 8,264 shares, \$32,640; Bankers Investment Trust of America common shares, 55,940 shares, \$49,656; United Trust shares owned, 93,727; United States Shares Financial Corp. capital stock, 111,911 shares, \$1,017,063. b Represented by 375,797 shares. Does not include 19,794 common stock option warrants issued and outstanding. c Represented by 328 shares.

Notes.—Cumulative pref. stock dividends unpaid at July 31 1930, \$13,839.

Balance Sheet July 31 1930.

UNITED STATES SHARES FINANCIAL CORP.			
Assets	Liabilities		
Cash in banks.....	\$231,012	Accounts payable.....	\$11,280
Accounts receivable.....	55,945	Accrued franchise tax.....	2,916
Loan receivable.....	62,500	Accrued salaries.....	50
Accrued dividends & interest.....	13,341	Dividends unclaimed.....	125
Investments (at market).....	1,169,255	Capital stock (no-par value).....	x2,653,730
Invest. in sub. co. (at cost).....	841,982	Deficit.....	241,983
Deferred charge.....	2,063		
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,426,098</b>	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,426,098</b>

x Represented by 265,373 shares.

John Scott Lansill, Chairman of the new Maryland corporation, in a letter to the stockholders of the two above mentioned consolidating corporations, says in substance:

For some time past the directors have been concerned as to certain tendencies in the investment trust field and more specifically as to the effect of these tendencies upon United Shares Corp. and its affiliated company, United States Shares Financial Corp., in which it owns a 42% stock interest.

The United States Shares Corp. was organized in April 1927 and its principal business has been the creation and administration of fixed and semi-fixed trusts and the distribution of the securities thereof. Eleven such trusts are now in existence aggregating approximately \$9,167,000 of resources as of July 31 1930. In addition to the investment necessary to create and administer said trusts and to distribute the securities thereof, United States Shares Corp. has invested a substantial amount of its capital in investment trusts of the general management type. The principal one of

which is United States Shares Financial Corp., organized in August 1929 and operated under the supervision of United States Shares Corp.

As a result of the unusual conditions existing in the securities market since last fall, the chief holdings of United States Shares Corp. in general management trusts have become non-liquid.

During the same period and due to the same conditions United States Shares Financial Corp. like other investment trusts of the general management type suffered a substantial shrinkage in its investment portfolio.

Early in July of this year Donald J. Hardenbrook and Gero von S. Gaevernitz became associated with the management of these corporations, having been elected President and Vice-President, respectively. They were requested by the board of directors to examine into the affairs of both corporations and make recommendations for rectifying what the directors believed to be a difficult situation. As a result of their studies in cooperation with the directors and others a plan has been evolved which should serve to materially remedy present conditions.

It is the opinion of the directors that the first step in a sound program of development must necessarily be the union of the United States Shares Corp. and the United States Shares Financial Corp. Under existing conditions it is extremely doubtful whether a general management type investment trust as small as United States Shares Financial Corp. can be operated on a basis sufficiently profitable to pay its overhead expenses and earn reasonable dividends for its stockholders. On the other hand, the creation and distribution of securities of fixed and semi-fixed trusts and the furnishing of investment supervision under management contracts as engaged in by United States Shares Corp. should provide an attractive opportunity for profitable operations. While United States Shares Corp. lacks sufficient capital to properly develop this opportunity, this situation would be materially improved by combining with it the capital resources of United States Shares Financial Corp.

Such a combination would therefore enable each corporation to receive certain other advantages which are not available to it as an independent unit. The union of the two corporations combines considerable substantial capital resources with the nation-wide organization for the distribution of securities built up by United States Shares Corp. over the last three years and bring under the supervision of the new corporation funds aggregating in excess of \$14,000,000. The new corporation will have the benefit of receiving substantial management fees while the simplifications resulting will reduce operating expenses considerably. It will also tend to reduce the necessity of bank borrowings, and provide capital to adequately and aggressively pursue the opportunity for profits arising from (1) the sale of investment trust securities through its investment dealer distributing organization; (2) the management of semi-fixed investment trusts under its supervision; (3) the expert appraisal of securities for banks, corporations, individuals, estates and tax authorities; (4) the operation and supervision of investment trusts of the general management type.

As soon as such a union be effected, the well developed management, statistical and distributing organization of United States Shares Corp. strengthened by the capital resources of United States Shares Financial Corp., should be in an excellent position to undertake negotiations for acquiring other investment companies which do not possess these advantages.

For the purpose of carrying out these recommendations a new corporation has been organized under the laws of Maryland under the name of United States Shares Corp. with an authorized capital of 3,100,000 shares, all without par value, of which 100,000 shares are class A stock and 3,000,000 shares are common stock.

The officers and directors of the new Maryland organization are: John Scott Lansill, Chairman of the board; Donald J. Hardenbrook, President; Gero von S. Gaevernitz, Executive Vice-President; Nelson L. Ott, Treasurer, and Arthur F. Jackson, Jr., Secretary, who are either officers and (or) directors of the New York and Delaware corporation.

It is contemplated that the new corporation will acquire all or substantially all of the properties, assets and business of United States Shares Corp. in exchange for 164,000 shares of the common stock without par value of the new corporation and will acquire all or substantially all of the properties, assets and business of United States Shares Financial Corp. in exchange for 266,000 shares of common stock without par value of the new corporation.

The basis for the respective purchase prices is the proportionate contribution of the net assets of the two corporations as shown by their balance sheets as of July 31 1930. (see above).

It is contemplated that there will be an immediate liquidation of either United States Shares Corp. or United States Shares Financial Corps. Each of these corporations will continue under changed names as holding companies holding stock of the new corporation until such time as all problems in connection with the liquidation of these corporations and distribution of the stock of the new corporation can be worked out. [The new names, as proposed, are United States Holding Corp. and United States Financial Holding Corp.—Ed.]

The certificate of incorporation of the new corporation authorizes the creation and granting of optional rights to subscribe to common stock as follows: (a) the optional right at any time and from time to time prior to Oct. 15 1935, to purchase from the corporation 90,000 shares of common stock of the corporation, or any part thereof, at a price per share equal to 10% above the net liquidating value per share of the common stock on the date on which the optional rights shall have acquired all or substantially all of the properties, assets and business of United States Shares Corp. and of United States Shares Financial Corp., and (b) for each 50,000 shares of common stock issued by the corporation in excess of 450,000 shares (excluding shares issued upon the exercise of the options provided for in the certificate of incorporation but including shares issued upon the exercise of any other options authorized by the board of directors under the general power conferred upon it in the certificate of incorporation), until the total number of shares of common stock issued by the corporation for any purpose plus the number of shares of said common stock reserved or to be reserved for issuance upon the exercise of any optional rights, to subscribe thereto shall equal the original authorized issue of 3,000,000 shares of common stock of the corporation, the optional right for a period of five years from the date of the issuance of the last shares of each said block of 50,000 shares to purchase an aggregate of 10,000 shares of common stock of the corporation, or any part thereof, for each 50,000 shares of common stock so issued at a price equal to 10% above the net liquidating value of the common stock, as defined in the certificate of incorporation, at the date of the issuance of the last shares of said block of 50,000 shares.

The class A common stock has no liquidating value at the present time and will only acquire a liquidating value through the accumulation of surplus in the future of which the common stockholders will be the beneficiaries to the extent of 90%. The option warrants can be exercised at any time and the common stock of the corporation at a price equal to 10% in excess of the liquidating value upon the date when they become effective and therefore the liquidating value of the option warrants will also depend on increasing the liquidating value of the common stock substantially above its present value.

The class A stock as a class is entitled to receive whenever and as often as dividends are paid or declared and set apart for payment on the common stock, whether payable in cash or in common stock, a dividend equal in the aggregate to 10% of the aggregate dividend paid or declared and set apart for payment on the common stock as a class.

In case of dissolution or liquidation after the acquisition of the properties, assets and business of United States Shares Corp. and United States Shares Financial Corp., then the holders of the common stock shall first be entitled to receive out of the net remaining assets of the corporation before any amounts shall be paid to the holders of class A stock, the net liquidating value per share of the common stock on the date of such acquisition. And after the payment in full of said amount to the holders of the common stock the holders of the class A stock as a class shall be entitled to receive out of any remaining assets an amount equal to 10% of such remaining assets, and after the deduction of such 10% for the class A stock any assets remaining shall be distributed pro rata among the holders of the common stock.

The holders of the class A stock as a class shall always have a number of votes for all purposes equal to the number of votes pertaining to the common stock at the time outstanding.

Upon the written consent or the vote of the holders of two-thirds of the shares of common stock then issued and outstanding, the class A stock shall be subject to purchase by the corporation for cancellation in whole, but not in part, at any time after Jan. 1 1950 (or prior thereto with the consent of the holders of three-fourths of the shares of class A issued and outstanding), at a purchase price per share equal to the net liquidating value per share of the class A stock.

Unless it shall otherwise elect the new corporation is not required to proceed and acquire the assets of this corporation unless the holders of 95% of each class of stock outstanding consent to or vote in favor of the plan. No deposits of stock are called.—V. 130, p. 4261.

**United States Shares Financial Corp. (Del.).—Merger.**

See United States Shares Corp. (N. Y.) above.—V. 130, p. 3899.



**United States Steel Corp.—Changes in Personnel.**—President William G. Clyde of the Carnegie Steel Co. having resigned on account of ill health, I. Lamont Hughes, a Vice-President of the United States Steel Corp., has been elected President of the Carnegie Steel Co., effective Sept. 1.  
The following changes have been made as of the same date:  
Ambrose N. Diehl, a Vice-President of the Carnegie Steel Co., has been elected a Vice-President of the United States Steel Corp.  
Ralph Watson, General Superintendent Homestead Steel Works, has been elected a Vice-President of Carnegie Steel Co.  
Sydney Dillon, Chief Mechanical Engineer, has been appointed to the position of Assistant to Vice-President Watson.—V. 131, p. 1114.

**United Steel Works of Burbach-Eich-Dudelange (Societe Anonyme des Acieries Reunies de Burbach-Eich-Dudelange) (Grand Duchy of Luxemburg) "Arbed."—Bonds Called.**—Certain 25-year sinking fund 7% gold bonds, dated April 1 1926, aggregating \$104,000 have been called for payment Oct. 1 at par and int. at the office of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., 52 William St., N. Y. City, or at the Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 130, p. 1846.

**United Stores Corp.—Common Shares Outstanding.**—As of June 30 1930, the company had actually outstanding 46,044 shares of common stock, but held for issue against exercise of warrants attached to the class A stock exchangeable on or after Jan. 1 1931, 456,263 shares of common stock, to make the total issued and held for issue 502,297 common shares.—V. 131, p. 1273.

**United Verde Copper Co.—Tax Refund.**—A refund to cover over-assessment of income taxes for 1918 amounting to \$608,285 in favor of the company was announced Aug. 23 by the Internal Revenue Bureau.  
Allowance of an additional deduction for depletion accounted for \$503,562 of the refund and the balance of \$104,722 was an allowance of additional deductions for ordinary and necessary business expenses, repairs and State and local taxes. Of the total, \$595,734 was credited and \$12,550 returned.—V. 124, p. 387.

**Universal Pictures Co., Inc.—Earnings.**—For income statement for six months ended May 4 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.  
Total surplus on May 3, last, was \$4,510,810, including \$1,354,000 surplus arising through revaluation of land.—V. 130, p. 3565, 306.

**Utilities Hydro & Rail Shares Corp.—Dividends, &c.**—The directors have declared a dividend of 14 cents per share, payable Oct. 1 to holders of no par value common stock of record Sept. 2. A like amount was paid on April 1 and July 1 last.  
The corporation has about 2,550 shareholders in over 30 States. More than 94% of its portfolio consists of amounts of shares of 60 of the leading utility, 15 rail and 12 equipment companies, all listed on either the New York, Boston or other leading stock exchanges.  
The corporation reports net gain of \$67,843 from interest, dividends, and realized profits, including market value of stock dividends received, for the period from Nov. 4 1929 to Aug. 14 1930, after deduction for Federal taxes and expenses. Surplus gain as of Aug. 14 1930, after payment of the July 1 1930 dividend of \$25,442, amounts to \$25,601.—V. 131, p. 959, 288.

**Waldorf System, Inc.—10,000 Shares of 8% Preferred Stock Called—Balance May Be Redeemed Late This Year.**—The directors have voted to retire, at \$11 a share, 10,000 shares of the 8% pref. stock, \$10 par. This will leave outstanding approximately 38,000 shares of 8% pref. stock as the only obligation ahead of the 461,610 shares of no par common stock.

A current report believed by the "Chronicle" to be based on fact says: "It is likely that the corporation will, by the end of this year, follow the present policy of eliminating senior securities, leaving common stock ownership in possession of the business without security obligation. At present the company has outstanding under \$500,000 of 8% pref. stock of \$10 par value. The retirement of this will involve around \$530,000 at the callable figure of \$11 a share.  
After preferred dividends, the balance for the 461,610 shares of com. stock in the first half of this year was \$1.23 a share, against \$1.13 a share for the similar period in 1929. Indications are for 1930 earnings of from \$2.60 to \$2.75 a share, compared with \$2.50 in 1929.  
Two important new stores are under construction in New York, another in process at Harvard Square, Cambridge, Mass., and a fourth will be available upon completion of the Edison Building on Tremont Street, Boston Mass.—V. 131, p. 959, 493.

**Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc.—Receivership Petition Dismissed.**—The receivership bill filed in Chancery Court at Wilmington, Del., Aug. 22, by Ira L. Nelson of Boston, Mass., against the company and Renwar, Inc., was dismissed Aug. 26 by Chief Justice James Pennewill on motion of former Judge Hugh M. Morris, counsel for Warner Bros. The motion for dismissal was made before the Chief Justice because Chancellor Wolcott was disqualified to sit in the case as he is a stockholder of Warner Bros. The action of the Court was based upon the contention of Warner Bros. that the bill of complaint had not been properly verified and sworn to by the plaintiff.

In his petition asking for a receiver, Mr. Nelson alleged mismanagement on the part of the officers of the Warner company and excessive expenditures for properties said to have been purchased by Renwar, Inc., a holding company for Warner Brothers.  
H. M. Warner, President, of Warner Brothers, in a statement issued the day the Nelson petition was filed, characterized the allegations as "false and apparently maliciously made" and said the "presumption is the petition was filed for the purpose of injuriously affecting the price of the stock."

In its answer to the charges of mismanagement and other allegations made by Mr. Nelson, Warner Brothers denied that the company had paid to Renwar, Inc., all of the stock of which is held by Harry M. Warner, Pres. of Warner Brothers, Albert Warner and Jack L. Warner, more than \$1,000,000 for purchases of real estate and theatres at grossly excessive prices since June 1929, when Renwar, Inc. was formed.  
The answer stated that Renwar had had only one real estate transaction with Warner Brothers and this was the purchase of part of the land on which the main offices of Warner Brothers are located in West 44th St., N. Y. City. This was made at a price less than was paid for adjoining land, it was said.

The cost of underwriting the company's additional 755,000 shares of common stock, rights to subscribe to which were recently offered to stockholders at \$20, were declared to have been not excessive, as alleged, but normal and necessary.  
The company asserted in the answer that it and its more than 20 subsidiary companies intend and have the means to pay all the bonded debts of the subsidiaries amounting to "substantially less than \$50,000,000," as well as its own debts when due.  
Theatres controlled by Warner Bros. and its subsidiaries are declared to be showing handsome profits.  
The methods of financing adopted by the company in the issue of additional stock underwritten by a syndicate headed by Goldman, Sachs & Co., and Hayden, Stone & Co., which was attacked on the ground that it was "gross mismanagement," was declared to be sound, not embarrassing to the company and "more than sufficient to pay off all the company's bank loans" of which Nelson complained. As evidence the company pointed out that the rights to the new stock are selling at about \$1 a share despite the receivership action.

Warner Bros. stated that it owed \$5,530,000 to banks about March 1, but that this was "considerably less than one-half the bank line extended to it by the leading banking institutions of the country after full investigation of its financial affairs" and that the bank line is still in effect.  
It declares that the semi-annual interest on its \$40,000,000 of outstanding debentures payable Sept. 1 would be met. The company admitted

that its operations in the last three months were conducted at a loss but pointed out that this fact was admitted by Harry M. Warner in a letter to stockholders in August.

The charge was made that the Nelson application was not made in good faith and that for two days prior to the filing of the action "reports were circulated widely in brokerage houses that the suit was about to be filed."

**Anti-Trust Suit Ended by Compact.**—See West Coast Theatres, Inc., below.

**Coupon No. 2 on Optional 6% Convertible Debentures, Series Due 1939, To Be Paid.**—

Attention has been called to the fact that in case the bearer of coupon No. 2 pertaining to the optional 6% conv. debts., series due 1939 desires to receive in money the installment of interest due Sept. 1 1930, he must so elect by surrendering such coupon at the Manufacturers Trust Co., 139 Broadway, N. Y. City on or before Sept. 11 1930, and in such case such interest installment shall be paid in money. In case the holder shall not so surrender such coupon then such interest shall be payable in common stock at the rate of 269-1000ths of one share of common stock in respect to each \$500 of debentures.

The company states: "Attention is called to the fact that it is to the advantage of the debenture holder to exercise his option to be paid in money in view of the fact that the present market prices, the value of the fraction of a share of common stock of Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc., called for by the interest coupon is less than the cash value thereof."

Pres. H. M. Warner, Aug. 26, says: "Because of the fact that the company has taken a record of the holders of its common stock for the purpose of entitling them to subscribe for additional shares of its common stock upon payment of an amount per share less than the 'market value,' per share of com. stock at the time such record was taken, the rate at which interest in common stock is payable upon the optional 6% conv. debts., series due 1939, has been adjusted so that said interest is payable at the rate of 269-1000 (instead of 1/4, as heretofore) of one share of common stock, semi-annually, in respect of each \$500 of debts.; and that the number of shares of common stock deliverable upon conversion of debts. has been adjusted so that 1-78/1000 shares (instead of one share, as heretofore) are deliverable in respect of each \$75 of debentures surrendered for conversion on or before Sept. 1 1932, each \$80 of debts. so surrendered thereafter and on or before Sept. 1 1935, and each \$85 of debts. so surrendered thereafter and on or before Aug. 26 1939.

**Earnings.**—For income statement for 39 weeks ended May 31 1930, see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 131, p. 1273, 1114.

**Warner Co.—Extra Dividend.**—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25 cents a share and the regular quarterly dividend of 50 cents a share on the common stock, both payable Oct. 15 to holders of record Sept. 30. The regular quar. div. of \$1.75 a share on the 1st and 2d pref. stock also were declared, both payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 15.

This is the fourth extra payment declared on the common since incorporation of the company a little over a year ago to effect consolidation of the Charles Warner Co. and the Van Sclver Corp. The first of these extra payments was of 50 cents a share in October 1929, the second was of 50 cents a share in January 1930, and the third of 25 cents a share in July last. Six months ago the company declared the regular quarterly of 50 cents.—V. 131, p. 1115.

**West Coast Theatres, Inc.—Trust Suit Ended by Compact.**—Indictments and informations charging West Coast Theatres, Inc., and 10 motion picture distributing companies with conspiracy to violate the Sherman anti-trust law were dismissed at Los Angeles Aug. 21 by Federal Judge Cosgrove upon motion of Federal attorneys. The action followed a compromise agreement between attorneys for the Government and the defendants and obviated weeks of anticipated legal battle, scheduled to begin Aug. 21.

Government attorneys filed a consent agreement, or injunction, containing an agreement of the defendants with the Government that they shall be restrained in the future from entering into any combination to exclude unaffiliated exhibitors from operating in competition with affiliated exhibitors.

In addition to the West Coast Theatres, the defendants were Fox Film Corp., Paramount-Publix, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, United Artists, Universal, R-K-O, Pathe, First National Pictures, Warner Brothers and Tiffany.

The decree restrains the companies from conspiring for any of the following purposes:

Excluding or attempting to exclude unaffiliated exhibitors from contracting in the course of interstate trade and commerce for motion picture films;

Excluding or attempting to exclude unaffiliated exhibitors from exhibiting in competition with affiliated exhibitors;

Excluding or attempting to exclude, by acting in concert, any exhibitors from exhibiting two or more picture feature productions on one program or who may desire to donate gifts or premiums to the patrons in connection with any motion picture performance;

Enforcing or attempting to enforce clearance schedules providing for an unreasonable and discriminatory protection.

John H. Amen, United States special counsel in the case, read to the Court a statement setting forth the reasons for which the Government had agreed to the settlement.

"The injunction contained in this decree restrains the defendants from the continuance of every illegal practice charged in the indictment. If the terms of this decree are violated by any of the defendants, summary proceedings for contempt of court will insure immediate relief to independent exhibitors.—V. 128, p. 3852.

**Wil-Low Cafeterias, Inc.—Earnings.**—For income statement for 10 months ended July 31 1930, see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 131, p. 646.

**Woods Bros. Corp.—Earnings.**—For income statement for six months ended June 30, see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 130, p. 132.

**Worthington Pump & Machinery Co.—Back Divs.**—The directors have declared dividends of 1 1/4% on the preferred A and of 1 1/2% on the preferred B stocks, on account of arrears, together with the regular quarterly dividends of 1 1/4% and 1 1/2% on the preferred A and B stocks, respectively, all payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 10. Like amounts were paid on these stocks on April 1 and on July 1 last.  
Upon payment of the dividends just declared there will remain accumulated dividends of 3 1/2% on the preferred A stock and 3% on the preferred B stock.—V. 131, p. 646.

**Yale & Towne Mfg. Co.—Smaller Dividend.**—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 10. Previously the company paid quarterly dividends of \$1 per share.—V. 131, p. 960.

**Yellow Taxi Corp. of N. Y.—Omits Dividend.**—The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share ordinarily paid about Sept. 16. Since and incl. June 15 1929 the company paid quarterly dividends of 75 cents per share.—V. 130, p. 1647.

**Zenith Radio Corp.—Earnings.**—For income statement for three months ended July 31, see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 131, p. 494.

**Zonite Products Corp.—Offers Rights.**—The directors declared the regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents a share on the common stock, payable Sept. 10 to holders of record Sept. 5.  
The directors have approved an offering of 140,785 additional common shares to stockholders of record Sept. 4 at \$10 a share, in the ratio of one new share for each five shares held, bringing the stock outstanding to 845,556 shares. Rights will expire Oct. 1. The issue has been underwritten.  
President Ellery W. Mann says: "This issue will not only wipe out all bank loans, but will provide additional working capital for wider distribution of our products. Earnings of 80 cents a share in the first seven months of this year fully justify continuance of the current dividend rate, particularly in view of the fact that earnings are running well above levels of last spring. The stock offering will also have the effect of increasing stockholders' total return on their investment."—V. 131, p. 1274

## 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, Aug. 29 1930.

COFFEE on the spot was quiet with Santos 4s  $10\frac{3}{4}$  to  $11\frac{1}{4}$ c.; Rio 7s,  $6\frac{1}{4}$  to  $6\frac{1}{2}$ c.; and Victoria 7-8s, 6c. Fair to good Cucta, 13 to  $13\frac{1}{2}$ c.; prime to choice,  $14\frac{3}{4}$  to  $15\frac{3}{4}$ c.; washed,  $14\frac{1}{2}$  to 15c.; Ocana, 13 to  $13\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Bucaramanga, natural,  $13\frac{3}{4}$  to  $14\frac{1}{4}$ c.; washed,  $15\frac{1}{2}$  to 16c.; Honda, Tolima and Giradot,  $15\frac{1}{4}$  to  $15\frac{3}{4}$ c.; Medellin,  $17\frac{3}{4}$  to 18c.; Manizales,  $15\frac{1}{2}$  to  $15\frac{3}{4}$ c.; Mexican, washed,  $16\frac{1}{2}$  to 18c. Surinam, 11 to  $11\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Ankola, 23 to 29c. Mandhelling, 25 to 35c.; Genuine Java,  $23\frac{1}{2}$  to 24c.; Robusta, washed,  $11\frac{1}{2}$  to 12c.; natural, 7 to  $7\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Mocha,  $18\frac{1}{2}$ ; 9c. to 1 Harrar, 17 to  $17\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Abyssinian, 13 to  $13\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Guatemala, prime,  $16\frac{1}{2}$  to 17c.; Good,  $15\frac{1}{4}$  to  $15\frac{3}{4}$ c.; Bourbon,  $13\frac{1}{2}$  to 14c. Spot coffee later was lower in sympathy with cost and freights; Santos 4s,  $10\frac{3}{4}$  to  $11\frac{1}{4}$ c.; Rio 7s,  $6\frac{1}{2}$  to 7c. There was no improvement in trade. On the 25th inst. cost and freight offers were generally unchanged to 15 points off. Only one or two shippers quoted the same prices as on Friday. For prompt shipment Santos, Bourbon 2s were here at  $11\frac{3}{4}$  to 11.95c.; 2-3s at 10.30 to 11.70c.; 3s at 10.60 to 11c.; 3-4s at 10.30 to  $10\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 3-5s at 9.55 to 10.10c.; 4-5s at 9.35 to 9.80c.; 5-6s at 8.65 to 9.05c.; 5s at 9 to 9.80c.; 6s at  $8\frac{1}{2}$  to  $9\frac{1}{4}$ c.; 7-8s at 8c.; part Bourbon 2-3s at 11c.; 3-5s at  $9\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 5s at 9c.; 6s at 8.70c.; Peaberry 2-3s at 10.80c.; 3-4s at 9.80. to  $10\frac{1}{4}$ c.; 4-5s at 9.70c.; Rio 7s at  $5\frac{3}{4}$  to 5.90c.; 7-8s at 5.60 to 5.70c.; Victoria 7-8s at 5.45 to 5.60c.

On the 26th inst. cost and freight offerings were not large and prices generally were 10 to 35 points lower. For prompt 2-3s at 10.20 to 11.45c.; 3s at  $10\frac{1}{4}$  to 10.80c.; 3-4s 9.70 to  $10\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 3-5s at 9.45 to 10c.; 4-5s at  $9\frac{1}{4}$  to 9.70c.; 5s at 9.65 to 9.70c.; 5-6s at  $8\frac{1}{2}$  to 9c.; 6s at 8 to 8.45c.; 6-7s at 7.70c.; 7-8s at 7.75c.; part Bourbon 3-5s at 9.40c.; Peaberry 2-3s at  $10\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 3-4s at 9.70c.; 4s at 9.55c.; 4-5s at 9.60c.; Rio 5s at 5.65c.; and 7-8s at  $5\frac{1}{2}$ c. On the 27th inst. cost and freight offers were more numerous and in most cases 10 to 20 points lower. For prompt shipment Santos Bourbon 2s were here at 11.30c.; 2-3s at 10.45 to 11.65c.; 3s at  $9\frac{3}{4}$  to 10.90c.; 3-4s at  $9\frac{1}{2}$  to  $10\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 3-5s at 9.30 to 10.05c.; 4-5s at 9 to 9.40c.; 5s at 9.20 to 9.55c.; 5-6s at  $8\frac{3}{4}$ c.; 6s at 7.90 to 8.30c.; 6-7s at 7.60 to 7.90c.; 7-8s at  $6\frac{1}{2}$  to 7.45c.; part Bourbon 2-3s at  $10\frac{1}{4}$ c.; 3s at  $9\frac{3}{4}$ c.; 3-5s at  $11\frac{1}{4}$ c.; 4-5s at 9.45 to  $10\frac{1}{4}$ c.; 7-8s at 9c.; Peaberry 2-3s at 10.15 to 10.30c.; 3-4s at 9.55c.; 4s at 9.30 to  $9\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 5s at 9.15c.; Rio 7s at 5.50 to 5.60 and 7-8s at 5.35 to 5.40c. There were no reported offerings for prompt shipment in Victoria but 7-8s were offered for shipment Sept. through Feb. at 4.90c. and sold on Tuesday at 5c. Part Santos 4s arriving via Rio are offered at  $9\frac{1}{2}$ c. ex dock and 6s at  $8\frac{3}{4}$ c. Santos Bourbon 4s for Sept.-Dec. shipment at 9.35 and 6s for Sept.-Nov. shipment at 7.60c. On the 25th inst. futures broke badly under the liquidation of Dec. though Sept. Rio fell the most, i. e. 56 points. Other months dropped 9 to 44 points with sales of 62,000 bags. Santos declined 14 to 32 points with sales of 66,000 bags. In other words the liquidation was heavy.

On the 26th inst. futures declined 5 to 28 points net with Brazilian cables lower and September liquidation under way here. Spot prices fell  $\frac{1}{4}$ c. following declines in Brazil. Futures on the 27th inst. were 17 points lower to 2 points higher with Brazilian cables weak and September liquidation here a feature. The sales of Rio and Santos were 75,000 bags. On the 28th inst. prices advanced 20 to 44 points with Santos milreis up 3-65d. and Rio 1-32d. Brazil bought here. Traders covered. The sales were 67,000 bags of Santos and 50,000 Rio. Spot coffee in response to futures advanced  $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; Santos 4s were 11 to  $11\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Rio 7s,  $6\frac{1}{4}$  to  $6\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Victoria 7-8s,  $5\frac{1}{8}$  to 6c. Today another advance in Brazilian exchange rates caused active covering and Brazilian buying especially in September and December and prices advanced. Rio contracts ended 10 points lower to 2 higher with sales of 30,000 bags and Santos closed 3 off to 3 higher with sales of 44,000 bags. Final prices show a decline for the week on Rio of 9 to 66 points and on Santos of 1 to 33 points.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot (unofficial) .....	6 $\frac{3}{4}$	December .....	5.55	May .....	5.53
September .....	5.45@5.47	March .....	5.50	July .....	5.45

Santos coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot (unofficial) .....	9.87	December .....	9.30@9.31	May .....	8.79@
September .....	9.87	March .....	8.91@8.93	July .....	8.62@nom.

COCOA today closed 5 to 7 points lower with sales of 121 lots. September closed at 6.38c.; December at 6.69 to 6.70c.; January at 6.80c. Final prices show a decline for the week of 58 to 62 points.

SUGAR.—Raws fell to 3.12c. but rallied later in the week. Futures on the 25th inst. declined to a new low of 1.06c. for Sept. It seemed almost tragic to see a great product and one so needful to the human race forced by irresistible circumstances down to such a price. Futures fell 1 to 2 points after which half was recovered. The sales were 61,600 tons. Big Cuban interests and other producers were said to be buying, also trade houses. Ten thousand tons of Cuban and Philippines sold on the 25th inst. mostly at 3.12c. At the meeting on the 26th inst. of bankers and sugar men representing the United States beet, Porto Rican, Hawaiian, Philippine and Louisiana cane sugar producers it was decided to formulate a plan for stabilization of the industry. The plan is said to include a reduction of the Cuban crop for the calendar year of 1931 to 2,800,000 tons and a graded reduction in the intervening years to 1934 dependent upon United States consumption. It was stated later that progress was being made by several sub-committees which are working on details of the plan to balance production with consumption. It was announced that the Hawaiian Sugar Planters Association, representing the sugar industry in the Hawaiian Islands had cabled its promise to adhere to any practical plan evolved during the present conferences which are designed to lead up to an international conference attended by delegates from every sugar producing country in the world.

Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 36,579 tons, against 31,828 in the same week last year; exports 69,374 tons, against 108,021 last year; stock (consumption deducted) 1,292,801 tons, against 792,323 tons in the same week last year. Of this week's exports 30,339 went to Atlantic ports, 3,592 to New Orleans, 27 to interior of United States, 5,353 to Savannah, 24,694 to Europe and 5,369 to Canada. Receipts at United States Atlantic ports for the week were 45,608 tons, against 58,568 in the previous week and 47,075 in the same week last year; meltings 45,125 tons, against 45,925 in previous week and 60,384 last year; importers' stocks 159,041, against 154,693 in previous week and 406,754 last year; refiners' stocks 154,693, against 158,558 in previous week and 199,539 last year; total stocks 313,734 tons, against 313,251 in previous week and 606,293 in same week last year. On the 26th inst. futures shot upward 5 to 9 points on erroneous rumors that Cuba had agreed to restrict production to 2,800,000 tons for several years. Later it turned out that Cuba had simply proposed that exports to the United States be restricted to 2,800,000 tons. But trading here jumped to 103,000 tons. September and December were foremost in the trading. It was the first notice day and 50 notices were issued on the old contract and 10 on the new. The new advanced 4 to 7 points without sales. The idea is in the air that constructive measures of some sort are likely to be adopted. Sales on the 27th inst. included 11,000 tons at 3.18c. c.&f. Savannah, it is understood, advanced refined 10 points to 4.45c. Here it was 4.35c.

On the 27th inst. sales of Philippines included 500 tons for October arrival at 3.18c. delivered, 2,000 tons for second half October arrival at 3.20c. delivered, 4,000 tons for Sept.-Oct. shipment at 3.25c. and 2,000 tons for Sept.-Oct. shipment at 3.23c. The sale of 21,000 bags of Cubas for September shipment was to a Galveston refiner at 1.18c. c.&f. Operators bought 1,500 tons of Philippines for October arrival at 3.18c. and 2,000 tons at 3.20c. delivered. It was reported but not definitely confirmed that a cargo of Cubas had sold to a refiner at 1.18c. c.&f. On the 28th inst. 50,000 bags of Cuban raw for September shipment sold at 1.22c. c.&f. and it is believed 50,000 bags more in this position sold at the same price. On the 28th inst. futures were 1 point lower on the distant months to three points higher on the near ones. The sales were 32,650 tons. Cuban interests mostly bought. Spot raws sold to the amount of 43,000 tons of which one-third Cuban and the rest Philippines and Porto Rico. The sales included 2,170 tons of Porto Rico for September shipment at 3.18c. c.i.f.; 14,600 bags of Porto Rico due Sept. 18th at 3.18c. c.i.f.; 100,000 bags of Cubas for September shipment at 1.22c. c.i.f.; 8,300 tons Porto Rico for September at 3.18c. c.i.f.; 4,600 tons for September at 3.22c. and 4,100 tons for September at 3.18c. c.i.f.; 5,100 tons Philippine in port at 3.18c. delivered and 15,000 bags of Cubas for September loading at 1.10c. f.o.b. London was dull. Sales of sugar for September shipment were made on the basis of 5s.  $8\frac{3}{4}$ d. Perus sold to a refiner at 5s.  $9\frac{3}{4}$ d. Refined was in slightly better demand.

Dutch East Indies shipments for July and June this year were as follows: Hava Madoera 6,119 tons in July and 4,804 in June; East Coast Sumatra 5,986 in July and 4,853 in June; Rest of Sumatra 5,425 in July and 5,149 in June; Borneo 4,482 in July and 4,494 in June; Celebes 20 in July and 21 in June; total 22,032 in July against 19,321 in June. The New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange membership of

Newton H. Sobin was sold at auction from the rostrum, the highest bid being \$11,020 by M. R. Mayer. The last regular sale was at \$17,000. Dr. Mikusch's preliminary estimate of the European beet crop is 9,784,000 tons against 8,220,000 last year; without Russia 7,584,000 against 7,299,000 last year. Stocks in Germany on Aug. 1 were 468,900 tons; exports to European countries from Germany during July 1930, 34,500 tons; exports elsewhere during July 300 tons. Following the meeting of bankers, producers in America and United States insular possession on the 28th inst., Thomas L. Chadbourne, Chairman of the Emergency Committee said a spirit of co-operation had been found among the American growers, especially the smaller ones, who fear that a prolongation of the present demoralization will completely exterminate them. No real obstacles have been encountered, he said, and progress has been greater than was expected. Much of the time has been spent in discussing Cuba's proposals of restriction. Today futures ended unchanged to 2 points lower with sales of 32,250 tons. Final prices are 5 to 7 points higher than a week ago.

Prices were as follows:

Spot (unofficial).....	1.20	January.....	1.25@1.26	May.....	1.43@1.44
September.....	1.15@nom.	March.....	1.35@nom.	July.....	1.50@
December.....	1.22@1.23				

LARD on the spot was 10.80 to 10.90c. on the 23d inst. for prime Western; refined Continent, 12 1/2c.; South America, 12 3/4c.; Brazil, 13 1/2c. Later on the spot was quiet; prime Western, 10.85 to 10.95c.; refined Continent, 12 1/4c.; South America, 12 1/2c.; Brazil in kegs, 13 1/2c. Futures on the 23d inst. closed unchanged to 15 points higher, Jan. being especially strong. Yet hogs were 15 to 25c. lower even with Western receipts only 27,600, against 31,300 for the same day last year. Estimates of the receipts of Chicago for the week were 130,000. Higher prices for grain offset the decline in hogs. On the 25th inst. futures advanced 5 to 15 points despite lower grain and barely steady hog markets. Another thing was that the total Western receipts were only 96,500, against 119,300 on the same day last year. Chicago received 40,000 alone. The rise was explained, however, by the smallness of the offerings and steady buying evidently in part by packers as well as commission houses. Futures on the 26th inst. advanced 3 to 5 points with hogs up 10 to 15c. and packers buying. All this offset a decline in corn. Prime Western was up to 11.90 to 12c. Refined Continent, 12 3/4c.; South America, 12 3/4c.; Brazil, 13 3/4c. On the 28th inst. futures ended 2 to 10 points lower with hogs off 10 to 15c., the top being 11.50c. Spot prime Western down to 11.80 to 11.90c. and refined to Continent to 12 1/4c.; South America, 12 1/2c. and Brazil, 13 1/2c. Hogs shipped from Chicago on the 28th inst. to arrive at Eastern slaughter points Sunday and Monday and owing to no slaughter Labor Day, they must lie over next Tuesday, hence lack of shipping demand. To-day futures closed 10 points lower to 7 points higher. Final prices were 3 points lower to 15 points higher for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
September delivery.....	11.10	11.15	11.20	11.15	11.07	11.07
October delivery.....	11.00	11.05	11.10	11.15	11.05	11.12
December delivery.....	10.87	10.92	10.95	10.92	10.90	10.85

PORK quiet; mess, \$31.50; family, \$33.50; fat back, \$21.50 to \$26. Ribs, 14c. Beef steady; mess, \$22; packet, \$19 to \$22; family, \$23 to \$25; extra India mess, \$40 to \$42; No. 1 canned corned beef, \$3.10; No. 2, \$5.50; six pounds, South America, \$16.75; pickled tongues, \$70 to \$75. Cut meats steady; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 18 3/4 to 19 1/4c.; bellies, clear, dry salted boxed, 18 to 20 lbs., 16 3/4c.; 14 to 16 lbs., 17c. Butter, lower grades to high scoring 32 1/2 to 41c. Cheese, flats, 20 to 26c.; daisies, 21 to 25c. Eggs, medium to extra, 30 to 34c.; closely selected, 34 to 35c. and premium marks, 35 1/2 to 38c.

OILS.—Linseed of late was firmer at 12.4c. for Sept. and 12.8c. for raw oil in carlots, cooperage basis. Flaxseed was steady. Broomhall advices stated that 35% of the crop was seriously damaged by the heat wave early in the month. The remaining 65% was reported in fairly good condition. Paint makers were buying very cautiously and chiefly of nearby oil. Coconut oil, Manila Coast tanks, 5 3/4c.; spot N. Y. tanks, 6c.; China wood, N. Y. drums, carlots, spot, 9 1/4 to 9 1/2c.; tanks, 8 1/2 to 8 3/4c.; Pacific Coast tanks, prompt, 9 1/4 to 9 1/2c.; Aug.-Dec., 8 1/4 to 8 3/4c.; soya bean, tanks Edgewater, 9 1/2c.; domestic tank cars, f.o.b. Middle Western mills, 8 1/4c. Edible olive, 1.65 to 2c. Lard prime, 12 3/4c.; extra strained winter N. Y., 10 1/4c. Cod, New foundland, 60c. Turpentine, 44 to 49c. Rosin, \$5.70 to \$7.75. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switchers, old, 100 barrels, new 5 contracts. Crude S.E., 6 3/4c. Prices closed as follows:

Old.	New.
Spot.....	8.40@
September.....	8.45@8.56
October.....	8.42@8.49
November.....	8.30@
December.....	8.30@8.38
November.....	7.75@7.90
December.....	7.71@7.80
January.....	7.75@7.85
February.....	7.80@8.00
March.....	7.98@8.01
April.....	8.03@8.20

PETROLEUM.—Gasoline was rather easier. One refiner cut the price 1/2c. to 9c. Other refiners made no changes and the market was 8 1/2 to 10c. It was reported but not definitely confirmed that a high end-point gasoline had sold in bulk all the way down to 7 1/2c. One buyer, it is said, had placed an order at 7 1/4c. Tank wagon business was said to have been offered to a dealer at 8.25c. in this territory. In the Middle West gasoline was unchanged on the Okla-

homa basis of 5 1/2 to 6c. but at Chicago, Detroit and other intermediate points there was some cutting of prices. In San Francisco, independent companies cut prices 2c. at service stations on the 28th inst. Kerosene improved a little. Sentiment is better. For 41-43 water white 6 3/4c. was quoted. Bunker oil was rather quiet but steady at \$1.15. Heating oils were steady. So were furnace oils.

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 declined slightly for the week. On the 23rd inst. prices advanced 7 to 24 points on good buying of March and May. Following the previous day's announcement that Goodyear was cutting operations sharply to a 30,000 tire a day basis, the Firestone Co. made known that their factories would be returned to four or five days a week as soon as present orders were caught up with. Trade statisticians placed world stocks as of July at 420,000 tons against 409,000 at the end of June. New contracts August, 9.72c.; Dec., 10.30c.; March, 10.71 to 10.75c.; May, 10.95c.; sales 510 tons; old contract August and Sept., 9.60c.; Oct., 9.80c.; Dec., 10.20c.; sales 107 tons. Outside spot, August and Sept., 9 3/4 to 9 7/8c. On the 25th inst. prices ended 2 points lower to 11 points higher with dealers buying near months rather freely. The sales of new contract were 290 tons and of old 430. In London prices were generally 1-16d. lower; Sept., 4 3/4d.; Oct., 4 13-16d. In Singapore, Sept., 4 1/2d.; Oct.-Dec., 4 3/4d., an advance of 1-16d. Here on the 25th inst. new contract August ended at 9.83c.; Sept., 9.83 to 9.90c.; Dec. at 10.25 to 10.30c.; May, 10.93 to 10.95c.; sales 290 tons. Old contract August 9.60c.; Sept., 9.60 to 9.70c.; Oct., 9.80c.; Dec., 10.10c.; Jan., 10.30c.; March, 10.50 to 10.60c.; May, 10.80 to 10.90c.; July, 11.10c.; sales 430 tons. Outside prices: Spot, August and Sept. plantation, 9 3/4 to 9 7/8c.; Oct., 9 7/8 to 10c.; Oct.-Dec., 10 to 10 1/4c.; Jan.-March, 10 1/4 to 10 3/4c.; April-June, 10 3/4 to 11 1/8c.; spot first latex thick, 9 3/4 to 10c.; thin pale latex, 10 1/4 to 10 1/2c.; clean thin brown No. 2, 8 7/8 to 9c.; specky crepe 8 7/8 to 8 3/4c.; rolled brown crepe, 7 3/4 to 8c.; No. 2 amber, 9 1/8 to 9 3/8c.; No. 3, 8 7/8 to 9 1/8c.; No. 4, 8 3/8 to 8 7/8c.; Paras upriver fine spot, 13 to 13 1/4c.

August consumption of crude rubber in the United States totaled, it is said, approximately 30,000 tons or nearly the same as in July when consumption amounted to 29,894 tons. This would make a total for the first eight months of the year of 279,775 tons compared with 349,108 tons consumed during the same period last year. During this month last year the industry consumed 38,274 tons, while in August of 1928 the consumption reached 42,925 tons. On the 26th inst. prices ended unchanged to 16 points lower with sales of 320 tons of new and 405 of old contract. Tire news was not good and actual rubber was dull. It was officially stated, however, that the Goodrich Co. will not sharply cut its production. Reports that Goodrich will close its factory three weeks in September have no foundation, its president said and added "our production schedule calls for 21 full working days next month, which represents practically no change over the August schedule." The automobile production in July, however, was only 262,363 vehicles against 500,840 in the same month last year. Actual rubber outside 9 3/4 to 9 7/8c. for spot, August and Sept.; October, 9 7/8 to 10c. New contract August and Sept. ended at 9.70c.; Dec., 10.12 to 10.18c.; Jan., 10.27c.; March, 10.55c.; May, 10.80c.; July, 11.14c.; old contract, Sept., 9.60c. October, 9.80c.; Dec., 10.10c.; Jan., 10.20c.; March, 10.40 to 10.50c.; May, 10.80c.; July, 11c. London on the 26th inst. closed with Sept., 4 13-16d.; October-December, 4 15-16d.; Jan.-March, 5 1/2d. Singapore, Sept., 4 1/2d.; Oct.-Dec., 4 11-16d.; Jan.-March, 5d. On the 28th inst. prices ended unchanged to 14 points lower. London reported a better demand from the United States but this made little impression here where actual rubber was so quiet. New contract Sept. closed at 9.69 to 9.71c.; Dec., 10 to 10.07c.; March, 10.42 to 10.44c.; May, 10.67c.; July, 11.04c.; sales, 750 tons; old contract Sept. ended at 9.60c.; October, 9.60c.; December, 9.90c.; March, 10.30 to 10.40c.; May, 10.60c.; June, 10.70c.; July, 10.90c.; sales 462 tons. Outside was still 9 3/4 to 9 7/8c. Spot-Sept. and October. In London September ended at 4 13-16d.; October, 4 1/2d.; Oct.-Dec., 4 13-16d. Singapore Sept., 4 7-16d.; Oct.-Dec., 4 5/8d.; Jan.-March, 4 7/8d. To-day futures closed 14 points lower to 49 points higher on new contract and unchanged to 10 lower on old with sales of 21 lots new and 108 lots old. Final prices show a decline for the week of 10 points.

HIDES on the 23d inst. advanced 10 to 20 points with sales of 320,000 lbs. Sept. closed at 10c.; Oct. at 10.60c.; Nov. at 11.10c.; Dec. at 11.60c.; Jan. at 11.85c.; Feb. at 12.20c.; March, 12.50c.; April, 12.80c.; May, 13.19 to 13.25c. June, 13.40c.; July, 13.70c. A sale of 700 butt branded steers was reported at 13 1/2c. Aug., which was unchanged. Frigorifico steers were firmer with last transactions at 12 15-16c. a rise of 3/8c. in a week. Common hides were pretty well sold up, it was said, including Savanillas at 10c., dry Central Americans at 10 1/2c., dry salted at 8 1/2c., Antioquias, duty free at 14 1/2c., Hondas in bond at 14c. and dry salted San Domingos at 8 3/4c. Of Shanghai buffalo hides about 500 sold for shipment at 11c. c. & f. 35 to 40 lbs. range. On the 25th inst. prices advanced 2 to 6 points net with sales of 680,000 lbs. Outside sales included 1,000 frigorifico cows, July, 12 3-16c. Chicago packers sold 2,000

light native cows, July-Aug., at 10½c.; 2,000 branded cows, July-Aug. at 10c.; 2,000 light Texas steers, July-Aug. at 12½c. New York packers sold 2,000 heavy native steers, Aug. at 13½c.; 2,800 butt branded steers, Aug. at 13½c. and 3,000 Colorado steers, Aug. at 13c. Most of the above were at steady prices. Buenos Aires advices reported sales of 39,000 Argentine steers of Aug. salting to American and European buyers. Europe continued to be the only buyer of cows; 2,500 Sansinena sold at \$31.75 or 13c. and 3,000 Nacionale at .28 or 11½c. Stocks are said to be small. Two local packers were booking Aug. production; 1 car of natives, 1 to 2 cars of butt brands and about 3,000 Colorados. Prices are understood to be 13½ for butt and 13c. for the Colorados. At the Exchange on the 25th inst. Sept. ended at 9.75c.; Oct. at 10.60c.; Nov. at 11.10c.; Dec. at 11.62 to 11.65c., and May at 13.25 to 13.29c.

On the 26th inst. Oct. fell 60 points, Dec. and May ended only 2 to 5 points off; others declined 8 to 85 points. The sales were 920,000 lbs. The outside market was steady. Sept. ended at 9.70c.; Oct. at 10c.; Dec. at 11.60c.; May at 13.20 to 13.25c. Common dry hides were in rather better demand at 11½c. for Orinocos and 11c. for Maracaibo, Central Americas and others. Packer native steers 13½c.; Colorados, 13c. Buenos Aires reported the sale of 4,000 frigorifico steers at 12 15-16c. showing a steady tone. On the 28th inst. prices advanced 9 to 10 points with sales up to 1,120,000 lbs. Outside prices advanced ½ to ¾c. it was stated on sales of 5,000 light native cows. August at 11c. and 9,000 frigorifico steers, August at 13 1-16c. At the Exchange on the 28th inst. Sept. closed at 9.75c.; Oct. at 10c.; Nov. at 10.25c.; Dec. at 11.81 to 11.85c.; March, 12.70c. and May, 13.60 to 13.74c. Recent River Plate advices stated that 1,000 B. A. Americanos 70% primes, 30% seconds, 10-11 kilos average sold at 15½c. or about unchanged from the previous transaction. Wet salted hides type extremes were reported higher at 11½c. at which level 1,000 sold to Europe at 14-16 kilos average. Chicago packer hides were reported firmer and large packers have sold light native cows at 9¾c. f.o.b. Canadian points and branded cows at 10c. the latter to American tanners. In both transactions the packers apparently paid the duty. On Chicago stocks prices are said to be ½c. higher on native steers to 14c.; heavy Texas and butts at the same level; Colorados at 13c.; heavy native cows at 12c. and light native cows at 11c. To-day futures closed unchanged to 4 points lower; Sept., 9.75c.; Dec., 11.80c.; May, 13.65c. Final prices for the week show a decline on Sept. of 25 points but an advance on Dec. of 32 points.

**OCEAN FREIGHTS.**—Business generally was slow. Grain tonnage was dull and rather weak. Some business in coal, mostly with Italy was done. Later rates were reported steady but with no great amount of business.

**CHARTERS** included sugar, Cuba to United Kingdom-Continent, 14s. 6d. Tankers, Sept., Black Sea, clean, to Italy, 7s. 9d.; Constanza to Dunkirk-Rouen, 9s. Oct.; Novorossick to Hamburg, under 11s., Nov.-Dec. Time, prompt, north of Hatteras Plate, round trip, 90c.; round trip, West India trade, \$1.45 prompt. Coal, Hampton Roads to Montevideo, \$3.20 Oct.; Sept., Hampton Roads-Baltimore to West Italy, \$2.

**TOBACCO** has remained quiet as usual at this time. Further reports from Connecticut estimated the recent storm damage at \$2,000,000. But of the 13,775,000 acres of board-leaf planted, 35 to 40% had been picked, it is said. Washington to the U. S. Tobacco Journal: "According to the United States Department of Agriculture the condition of tobacco in the United States declined from .74% of normal on July 1, to 64% on August 1, and indicates a decrease in production from 1,597,670,000 on July 1, to 1,474,758,000 on August 1, or a decline of approximately 8%. Further decline in the condition of the crop since August 1 is indicated by late reports. The sharpest declines in condition are in Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana and Ohio. The drop in condition averaged 23 points during July, the decline in the Paducah or western fired district amounting to 31 points. Production of all fired cured tobacco in 1929 amounted to 183,087,000 lbs. This year, with an 8% increase in acreage the indicated production on August 1 is 172,154,000 lbs. a decrease of nearly 11,000,000 lbs. Burley tobacco declined in condition from 70% on July 1 to 49% on August 1." Richmond complains of low prices. In general cooler weather has helped retail trade. The Florida crop is said to be 30% smaller than last year's. The average price on the Georgia bright leaf tobacco markets last week dropped to 9.68c. per lb., the lowest average price in the history of the industry, the State Department of Agriculture announced. The average for the corresponding week last year was 19.67c. per lb. Sales reached the high mark of this season last week of 31,405,929 lbs., against 25,776,283 lbs. last year. The highest price average last week was 11.05c. at Valdosta. Douglas led all markets in total sales of 3,483,346 at an average price of 9.94c. Valdosta's sales were 3,435,056 lbs. Tifton had the third largest sales for the week 3,066,806 lbs. at an average of 9.65c. Thomasville's sales were 102,778 lbs. at an average of 9.98c. The United Cigar Stores Co.'s package price of cigarettes has been raised to 25c. for two packages in New England, Northern New York, Western Pennsylvania, in Michigan and parts of Ohio as against 12c. recently. Shulte quotes cartons \$1.19, against \$1.15 recently. Both raised tins of 50 from 27c. recent to 30c.

**COAL.**—Prices will advance on Labor Day on domestic anthracite delivered 50c. Now \$13 for egg and chestnut.

They will be \$13.50 and \$14 respectively after Labor Day. Hard coal production and consumption have decreased sharply as compared with a year ago. Hampton Roads steamer loadings fell to 27,000 long tons last Tuesday, while there was a smaller decrease at New York tidewater in soft.

**COPPER** was more generally 10¾c. from custom smelters. Yet there were sales by large producers at 11c. but in these cases quick delivery was of more importance than the price to consumer. There is believed to be little 10¾c. metal available and any improvement in demand it is believed would remove it from the market. Cable makers are the best buyers. A good tonnage is being taken for New York subway construction. Export business was not large. In London on the 28th inst. spot standard was unchanged at the first session at £46 16s. 3d. but at the second session there was an advance of 8s. 9d.; futures rose 1s. 3d. to £47 at the first session and gained 7s. 6d. at the second session; sales 500 tons futures. Electrolytic unchanged at £50 10s. bid, against £51 10s. asked. There were no sales of futures on the exchange on the 28th inst. To-day new Sept. contract closed at 10.40c.; Oct. at 10.55c.; Nov. at 10.60c. and Dec. at 10.65c.

**TIN** rose to the highest prices seen for several weeks on the 28th inst. but trading continued small. Spot Straits were quoted at 30.35c. Futures on the exchange on that day advanced 23 to 30 points with sales of 185 tons. Sept. ended at 30.05c.; October at 30.20c. and December at 30.50c. In London on the 28th inst. prices advanced £2 5s.; Standard ended at £135 12s. 6d. for spot and £137 2s. 6d. for futures; sales 20 tons spot and 280 futures. Spot Straits ended at £137 5s. Eastern c. i. f. London closed at £138 17s. 6d. on sales of 175 tons. At the second London session on the 28th inst. standard tin advanced 5s. on sales of 5 tons spot and 70 tons of futures. Today September closed at 29.70c.; October 29.75c. and December at 30.05c.

**LEAD** was in fair demand and steady at 5.35c. East St. Louis and 5.50c. New York. In London on the 28th inst. spot rose 2s. 6d. to £18 7s. 6d.; futures up 1s. 3d. to £18 2s. 6d.; sales 150 tons of spot and 350 futures. Futures advanced 1s. 3d. further at the second session.

**ZINC** was down to 4.25 to 4.30c. East St. Louis. Business was quiet. In London on the 28th inst. prices were unchanged at £15 17s. 6d. for spot and £16 7s. 6d. for futures; sales 700 tons spot and 300 futures.

**STEEL** has remained for the most part quiet and with prices inclined here and there to drop on finished products. Where prices have weakened in isolated cases the decline later became general. There have been numerous examples of this from time to time. Take black sheets. They are now selling generally at 2.40c. Pittsburgh and galvanized sheets at 3c. Wire nails are reported to be selling openly at \$2 per keg of 100 pounds, as against \$2.05 to \$2.10 formerly. The Eastern steel plate makers are working at average of about 50% of capacity as they have all through the month of August. Shipbuilders are the best buyers now. Birmingham wired that pipe yards are being well cleaned of standard size pipe. Steel operations continue under 60%. Finished steel mills are doing a trifle better, but shops on railroad requirements are not receiving new specifications. Cast iron is said to be firmer with a better trade in prospect. Pittsburgh reports a lack of large orders. Prices for rerolling billets, slabs and sheet bars were still at \$31; forging billets, \$36; wire rods, \$36. Iron and steel scrap was firm, largely because of scarcity.

**PIG IRON** has remained quiet and unchanged. Nobody expected anything better. Birmingham wired that consumers in the South are placing some orders for September delivery, but no business is reported for the fourth quarter. It is stated that \$14 base in home territory No. 2 foundry will continue for the third quarter. Deliveries are still a little under production.

**WOOL** has been for the most part quiet and more or less nominal awaiting the tendency of prices for goods. Boston wired a government report on Aug. 28, which said: "A fair volume of business continues to be transacted by a few houses, but generally demand is very quiet. Prices, however, are steady and firm in spite of the quietness which is considered by many observers to be largely seasonal in character. Activity is mostly in 64s and finer domestic wools." A government report on Aug. 25 stated: "The wool market generally is slow, but wool prices are firm." The receipts of domestic wools at Boston during the week ended Aug. 23 amounted to 1,502,800 lbs. against 3,226,900 during the previous week. The recent light receipts of domestic wool at Boston appear to be largely seasonal. In every Aug. since 1924 a marked decline in receipts has taken place. The decline this Aug. has been accentuated by the heavy receipts in June, July and early Aug. Receipts for the year to date amount to approximately 208,000,000 lbs. against 210,000,000 for the entire year in 1929. Domestic fleeces unwashed Ohio and Pennsylvania fine delaine, 31 to 32c.; ½-blood, 29 to 30c.; ¾-blood, 29 to 31c.; ¼-blood, 30 to 31c.; Territory, clean basis, fine staple, 75 to 77c.; fine medium, French combing, 68 to 73c.; fine, medium clothing, 65 to 68c.; ½-blood staple, 70 to 75c.; ¾-blood staple, 60 to 63c.; ¼-blood staple, 53 to 58c.; Texas, clean basis, fine 12 months, 75 to 77c.; fine 8 months, 68 to 70c.; fall, 67 to

70c.; pulled, scoured basis, A super, 65 to 70c.; B, 53 to 57c.; C, 48 to 50c.; domestic, mohair, original Texas, 39 to 40c.

SILK to-day closed unchanged with sales of 55 lots; Sept. ended at 2.84 to 2.87c.; Oct., 2.77 to 2.78c.; Dec. to March, 2.75c. Final prices show an advance for the week of 3 to 9 points.

COTTON

Friday Night, Aug. 29 1930.

THE MOVEMENT OF THE CROP, as indicated by our telegrams from the South to-night, is given below. For the week ending this evening the total receipts have reached 250,299 bales, against 203,157 bales last week and 117,847 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1930 634,041 bales, against 410,170 bales for the same period of 1929, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1930 of 223,871 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	3,217	2,717	6,717	2,581	2,945	4,534	22,711
Texas City	—	—	—	—	—	748	748
Houston	7,828	13,090	12,086	6,368	8,887	50,064	98,323
Corpus Christi	11,464	17,686	10,885	9,401	10,637	10,244	70,317
New Orleans	772	2,141	2,057	3,116	1,597	2,435	12,118
Mobile	122	65	276	1,361	347	759	2,930
Savannah	4,890	4,594	7,451	5,454	6,253	6,466	35,108
Brunswick	—	—	—	—	—	6,000	6,000
Charleston	172	135	504	341	284	208	1,644
Wilmington	—	8	—	—	—	—	8
Norfolk	—	—	—	100	—	—	100
Baltimore	—	—	—	—	—	292	292
Totals this week	28,465	40,436	39,976	28,722	30,950	81,750	250,299

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1930 and the stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Receipts to Aug. 29.	1930.		1929.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1930.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1929.	1930.	1929.
Galveston	22,711	43,336	23,012	41,646	202,701	86,690
Texas City	748	989	166	329	3,737	1,111
Houston	98,323	228,544	53,878	82,234	663,107	179,596
Beaumont	70,317	266,771	47,107	187,873	177,711	127,612
Port Arthur, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Orleans	12,118	26,267	23,219	40,788	307,245	50,809
Gulfport	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mobile	2,930	4,987	5,791	8,593	11,512	11,832
Pensacola	—	669	—	—	72	400
Jacksonville	—	—	—	—	867	—
Savannah	35,108	52,738	29,418	43,402	151,461	55,478
Brunswick	6,000	6,000	—	—	—	—
Charleston	1,644	2,195	542	1,077	63,775	—
Lake Charles	—	—	—	—	140	60
Wilmington	8	14	3	61	1,862	3,068
Norfolk	100	330	494	2,479	44,304	18,991
N'port News, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—
New York	—	51	—	100	237,048	108,845
Boston	—	22	—	—	5,467	1,048
Baltimore	292	1,128	128	1,588	817	845
Philadelphia	—	—	—	—	5,176	4,485
Total	250,299	634,041	183,758	410,170	1,877,002	662,214

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Galveston	22,711	23,012	33,744	37,326	62,862	51,853
Houston	98,323	53,878	59,278	103,250	68,513	68,620
New Orleans	12,118	23,219	8,010	24,822	11,109	50,695
Mobile	2,930	5,791	70	7,739	1,131	9,655
Savannah	35,108	29,418	1,661	40,393	29,962	54,097
Brunswick	6,000	—	—	—	—	—
Charleston	1,644	542	489	7,715	9,195	8,773
Wilmington	8	3	—	626	111	2,766
Norfolk	100	494	74	947	548	996
N'port N., &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—
All others	71,357	47,401	26,368	25,231	1,459	2,562
Total this wk.	250,299	183,758	129,694	248,049	187,891	250,017
Since Aug. 1—	634,041	410,170	241,021	616,929	462,873	576,880

\* Beginning with the season of 1926, Houston figures include movement of cotton previously reported by Houston as an interior town. The distinction between port and town has been abandoned.

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 79,282 bales, of which 4,997 were to Great Britain, 9,615 to France, 24,755 to Germany, 7,994 to Italy, nil to Russia, 22,326 to Japan and China and 9,595 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 41,820 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 262,792 bales, against 187,268 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week:

Week Ended Aug. 29 1930. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	1,216	—	2,907	537	—	6,775	—	11,495
Houston	3,781	—	8,886	—	—	2,776	—	15,443
Corpus Christi	—	9,555	6,026	5,833	—	7,100	—	28,989
New Orleans	—	50	—	700	—	1,800	—	3,474
Mobile	—	10	100	—	—	—	—	110
Savannah	—	—	—	872	—	—	—	1,372
Brunswick	—	—	6,000	—	—	500	—	6,500
Charleston	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	450
Norfolk	—	—	200	—	—	—	—	200
New York	—	—	126	52	—	—	—	178
Total	4,997	9,615	24,755	7,994	—	22,326	9,595	79,282
Total 1929	4,315	617	10,312	691	5,991	12,018	7,878	41,820
Total 1928	9,633	8,801	8,365	13,820	3,400	16,260	10,198	70,486

From Aug. 1 1929 to Aug. 29 1930. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	2,896	1,845	6,165	1,231	—	6,775	3,398	22,310
Houston	10,080	4,013	31,739	4,968	3,435	10,662	6,887	71,784
Corpus Christi	8,436	28,593	31,933	5,833	—	21,275	17,076	113,146
Beaumont	100	—	—	—	—	—	—	100
New Orleans	4,123	2,339	3,918	2,453	12,524	5,019	3,977	34,353
Mobile	272	10	1,811	—	—	—	—	2,093
Pensacola	—	—	900	—	—	—	—	900
Savannah	2,504	—	100	872	—	500	—	3,977
Brunswick	—	—	6,000	—	—	—	—	6,000
Charleston	—	140	711	—	—	—	—	1,931
Norfolk	2,590	—	1,394	—	—	—	—	3,984
New York	608	—	735	—	—	—	—	1,343
Los Angeles	—	—	—	—	—	644	—	644
Total	32,184	36,940	85,406	15,409	15,959	44,875	32,019	262,792
Total 1929	19,603	14,848	49,211	16,240	38,215	25,826	23,325	187,268
Total 1928	37,545	22,256	42,749	26,508	54,963	47,054	29,670	260,751

NOTE.—Exports to Canada.—It has never been our practice to include in the above table reports of cotton shipments to Canada, the reason being that virtually all the cotton destined to the Dominion comes overland and it is impossible to give returns concerning the same from week to week, while reports from the customs districts on the Canadian border are always very slow in coming to hand. In view, however, of the numerous inquiries we are receiving regarding the matter, we will say that for the month of July the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 6,990 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 3,550 bales. For the twelve months ended June 31 1930 there were 195,744 bales exported, as against 264,703 bales for the twelve months of 1928-29.

In addition to above exports, our telegrams to-night also give us the following amounts of cotton on shipboard, not cleared, at the ports named:

Aug. 29 at—	On Shipboard Not Cleared for—					Total.	Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Foreign.	Coast-wise.		
Galveston	1,500	1,700	2,000	4,400	600	10,200	192,501
New Orleans	1,294	784	753	1,751	—	4,582	302,663
Savannah	3,000	—	14,000	500	—	22,500	128,961
Charleston	—	—	—	—	—	—	63,775
Mobile	2,790	—	—	3,148	—	5,938	5,574
Norfolk	—	—	—	—	—	—	44,304
Other ports *	2,000	2,000	35,000	24,000	2,000	65,000	1,031,004
Total 1930	15,584	4,484	51,753	33,799	2,600	108,220	1,768,782
Total 1929	10,293	5,423	26,562	40,432	4,395	87,105	575,109
Total 1928	3,729	3,758	7,207	29,835	3,864	48,393	425,058

\* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has advanced on the scarcity of contracts, the lack of hedge selling, and the spread of the holding back movement at the South, coincident with the granting of loans of 90% on the value of the cotton by the Co-operative Associations. On the 23rd inst. prices were irregular. At one time 6 to 10 points lower, they later rallied in spite of such big total ginning at 572,666 bales up to Aug. 16 against 304,711 in the same time last year, 279,568 in 1928, and 453,400 in a like period of 1927. The average expectation had been 400,000 bales. The increase over this that was actually reported was attributed to premature opening in Texas due to heat and drouth. The market acted oversold, and the ginning and also more copious rains in Oklahoma and Texas fell practically flat. Prices rallied from the low of the morning 20 to 25 points or more as contracts became scarce in the absence of important hedge selling. The net advance in the end was only 1 to 5 points. But it seemed significant that there was any advance at all. Some feared that general rains in Texas would lower the grade.

On the 25th inst. prices declined at first on beneficial rains in Texas and Oklahoma, and somewhat disappointing Liverpool cables, but this quickly gave way to a rally of 30 to 40 points from the low owing to the scarcity of contracts due to the smallness of the hedge selling. It had been small for a week, much to the astonishment of everybody, for the ginning and receipts had both been large. But a new thing came into view. The Farm Board authorized the Co-operative Associations to advance producers 90% of the value of the cotton. That is expected to increase the business of the co-operatives and reduce the hedge selling noticeably. The hedge selling in the last days of this month would be small in any case, occupied as the trade is with the final exports of August. The rains in Texas and Oklahoma were copious and quite general. Those in Oklahoma were not only plentiful, but they occurred over most of the State. They seemed to have been discounted in the recent decline of \$12.50 a bale. And it is reported that in Texas farmers are holding back cotton because of disappointment over the lowness of the price. Also a tropical storm was reported 400 miles north-northeast of Porto Rico, moving northward and liable, it was feared, to strike the cotton belt. Dallas, Tex., wired that 50% of the receipts were being held off the market, 20% handled by the co-operatives and 30% sold at an advance of 15 to 25%. Silver, too, advanced 3/4c. in New York and 1/4d. in London, and Manchester advices reported a better demand for cloths from India and China. Three groups of mills in South Carolina have dropped curtailment and gone back to full time.

On the 26th inst. prices advanced 30 to 35 points on the smallness of the hedge selling, talk of a possible tropical storm, reports that farmers were holding back cotton owing to the 90% loan on the cotton's value, and heavy covering. Also the trade bought. On the 27th inst. prices were irregular, with frequent and nervous fluctuations, closing 3 points lower to 1 point net higher. Early prices were 10 to 20 points higher on renewed covering, a scarcity of contracts, and a fear of a bullish weekly report. Later came a reaction from the early high level of \$1.50 a bale. The weekly

report turned out to be more favorable than had been expected, and liquidation was heavy on the eve of three Labor Day holidays. The summary of the weekly report said: "In Oklahoma the drouth has been largely broken and progress of the cotton crop is now generally good, with plants putting on new growth and blooms, but the general condition is spotted, ranging from poor to good. There were rather general rains, also, in northern Texas, which will probably be beneficial, though there was further deterioration during the first part of the week; much cotton is open, and picking and ginning advanced rapidly. The progress of cotton was mostly fair to good in the parts of Arkansas receiving rains last week, but there was further rapid deterioration in the South, and drouthy conditions continue in northern Louisiana and much of Mississippi. Recent showers have been beneficial in Tennessee and Alabama, while in most Eastern States of the belt conditions continue generally satisfactory, with no material deterioration. Picking has begun as far north as southern North Carolina."

On the 28th inst. prices were irregular, ending practically unchanged. There was practically no rain in the belt. That could be interpreted as a bearish factor; it favored picking, ginning, marketing, and hedging, if anybody chose to hedge. Liverpool was lower than due. Domestic mills were said to be buying very little spot cotton. Night work, it is stated, will be suspended in North Carolina on Nov. 3 for an indefinite period. Though Manchester reported a better tone, its sales were not large. In Worth Street a fair trade only was reported. Clement, Curtis & Co. estimated the crop at 14,128,000 bales against 14,362,000 the Government estimate on Aug. 8 and 14,005,000 on that date by the same firm. It puts the condition at 55.5% against its figure a month ago of 66.8 and the Government's of 62.2 at that time, 55.4 the Government's last year, 60.3 in 1928, 56.1 in 1927, 59.6 in 1926, and 56.1 as the 10-year average for Sept. 1. Texas this firm put at 4,655,000 bales against 4,496,000 the Government's estimate last month and 3,940,000 the actual crop last year.

To-day prices declined 30 points, owing to heavier hedge selling late in the day and bearish weekly statistics especially as to the amount brought into sight and the spinners' takings. The "into sight" was so big and the takings so small as to excite general surprise. Spot markets were lower and the sales were well below those of the same day last year. J. W. Jay & Co. estimated the crop at 13,940,000 bales, and stated the condition at 56%. But less attention was paid to the weather and the crop than has been heretofore. In general, the price trend was downward from the start, owing at first to pre-holiday liquidation and rather weaker cables than due. Final prices, however, show a rise for the week of 15 to 20 points. Spot cotton closed at 11.40c. for middling, an advance for the week of 25 points.

Staple Premiums  
60% of average of  
six markets quoting  
for deliveries on  
Sept. 5 1930.

15-16 inch.	1-inch & longer.	Differences between grades established for delivery on contract Sept. 5 1930. Figured from the Aug. 27 1930 average quotations of the ten markets designated by the Secretary of Agriculture.	
.27	.61	Middling Fair.....White.....	.86 on Mid
.27	.61	Strict Good Middling.....do.....	.70 do
.24	.57	Good Middling.....do.....	.51 do
.24	.55	Strict Middling.....do.....	.32 do
.24	.55	Middling.....do.....	Basis
.21	.44	Strict Low Middling.....do.....	.72 off Mid
.22	.45	Low Middling.....do.....	1.73 do
		*Strict Good Ordinary.....do.....	2.88 do
		*Good Ordinary.....do.....	3.90 do
		Good Middling.....Extra White.....	.51 on do
		Strict Middling.....do do.....	.32 do
		Middling.....do do.....	Even do
		Strict Low Middling.....do do.....	.72 off do
		Low Middling.....do do.....	1.73 do
.27	.58	Good Middling.....Spotted.....	.21 on do
.26	.57	Strict Middling.....do.....	.05 off do
.23	.47	Middling.....do.....	.72 off do
		*Strict Low Middling.....do.....	1.68 do
		*Low Middling.....do.....	2.78 do
.23	.45	Strict Good Middling.....Yellow Tinged.....	.10 off do
.23	.45	Good Middling.....do do.....	.58 do
.23	.45	Strict Middling.....do do.....	1.05 do
		*Middling.....do do.....	1.68 do
		*Strict Low Middling.....do do.....	2.40 do
		*Low Middling.....do do.....	3.30 do
.22	.45	Good Middling.....Light Yellow Stained.....	1.33 off do
		*Strict Middling.....do do do.....	1.88 do
		*Middling.....do do do.....	2.55 do
.22	.45	Good Middling.....Yellow Stained.....	1.58 off do
		*Strict Middling.....do do.....	2.40 do
		*Middling.....do do.....	3.23 do
.23	.47	Good Middling.....Gray.....	.85 off do
.23	.45	Strict Middling.....do.....	1.20 do
		*Middling.....do.....	1.73 do
		*Good Middling.....Blue Stained.....	1.78 off do
		*Strict Middling.....do do.....	2.50 do
		*Middling.....do do.....	3.28 do

\*Not deliverable on future contracts

The official quotations for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Aug. 23 to Aug. 29—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling upland.....	11.25	11.45	11.75	11.70	11.70	11.40

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on Aug. 29 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1930	11.40c.	1922	21.70c.	1914	00.00c.	1906	9.80c.
1929	19.05c.	1921	16.05c.	1913	12.50c.	1905	11.25c.
1928	19.15c.	1920	34.25c.	1912	11.25c.	1904	11.40c.
1927	25.25c.	1919	32.05c.	1911	12.40c.	1903	12.75c.
1926	18.90c.	1918	37.10c.	1910	19.75c.	1902	9.00c.
1925	22.60c.	1917	23.40c.	1909	12.90c.	1901	8.62c.
1924	27.15c.	1916	15.60c.	1908	10.70c.	1900	9.62c.
1923	25.65c.	1915	9.85c.	1907	13.55c.	1899	6.25c.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader, we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

	Spot Market. Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr'ct.	Total.
Saturday	Steady, 10 pts. adv.	Steady	---	---	---
Monday	Steady, 20 pts. adv.	Very steady	---	---	---
Tuesday	Steady, 30 pts. adv.	Steady	---	---	---
Wednesday	Quiet, 5 pts. dec.	Steady	---	---	---
Thursday	Steady, unchanged	Steady	100	100	200
Friday	Quiet, 30 pts. dec.	Easy	---	---	---
Total week.	---	---	100	100	200
Since Aug. 1	---	---	100	200	300

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Aug. 23.	Monday, Aug. 25.	Tuesday, Aug. 26.	Wednesday, Aug. 27.	Thursday, Aug. 28.	Friday, Aug. 29.
August—						
Range						
Closing						
Sept.—						
Range	11.00	10.90				
Closing	11.06	11.22	11.51	11.50	11.53	11.26
October—						
Range	11.08-11.31	11.09-11.39	11.45-11.72	11.52-11.77	11.52-11.65	11.37-11.60
Closing	11.20	11.39	11.66	11.63-11.64	11.65	11.37-11.38
Oct. (new)						
Range	10.85-11.12	10.80-11.19	11.23-11.50	11.29-11.60	11.31-11.45	11.12-11.37
Closing	10.96-10.98	11.15-11.19	11.41-11.43	11.42-11.44	11.40-11.42	11.12-11.13
Nov. (old)						
Range						
Closing	11.26	11.45	11.74	11.73	11.72	11.44
Nov. (new)						
Range						
Closing	11.03	11.22	11.38	11.50	11.50	11.22
Dec. (old)						
Range	11.22-11.43	11.20-11.50	11.62-11.85	11.67-11.93	11.67-11.75	11.50-11.72
Closing	11.32	11.50	11.82	11.83	11.78	11.50
Dec. (new)						
Range	11.00-11.27	11.00-11.30	11.43-11.67	11.44-11.75	11.46-11.62	11.30-11.56
Closing	11.11-11.13	11.29-11.30	11.59-11.60	11.58-11.60	11.58-11.59	11.30-11.32
Jan. (old)						
Range	11.31-11.46		11.76-11.93	11.79-12.00	11.75-11.85	11.58-11.78
Closing	11.46	11.65	11.93	11.92	11.89	11.58
Jan. (new)						
Range	11.10-11.30	11.11-11.41	11.55-11.75	11.55-11.84	11.57-11.71	11.39-11.65
Closing	11.20-11.21	11.40-11.41	11.68	11.69-11.70	11.68	11.40-11.41
Feb.—						
Range						
Closing	11.28	11.48	11.76	11.77	11.75	11.47
March—						
Range	11.27-11.58	11.30-11.57	11.69-11.89	11.69-11.96	11.72-11.89	11.54-11.82
Closing	11.36-11.38	11.56-11.57	11.85	11.85	11.83-11.84	11.54-11.55
April—						
Range						
Closing	11.47	11.63	11.92	11.92	11.92	11.63
May—						
Range	11.45-11.68	11.48-11.75	11.86-12.07	11.87-12.15	11.89-12.05	11.72-11.98
Closing	11.58-11.59	11.71-11.75	12.00-12.02	12.00-12.02	12.01	11.72-11.73
June—						
Range						
Closing	11.66	11.79	12.09	12.08	12.08	11.78
July—						
Range	11.62-11.77	11.65-11.87	12.04-12.18	12.03-12.34	12.06-12.17	11.85-12.12
Closing	11.74	11.87	12.18	12.17-12.19	12.16	11.85-11.88

Range of future prices at New York for week ending Aug. 29 1930 and since trading began on each option:

Option for—	Range for Week.		Range Since Beginning of Option.			
Aug. 1930.			11.00	Aug. 18 1930	18.34	Nov. 22 1929
Sept. 1930.	10.90	Aug. 25	11.00	Aug. 25 1930	16.20	Apr. 2 1930
Oct. 1930.	11.08	Aug. 23	11.77	Aug. 27	10.92	Aug. 19 1930
New	10.80	Aug. 25	11.60	Aug. 27	10.69	Aug. 19 1930
Nov. 1930.				12.97	June 18 1930	17.78
New	11.38	Aug. 26	11.38	Aug. 26 1930	14.90	Apr. 15 1930
Dec. 1930.	11.20	Aug. 25	11.93	Aug. 27	11.11	Aug. 19 1930
New	11.00	Aug. 23	11.75	Aug. 27	10.89	Aug. 19 1930
Jan. 1930.	11.31	Aug. 23	12.00	Aug. 27	11.28	Aug. 19 1930
New	11.10	Aug. 23	11.84	Aug. 27	10.99	Aug. 19 1930
Feb. 1931.				16.09	Feb. 20 1930	16.65
Mar. 1931.	11.27	Aug. 23	11.96	Aug. 27	11.13	Aug. 19 1930
Apr. 1931.				13.26	June 23 1930	15.34
May 1931.	11.45	Aug. 23	12.15	Aug. 27	11.32	Aug. 19 1930
June 1931.						15.00
July 1931.	11.62	Aug. 23	12.34	Aug. 27	11.56	Aug. 19 1930

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks as well as afloat are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. But to make the total the complete figures for to-night (Friday) we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
Stock at Liverpool.....bales	645,000	733,000	658,000	1,088,000
Stock at London.....				
Stock at Manchester.....	108,000	76,000	54,000	109,000
Total Great Britain.....	753,000	809,000	712,000	1,197,000
Stock at Hamburg.....				
Stock at Bremen.....	195,000	194,000	296,000	346,000
Stock at Havre.....	133,000	109,000	149,000	176,000
Stock at Rotterdam.....	9,000	3,000	6,000	9,000
Stock at Barcelona.....	73,000	43,000	67,000	91,000
Stock at Genoa.....	26,000	34,000	28,000	23,000
Stock at Ghent.....				
Stock at Antwerp.....				
Total Continental stocks.....	436,000	383,000	546,000	645,000
Total European stocks.....	1,189,000	1,192,000	1,258,000	1,842,000
Indian cotton afloat for Europe.....	109,000	119,000	72,000	78,000
American cotton afloat for Europe.....	171,000	120,000	160,000	278,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat for Europe.....	89,000	124,000	107,000	136,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	461,000	169,000	160,000	259,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	735,000	878,000	1,001,000	482,000
Stock in U. S. ports.....	a1,877,002	a662,214	a473,451	a1,072,558
Stock in U. S. interior towns.....	a559,024	a194,262	a245,571	a336,614
U. S. exports to-day.....			3,366	
Total visible supply.....	5,190,026	3,458,476	3,480,388	4,480,172

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
<i>American—</i>				
Liverpool stock	210,000	313,000	385,000	763,000
Manchester stock	38,000	43,000	35,000	91,000
Continental stock	304,000	297,000	488,000	594,000
American afloat for Europe	171,000	120,000	160,000	273,000
U. S. ports stocks	1,877,002	a662,214	a473,451	a1,073,558
U. S. interior stocks	a559,024	a194,262	a245,571	a336,614
U. S. exports to-day			3,366	
<b>Total American</b>	<b>3,159,026</b>	<b>1,629,476</b>	<b>1,790,388</b>	<b>3,131,172</b>
<i>East Indian, Brazil, &amp;c.—</i>				
Liverpool stock	435,000	420,000	273,000	325,000
London stock	70,000	33,000	19,000	18,000
Manchester stock	132,000	86,000	58,000	51,000
Continental stock	109,000	119,000	72,000	78,000
Indian afloat for Europe	89,000	124,000	107,000	136,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat	461,000	169,000	160,000	259,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt	735,000	878,000	1,001,000	482,000
Stock in Bombay, India				
<b>Total East India, &amp;c.</b>	<b>2,031,000</b>	<b>1,829,000</b>	<b>1,690,000</b>	<b>1,349,000</b>
<b>Total American</b>	<b>3,159,026</b>	<b>1,629,476</b>	<b>1,790,388</b>	<b>3,131,172</b>

	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Total visible supply	5,190,026	3,458,476	3,480,388	4,480,172
Middling upland, Liverpool	6.64d.	10.58d.	10.47d.	12.34d.
Middling upland, New York	11.40c.	19.25c.	19.05c.	22.70c.
Egypt, good Sakel, Liverpool	11.55d.	18.25d.	20.10d.	21.90d.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool		14.50d.	12.75d.	13.25d.
Broach, fine, Liverpool	4.55d.	8.80d.	9.00d.	11.15d.
Tinnevely, good, Liverpool	5.80d.	9.95d.	9.95d.	11.55d.

a Houston stocks are now included in the port stocks; in previous years they formed part of the interior stocks.  
\* Estimated.

Continental imports for past week have been 82,000 bales. The above figures for 1930 show an increase over last week of 77,207 bales, a gain of 1,731,556 over 1929, an increase of 1,709,633 bales over 1928, and a gain of 709,854 bales over 1927.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding periods of the previous year, is set out in detail below:

Towns.	Movement to August 29 1930.			Movement to August 30 1929.		
	Receipts.		Shp- ments. Week.	Receipts.		Shp- ments. Week.
	Week.	Season.		Week.	Season.	
Ala., Birm'ham	22	465	37	6,730	7	48
Bu'faula	2,133	3,191	671	6,541	1,009	630
Montgomery	983	1,542	150	17,688	1,988	2,782
Selma	1,679	2,386	73	14,740	2,518	2,909
Ark., Blytheville	91	195	227	9,161	33	171
Forest City	197	254	64	4,930	1	198
Helena	54	66	438	7,941	56	61
Hope	65	78	30	809	638	703
Jonesboro	1	6	1	1,485	1	2
Little Rock	62	144	194	5,710	17	75
Newport	1	1		880	2	60
Pine Bluff	91	243	428	12,428	63	120
Walnut Ridge			23	2,135	684	1,996
Ga., Albany	907	1,589	686	6,083	15	100
Athens	28	75	200	10,384		
Atlanta	480	1,010	847	43,410	234	1,350
Augusta	11,319	19,248	3,950	53,853	9,643	19,912
Columbus	182	396	134	1,122	120	458
Macon	5,113	7,714	3,063	13,819	2,911	4,532
Rome				1,867	1	100
La., Shreveport	1,000	3,036	500	36,619	913	1,163
Miss., Clarksdale	704	1,215	573	14,251	2,349	2,494
Columbus	9	14	55	2,225	38	47
Greenwood	300	820	300	39,614	777	917
Meridian	212	279	93	3,265	987	1,290
Natchez	189	364	80	3,593	851	1,714
Vicksburg	155	214	44	4,674	283	305
Yazoo City	47	59	13	4,351	632	701
Mo., St. Louis	1,088	4,410	1,759	2,146	1,203	6,447
N. C., Greensboro	50	202		7,436	32	597
Oklahoma—						
15 towns*	61	147	423	24,590	283	1,225
S. C., Greenville	1,262	4,428	2,100	18,409	1,033	10,665
Tenn., Memphis	4,719	22,096	9,696	129,910	3,565	20,939
Texas, Abilene		69		313		
Austin	1,825	3,329	2,650	1,378	725	753
Brenham	2,843	5,031	1,770	4,140	207	367
Dallas	3,854	6,645	3,629	10,736	1,482	2,066
Paris	777	902	415	1,024	462	510
Robstown	16,961	35,134	7,941	19,001	3,668	12,820
San Antonio	1,592	7,173	2,316	2,606	2,856	9,333
Texarkana	22	26		1,950	105	122
Waco	1,510	4,145	2,209	7,127	8,060	12,960
<b>Total, 56 towns</b>	<b>63,588</b>	<b>138,319</b>	<b>47,182</b>	<b>559,024</b>	<b>50,437</b>	<b>124,196</b>
						<b>37,701</b>

\* Includes the combined totals of 15 towns in Oklahoma.

The above total shows that the interior stocks have increased during the week 15,076 bales and are to-night 364,762 bales more than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 13,151 bales more than the same week last year.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

	1930		1929	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
August 29—				
Shipped				
Via St. Louis	1,759	9,729	1,651	8,888
Via Mounds, &c.	431	2,297	350	1,325
Via Rock Island		60		
Via Louisville	332	916	338	955
Via Virginia points	3,292	13,674	128	11,801
Via other routes, &c.	3,300	10,202	3,600	15,972
<b>Total gross overland</b>	<b>9,114</b>	<b>36,978</b>	<b>6,067</b>	<b>38,941</b>
Deduct Shipments				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.	292	1,201	128	1,688
Between interior towns	281	1,119	297	1,410
Inland, &c., from South	3,504	14,805	4,835	26,701
<b>Total to be deducted</b>	<b>4,077</b>	<b>17,125</b>	<b>5,260</b>	<b>29,799</b>
Leaving total net overland	5,037	19,853	807	9,142

\* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 5,037 bales, against 807 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 10,711 bales.

	1930		1929	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
In Sight and Spinners' Takings.				
Receipts at ports to Aug. 29	250,299	634,041	183,758	410,170
Net overland to Aug. 29	5,037	19,853	807	9,142
Southern consumption to Aug. 29	85,000	355,000	124,000	528,000
<b>Total marketed</b>	<b>340,336</b>	<b>1,008,894</b>	<b>308,565</b>	<b>947,312</b>
Interior stocks in excess	15,076	*2,671	10,460	*14,657
<b>Came into sight during week</b>	<b>355,412</b>		<b>319,025</b>	
<b>Total in sight Aug. 29</b>		<b>1,008,223</b>		<b>932,655</b>
North. spinn's takings to Aug. 29	12,923	27,739	23,471	89,105

\* Decrease.

Movement into sight in previous years:

Week—	Bales.	Since Aug. 1—	Bales.
1928—Sept. 2	218,152	1928	620,013
1927—Sept. 3	368,256	1927	1,158,885
1926—Sept. 4	254,897	1926	739,471

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Week Ended Aug. 25.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wed. day.	Thursday.	Friday.
Galveston	10.90	11.10	11.35	11.35	11.35	11.05
New Orleans	10.72	10.90	11.18	11.18	11.18	10.80
Mobile	10.25	10.40	10.65	10.65	10.65	10.35
Savannah	10.33	10.56	10.82	10.84	10.81	10.52
Norfolk	11.13	11.31	11.63	11.63	11.56	11.31
Baltimore	11.15	11.10	11.50	11.60	11.55	11.60
Augusta	10.25	10.44	10.69	10.69	10.69	10.38
Memphis	9.95	10.15	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.10
Houston	10.90	11.10	11.35	11.35	11.30	11.00
Little Rock	9.92	10.18	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.12
Dallas	10.25	10.45	10.65	10.70	10.65	10.35
Fort Worth		10.45	10.65	10.70	10.65	10.35

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Aug. 23.	Monday, Aug. 25.	Tuesday, Aug. 26.	Wednesday, Aug. 27.	Thursday, Aug. 28.	Friday, Aug. 29.
August						
September						
October	10.96-10.97	11.14-11.15	11.43-11.44	11.41	11.42-11.43	11.15-11.16
November						
December	11.13-11.14	11.29-11.30	11.61-11.62	11.57-11.59	11.59-11.61	11.32-11.33
January	11.23 Bid.	11.39 Bid.		11.69	11.69 Bid.	11.42
February						
March	11.37	11.51	11.84 Bid.	11.84	11.83	11.53
April						
May	11.58-11.60	11.69-11.70	12.01	12.00-12.01	12.00-12.01	11.70-11.72
June						
July						
Aug. (1931)						
Spot						
70c						
Options	Quiet.	Quiet.	Quiet.	Quiet.	Quiet.	Quiet.
	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.

COTTON GINNED FROM CROP OF 1930 PRIOR TO AUG. 16.—The Census report issued on Aug. 23, compiled from the individual returns of the ginners, shows 572,666 running bales of cotton (counting round as half bales and excluding linters) ginned from the crop of 1930 prior to Aug. 16, compared with 304,771 bales from the crop of 1929, and 279,568 bales from the crop of 1928 but with 455,388 bales from the crop of 1927. Below is the report in full:

NUMBER OF BALES OF COTTON GINNED FROM THE GROWTH OF 1930 PRIOR TO AUG. 16 1930, AND COMPARATIVE STATISTICS TO THE CORRESPONDING DATE IN 1929 AND 1928.

State.	Running Bales (Counting Round as Half Bales and Excluding Linters).		
	1930.	1929.	1928.
Alabama	20,992	6,455	b
Florida	5,479	1,355	b
Georgia	53,738	31,009	b
Louisiana	20,348	6,544	b
Mississippi	5,163	854	b
Texas	466,046	258,282	278,619
All other States	900	292	949
<b>United States</b>	<b>*572,666</b>	<b>*304,771</b>	<b>*279,568</b>

\* Includes 77,956 bales of the crop of 1930 ginned prior to Aug. 1 which was counted in the supply for the season of 1929-30, compared with 86,974 and 88,761 bales of the crops of 1929 and 1928.

b Included in "All other States."

The statistics in this report include 12,173 round bales for 1930; 4,169 for 1929 and 5,893 for 1928.

The statistics for 1930 in this report are subject to correction when checked against the individual returns of the ginners being transmitted by mail.

CONSUMPTION, STOCKS, IMPORTS, AND EXPORTS—UNITED STATES.

Cotton consumed during the month of July 1930, amounted to 378,835 bales. Cotton on hand in consuming establishments on July 31, was 1,183,167 bales, and in public storage and at compresses 2,877,416 bales. The number of active consuming cotton spindles for the month was 26,464,444. The total imports for the month of July 1930 were 4,161 bales and the exports of domestic cotton, excluding linters, were 176,435 bales.

WORLD STATISTICS.  
The estimated world's production of commercial cotton exclusive of linters, grown in 1929, as compiled from various sources is 26,125,000 bales

cotton is open and picking and ginning have advanced rapidly.

**Mobile, Ala.**—The weather has been fine for harvesting. Cotton is opening rapidly and pickers are in demand. Gins are operating day and night and cotton is marketing rapidly.

**Memphis, Tenn.**—It has been dry all week. Cotton is opening rapidly and picking has commenced. First Tennessee bale was received on the 26th.

	Rain.	Rainfall.	Thermometer		
Galveston, Texas	1 day	1.52 in.	high 89	low 67	mean 78
Ablene, Texas	2 days	0.09 in.	high 102	low 64	mean 83
Brenham, Texas	3 days	1.46 in.	high 98	low 68	mean 83
Brownsville, Texas	1 day	0.16 in.	high 92	low 70	mean 81
Corpus Christi, Texas	1 day	0.32 in.	high 92	low 74	mean 83
Dallas, Texas	1 day	0.04 in.	high 96	low 68	mean 82
Henrietta, Texas	1 day	0.14 in.	high 104	low 62	mean 83
Kerrville, Texas	1 day	0.72 in.	high 100	low 52	mean 76
Lampasas, Texas	2 days	0.40 in.	high 106	low 60	mean 83
Longview, Texas	dry		high 98	low 60	mean 79
Luling, Texas	1 day	0.06 in.	high 100	low 66	mean 83
Nacogdoches, Texas	1 day	0.44 in.	high 94	low 60	mean 77
Palestine, Texas	2 days	1.58 in.	high 96	low 68	mean 82
Paris, Texas	dry		high 98	low 68	mean 83
San Antonio, Texas	dry		high 100	low 70	mean 85
Taylor, Texas	3 days	0.64 in.	high 100	low 68	mean 84
Weatherford, Texas	3 days	2.00 in.	high 102	low 62	mean 82
Ardmore, Okla.	2 days	0.54 in.	high 95	low 64	mean 80
Altus, Okla.	3 days	1.45 in.	high 108	low 62	mean 85
Muskogee, Okla.	2 days	0.17 in.	high 97	low 58	mean 78
Oklahoma City, Okla.	3 days	0.04 in.	high 93	low 63	mean 78
Brinkley, Ark.	dry		high 101	low 53	mean 77
Eldorado, Ark.	dry		high 98	low 63	mean 81
Little Rock, Ark.	dry		high 96	low 60	mean 77
Pine Bluff, Ark.	dry		high 99	low 62	mean 81
Alexandria, La.	dry		high 99	low 62	mean 81
Amite, La.	dry		high 92	low 58	mean 80
New Orleans, La.	1 day	0.02 in.	high --	low --	mean 81
Shreveport, La.	dry		high 95	low 67	mean 81
Columbus, Miss.	dry		high 99	low 59	mean 79
Greenwood, Miss.	dry		high 98	low 58	mean 78
Vicksburg, Miss.	dry		high 95	low 62	mean 79
Mobile, Ala.	dry		high 91	low 65	mean 78
Decatur, Ala.	dry		high 96	low 55	mean 76
Montgomery, Ala.	dry		high 94	low 62	mean 78
Selma, Ala.	dry		high 92	low 63	mean 80
Gainesville, Fla.	dry		high 94	low 62	mean 78
Madison, Fla.	dry		high 92	low 60	mean 76
Savannah, Ga.	dry		high 92	low 56	mean 76
Athens, Ga.	dry		high 96	low 61	mean 79
Augusta, Ga.	1 day	0.36 in.	high 94	low 58	mean 76
Columbus, Ga.	dry		high 96	low 61	mean 79
Charleston, S. C.	1 day	0.28 in.	high 91	low 62	mean 77
Greenwood, S. C.	dry		high 94	low 51	mean 73
Columbia, S. C.	dry		high 92	low 54	mean 73
Conway, S. C.	dry		high 91	low 55	mean 73
Charlotte, N. C.	dry		high 91	low 53	mean 71
Newbern, N. C.	1 day	0.02 in.	high 87	low 53	mean 70
Weldon, N. C.	1 day	0.29 in.	high 92	low 52	mean 72
Memphis, Tenn.	dry		high 94	low 62	mean 77

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:

	Aug. 29 1930.	Aug. 30 1929.
New Orleans	Above zero of gauge—	2.9
Memphis	Above zero of gauge—	1.0
Nashville	Above zero of gauge—	6.9
Shreveport	Above zero of gauge—	6.0
Vicksburg	Above zero of gauge—	5.3

**Dallas Cotton Exchange Weekly Crop Report.**

The Dallas Cotton Exchange each week publishes a very elaborate and comprehensive report covering cotton crop conditions in the different sections of Texas and also in Oklahoma and Arkansas. We reprint this week's report, which is dated Aug. 25, in full below:

**TEXAS.**

**WEST TEXAS.**

**Ablene.**—Showers latter part of week and cooler. Raining slowly all morning. Good general rain would add materially to production. Some leaf worm.

**Brownwood.**—Still hot and dry. Some local showers but not enough to do any good. Picking in this section premature opening. Present condition now compared with end of July, 15 to 20% less. This season's crop in our county compared with last season, 50% less.

**Hasbell.**—Light rains over this territory fairly general; cloudy and showery this morning; will benefit late cotton considerably. Leaf worm damage very little. Effort being made to control them. The country will make from seven to ten thousand bales above last year. Crop has deteriorated very little since July. Crop will be 25% above last season's.

**Lamesa.**—Cotton is still deteriorating in half county. Other half holding its own. County won't make what it did last year.

**Lubbock.**—August has been mostly a month of deterioration account of heat. The plains, I think, has deteriorated 25% this month. We had some rains but it looked like it burned as bad as places where there was no rain. Don't see how we can make more than last year as plant is small and has stopped growing. Shedding badly.

**Paducah.**—Condition 25% normal. Crop 50% of last year. Cool and cloudy. Slow rain last night, still raining.

**Quanah.**—Good rain Saturday night. Cloudy to-day. Crop 40% of normal. Will make two-thirds less than last season if conditions don't change. Same applies to Childress County.

**Sweetwater.**—Slow rain falling at present. Crop west of here in good condition and promises larger yield. Crop improved since July 31. County should make more than last season.

**NORTH TEXAS.**

**Forney.**—Had some rain Sunday. Cotton has held up well for two months dry weather. Fleas have done lots of damage, also have boll and leaf worms. Think condition 50%; decrease of 10% since July 1 for Forney Precinct. County will have decrease of 13% from last year.

**Gainesville.**—1½ inches of rain the past week practically relieves drouth but effects are problematical, depending on weather condition from now on. Condition 52; indicated yield 10% above last season.

**Greenview.**—Condition 65. Crop between 50 and 55 thousand; made 62 last year. Scattered showers over week end.

**McKinney.**—Good rain here Sunday. Movement on in full. County ginnings 3,000. Condition improved since Aug. 1. Yield increase, 10%. With the absence of insects, this county will make considerably more than last year.

**Paris.**—Deteriorated 10% since July 1. Expect 45,000 against 53,000 last year for this county.

**Royse City.**—Good rain yesterday and last night. Cotton still blooming. No weevils yet. Leaf and boll worm still working. Present condition same as end of July. Yield will be about same as last year.

**Wills Point.**—Serious deterioration occurred past two weeks and crop will now show 15% decrease compared with July 1 condition and 20% decrease compared with last season's crop. Good rain fell here to-day; will help late cotton but too late to benefit early cotton. Leaf worms doing much damage.

**CENTRAL TEXAS.**

**Austin.**—Think rains will fill out young cotton and give good chance for top crop. Account no serious insect damage, estimate total crop 38,000, against 19,000 last year.

**Bartlett.**—Cotton has deteriorated 15% this month. Good rain last night will stop deterioration but may cause renewed ravages of leaf worm. Crops look slightly longer than last year.

**Brenham.**—Condition of crop 10% worse than end of July but 85 to 100% better than last year. However, we had one of the poorest crops on record last season. 50% picked and much being held.

**Bryan.**—Condition around 60. Slightly lower than last month. Receipts to date 4,300 bales. Light rain overnight; still misting, favorable to bottoms.

**Cameron.**—Heavy rain last night damaged cotton account so much opened and will cause heavy worm damage. Increase this county over last year around 20% if worms don't take low lands.

**Giddings.**—Condition 50 compared to 60 end July. 9,000 bales against 6,250 last year. 45% picked. Late cotton will make nothing. Rain of inch and half since Saturday but will be of little benefit.

**Hillsboro.**—Our estimate of Hill County cotton crop 85% of last year, or 70,000 bales. Condition at the present around 60. Light showers past two days which cooled the parching crops. Leaf worms still with us. Impossible to equal last year's yield no matter how favorable conditions may be balance of growing season.

**LaGrange.**—About 70% of cotton open. 30% picked. 3% decrease in condition since end of July. Estimate yield this county to be 65% more than last season.

**Lockhart.**—Our estimate of crop this county 40,000 bales. Five per cent deterioration in August.

**Teague.**—Good rain over county yesterday and to-day too late to help old cotton. Leaf worms doing lots of damage in young cotton. Boll worms are plentiful. Crop very short. Some sections crop cut one-half of last year. Two per cent deterioration since Aug. 1. 15% decrease from last season.

**Wazahachie.**—Two inch rain very beneficial. Some worms and weevils working. No big damage.

**EAST TEXAS.**

**Jefferson.**—Cotton opening fast. Yield will be one-third less than last season. Condition growing worse. No rain to do any good since June 5. Twenty per cent dead. On account price very little disposition to pick. Heavy rain now will do great damage; cloudy to-day.

**Longview.**—Cotton opening fairly rapidly but picking not as fast as usual. Cotton selling slowly yet account low price. Condition not as good as Aug. 1. Leaf worms very bad. Crop approximately 20% short of last year. Rains and cool weather past few days probably stop premature opening.

**Marshall.**—Deterioration less than normal this month due to showers and cooler weather. Condition 55%. Crop 8% less than last year. Slight damage from leaf worms.

**Palestine.**—Crop moving slowly. Farmers holding. Little selling. Crop deteriorated heavily since end July. Present indications point to increase of 10% over last year's yield, depending on weather and insect activity. No weevil damage at present. Boll worms and leaf worms causing scattered damage. General half to ince and half rains fell this territory to-day; raining now.

**Tyler.**—Slow rain this section checks deterioration but adds little to yield. Worms doing considerable damage. Condition declined 20 points last month. Crop looks like 20% less than last year.

**SOUTH TEXAS.**

**Sequin.**—Condition 60 against 68 July 31. Last season 90% failure; this year will make 60% of normal crop. Cloudy and threatening weather but rain too late to do good. Crop 35% gathered.

**OKLAHOMA.**

**Ada.**—Rains and cooler weather past few days have been very beneficial to cotton. Conditions as good as the end of July. The yield in this county will double last year on account of no weevil. Estimate 60% of normal crop in county.

**Chickasha.**—Beneficial rains past week. Estimate condition 62%. Think State should make 1,100,000.

**Durant.**—Our late cotton is badly scorched. The early cotton is damaged 50%. The weather turned a little cooler to-day but no sign of rain. A few scattered showers north of here but they do more harm than good—just scald the cotton. What we need is a two days' slow rain and nothing like that in sight.

**Frederick.**—Condition July 31 was 65%, now 50%. This county will make about 65% of last year's yield. Light showers the past few days will help some fields but crop mostly too far gone to improve much.

**Hugo.**—Choctaw County estimated 4,000 to 7,000 compared with 20,000 normal. Some gins closing down.

**Idabel.**—Have had some rain past two days. Lots of leaf worm doing considerable damage to cotton in bottoms. Upland cotton on a standstill. Crop depreciated since July 1 at least 15%. County will make this year 20,000 compared with 18,400 last year.

**Mangum.**—Inch and half rain recently except western edge county continues dry, also counties north and east of here unrelieved. Condition 10% under July 1 with indicated yield one-fourth under last year. Cloudy and cooler to-day, which will help materially.

**Muskogee.**—Crop has deteriorated since July owing to hot, dry weather. Have had very light showers past week and weather is cool but we need good rain badly. Think Muskogee County ginnings will be 8% less than last year.

**Wynnewood.**—Condition at present approximately 10% better than end of July. Production will be about 25% more than last year account absence of boll weevil. There is some complaint of boll worms and leaf worms since rains and some poisoning being done; however, infestation seems to be small and with dry, sunshiny weather damage will be negligible.

**ARKANSAS.**

**Texarkana.**—Cotton crop this section deteriorated 10% since Aug. 1. We estimate this crop fully 40% less than last year.

**Ashdown.**—Drouth broken past week but of no benefit. Hard to guess this crop. Bolls and plant very small. Army and boll worms



taking their toll. My idea is 40% condition. Eight to ten thousand production compared with 15,500 last year.

Magnolia.—No general rains to date; partial showers done very little good. Leaf and boll worms throughout this section stripping plants of foliage in many fields. Estimate production this county 12,000 bales versus 33,000 last year.

Pine Bluff.—The drouth in parts of Arkansas is broken. Fifty per cent of the cotton-producing area still very dry; some sections no rain since May 18. Our representatives returned the 20th from a visit to compress points in the State. He estimates the Arkansas crop 800,000 bales. The crop in our territory declined 25% this month. Our county, Jefferson, promises 35% less than last season's yield.

Conway.—No general rain yet. Spots that have had an inch or more rain the last three weeks show no benefit. Practically all fields quit blooming and have shed all but the first bolls, leaving average two to three very small bolls to the stalk. Condition now 40% worse than Aug. 1; total production can't exceed 60% of last year.

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Table with columns: Week Ended, Receipts at Ports (1930, 1929, 1930), Stocks at Interior Towns (1930, 1929, 1928), Receipts from Plantations (1930, 1929, 1930). Rows include months from May to August.

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1930 are 632,582 bales; in 1929 were 401,823 bales, and in 1928 were 178,960 bales. (2) That, although the receipts at the outports the past week were 250,299 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 265,375 bales, stocks at interior towns having increased 15,076 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 194,218 bales and for 1928 they were 116,872 bales.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.—

The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons from all sources from which statistics are obtainable; also the takings or amounts gone out of sight for the like period:

Table with columns: Cotton Takings, Week and Season, 1930 (Week, Season), 1929 (Week, Season). Rows include visible supply, supply Aug. 1, American in sight, Bombay receipts, Other India ship'gs, Alexandria receipts, and Total supply.

\* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 355,000 bales in 1930 and 528,000 bales in 1929—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 888,911 bales in 1930 and 885,336 bales in 1929, of which 481,211 bales and 539,136 bales American.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.—

The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments from all India ports for the week and for the season from Aug. 1, as cabled, for three years, have been as follows:

Table with columns: August 29, Receipts at—, 1930 (Week, Since Aug. 1), 1929 (Week, Since Aug. 1), 1928 (Week, Since Aug. 1). Includes sub-table for Exports from Bombay with columns: For the Week (Great Britain, Cont-nent, Japan & China, Total) and Since Aug. 1 (Great Britain, Cont-nent, Japan & China, Total).

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of

5,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 32,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 5,000 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.—We now receive weekly a cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years:

Table with columns: Alexandria, Egypt, Aug. 27, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Receipts (cantars) 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 Aug. 27 were 2,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 15,500 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both yarns and cloths is steady. Demand for China is improving. We give prices to-day below and leave those of previous years of this and last year for comparison:

Table with columns: 1930, 1929. Rows include months from May to August. Sub-columns for 32s Cop Twist, 8 1/4 Lbs. Shrt-ings, Cotton Midd'l's, etc.

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 79,282 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic reports, are as follows:

Table with columns: Destination, Bales. Rows include NEW ORLEANS, SAVANNAH, CHARLESTON, CORPUS CHRISTI, GALVESTON, NEW YORK, HOUSTON, BRUNSWICK, etc.

COTTON FREIGHTS.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Burrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

Table with columns: Location, High Density, Stand-ard, High Density, Stand-ard. Rows include Liverpool, Manchester, Antwerp, Havre, Rotterdam, Genoa, Oslo, Stockholm, Trieste, Fiume, Lisbon, Oporto, Barcelona, Japan, Shanghai, Bombay, Bremen, Hamburg, Piraeus, Salonica, Venice.



increase last year of 6,011,000. The total is now 19,679,000 bushels against 19,060,000 a year ago. The cash demand was good and country offerings were small. On the 26th inst. prices ended 1/2 to 3/8c. lower, under realizing and a slackened cash demand. Country offerings were small, but they were ignored. On the 27th inst. prices declined 1 1/2c. on scattered liquidation, but the cash demand was still brisk. On the 28th inst. prices advanced 1/4 to 1/2c. on a small speculation, but cash demand was still brisk and the country offerings small. To-day prices closed 3/8 to 1 1/8c. higher, following the upturn in corn. Moreover, commission house buying was brisk. Some reaction occurred from the top on profit-taking on the eve of the holidays. Final prices show a decline for the week of 1/4 to 1c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

Table with 6 columns: No. 2 white, Sat, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri. Values range from 54 1/4 to 52 3/4.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with 6 columns: September delivery, December delivery, March delivery, May delivery, Sat, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri. Values range from 41 3/4 to 47 3/4.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

Table with 6 columns: October delivery, December delivery, May delivery, Sat, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri. Values range from 40 3/4 to 45 3/4.

Rye has advanced on a good cash demand and reports that feeding is increasing. On the 23rd inst. prices advanced 2 to 2 1/2c. The rise was due to good buying by chemical manufacturers, principally alcohol producers, as this grain, it seems, serves the purpose as well as corn. Also the comparative cheapness of rye attracts attention. There was also good buying by cash houses for shipment to Western and Northwestern States where scarcity prevailed.

On the 25th inst. prices ended unchanged to 1/4c. higher. Earlier in the day they were up 1 to 1 1/2c. Selling in closing out spreads between rye and other grain accounted for the late decline. The United States visible supply increased last week 228,000 bushels against 942,000 last year. The total is now 12,606,000 bushels against 8,104,000 a year ago. On the 26th inst. prices dropped 2 to 3 1/4c. on general selling, partly to close out spreads. It had been popular to buy rye and sell either wheat or corn. The cash demand for new rye was good, but old crop was still dull. On the 27th inst. prices fell 1 1/4 to 3c., with wheat off, but at the decline old rye sold more freely. On the 28th inst. prices were 1/2 to 1 1/2c. net higher. Speculation was sluggish and no export demand appeared, but the domestic demand was better. To-day prices closed 1 1/4 to 2c. higher. The demand was sharp. Offerings were small. Feeding demand is said to be larger. That was a prominent bullish factor of the day. A reaction occurred from the top on profit-taking. The market acted strong. Final prices are unchanged to 1/2c. lower than a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with 6 columns: September delivery, December delivery, March delivery, May delivery, Sat, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri. Values range from 62 to 73.

Closing quotations were as follows:

GRAIN.

Table with 2 columns: Wheat, No. 2 red, f.o.b., new; No. 2 hard winter, f.o.b.; Corn, No. 2 yellow, all rail; No. 2 yellow, all rail; No. 3 yellow all rail; Oats, New York; No. 2 white; No. 3 white; Rye, No. 2, f.o.b. New York; Chicago, No. 4; Barley; No. 2 c.i.f. New York, dom.; Chicago, cash. Values range from 1.04 1/4 to 69 3/4.

FLOUR.

Table with 2 columns: Spring pat. high protein, \$5.25 to \$5.60; Spring patents, 4.95 to 5.25; Clears, first spring, 4.65 to 5.00; Soft winter straights, 4.10 to 4.40; Hard winter straights, 4.50 to 4.75; Hard winter patents, 4.75 to 5.10; Hard winter clears, 4.10 to 4.40; Fancy Minn. patents, 6.45 to 6.80; City mills, 6.80 to 7.50; Rye flour, patents, \$4.40 to \$5.00; Seminola, No. 2 pound, 3c to 3 1/2c; Oats goods, 2.40 to 2.45; Corn flour, 2.70 to 2.75; Barley goods; Coarse, 3.25; Fancy pearl, Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, 6.15 to 6.50.

For other tables usually given here, see page 1370.

FARMERS' INTENTIONS TO SOW WINTER WHEAT AND RYE AS OF AUG. 15 1930.—Reports received by the U. S. Department of Agriculture from farmers reporting for their own farms as of Aug. 15, show intentions to sow an acreage of winter wheat this fall 4.5% less than that sown last fall. If these reports are representative, they indicate that farmers intend to sow about 41,392,000 acres of winter wheat this fall. As weather conditions and other causes have usually prevented some farmers from carrying out their plans, the acreage sown during the last seven years has averaged about 4% below reported intentions.

WHEAT.

Seedings this fall of winter wheat will be 4.5% less than seedings last fall if August intentions of farmers are carried out. The 41,392,000 acres indicated is the lowest intended acreage since 1923. This is the third consecutive year of decrease of intended seedings since the peak year 1927, when farmers reported in August an intention to seed over 49,000,000 acres of winter wheat. Weather conditions and other causes have usually prevented the seeding of the full acreage intended.

Actual seedings during the past seven years have averaged for the entire country about 4% below August intentions, the spread varying from 8% below intentions in 1925 when fall seeding conditions were very unfavorable to 3% above intentions in 1923 when seeding conditions proved extremely favorable and wheat prices were improving. For the country as a whole the favorable seeding conditions last fall allowed farmers to carry out their intentions almost exactly.

Nebraska and Oklahoma farmers report an intention to decrease seeding 13% this fall, Illinois 8%, Colorado 7%. Decreases of 5% are reported for Texas, Montana and California. Other important States mostly show decreases of from 1 to 4% except Washington, which reports an intended increase of 50%. Most Southern States except Oklahoma and Texas intend increases, Virginia reporting 2%, Kentucky 10%, Tennessee 20% and North Carolina 25% more than last fall.

Seedings in individual States often depart widely from intentions, important wheat States having shown actual seeding as much as 25% below intentions in 1925 and 1926, due to the unfavorable seasons for seeding, while in a number of instances in the favorable seasons of 1923 and 1929 they have exceeded intentions.

RYE.

An intended increase of 1.3% in fall seedings of winter rye for grain over seedings in the fall of 1929 is reported by crop correspondents. This would amount to total seedings of 3,882,000 acres compared with a 7-year average intention of 4,411,000 acres. The inter d seedings are about 1 or 2% less than planted last year in the North Central States which have about 75% of the total acreage, being 4% less than in North Dakota, but heavy increases are shown in many Southern and Western States.

This report is not a forecast of the acreage and what will be planted, but merely a statement of farmers' intentions as of Aug. 15. It is published in order that growers may modify their plans if they find a change to be desirable.

FALL SOWINGS OF WINTER WHEAT. (1,000 Acres)

Table with 10 columns: State, 1909-1913, 1914-1918, 1919-1923, 1924-1928, 1928, 1929 (Rev. Aug. 1930), Intended 1930 (Per Ct. of 1929), Intended 1930 (Acres). Lists 48 states and US total with values ranging from 357 to 43,361.

WEATHER REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDED AUG. 13.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended Aug. 27 follows:

The week was generally cool in the eastern half of the country, with mean temperatures ranging mostly from 2 deg. to as much as 7 deg. below normal, though in north-central districts they were relatively high. From the western Great Plains westward the temperature averaged above normal in nearly all sections, especially in the northwestern Great Plains and in the northern Rocky Mountain area where the weekly means were 6 deg. to as much as 11 deg. above normal.

Chart II shows that substantial to heavy rains occurred in New Jersey eastern Pennsylvania, and most of New York, and also over a considerable area from western North Carolina, southwestern Virginia, and eastern Tennessee southward, while they were moderate to generous rather generally from northern Texas northward over the Great Plains States to South Dakota. There was also an area of beneficial rains in parts of Ohio and western Pennsylvania. Elsewhere very little precipitation occurred.

In the more droughty sections of the country the only follow-up rains of consequence, after those of last week, occurred in the States of Kansas, Nebraska, and South Dakota, though beneficial showers, drouth-breaking in considerable sections, extended farther south over Oklahoma and northern Texas. In this area, where moderate to good rains have occurred two weeks in succession, and also in most of Oklahoma and parts of northern Texas, the drouth has been effectively broken, with the soil now in generally good condition. There has been a material revival of late crops and pastures, and plowing for winter wheat has been resumed actively. Some wheat has been sown in northwestern Kansas, and seeding will be general over the northwestern quarter of the State during the first week in September.

East of the Plains States the only drouth areas receiving substantial relief comprise the southern Appalachian Mountain section, including principally eastern Tennessee, western North Carolina, and southwestern Virginia, and an area to the northward embracing New Jersey, eastern Pennsylvania, and most of New York. In these sections conditions have been generally improved, while further substantial showers in the Southeast were beneficial, and the Rocky Mountain States continued favorable, in many places unusually so.

In the Virginias and Maryland, much of Pennsylvania and Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, and North Dakota only scattered localities received beneficial rains and the drouth is still largely unrelieved, with but little or no improvement in the general situation. In most interior sections, where recent rains occurred, including the Ohio and central and lower Mississippi Valleys, the past week was practically rainless, and the effect of the previous moisture is rapidly disappearing, with rains again needed over almost the entire area. Late corn and truck crops, especially on lower lands, revived, and pastures in many places are showing green, but have not yet produced grazing conditions of material consequence and can not much further improve unless additional rains come soon. More moisture is needed also for recently-seeded fall forage and grazing crops, while plowing is difficult in most places.

SMALL GRAINS.—Late harvesting and threshing progressed well during the week and were largely completed. There was some plowing for fall seeding in the Ohio Valley wherever the ground was soft enough for working, while in the Great Plains, especially from Oklahoma to South Dakota, conditions were very favorable, with much work done. Soil moisture in parts of this area was reported very satisfactory, with enough water to start the winter wheat crop. The ground remained too hard and dry to plow in much of the central and northern Mississippi Valley area.

CORN.—In the Great Plains States, from northern Kansas northward to South Dakota, the corn crop has materially benefited by recent rains, and conditions in some of the Northeastern States show improvement. In the central valleys, localities have improved, but no general benefit to the corn crop is apparent, especially in the southern half of the belt where the bulk was too far gone for relief. Corn continued to make fair progress during the week in Wisconsin, and poor to fair advance in Iowa, while showers were helpful in some other north-central districts. Otherwise progress was poor to only fair, with considerable reports of further deterioration in many localities.

For the corn crop, as a whole, August rains have afforded improvement only in limited areas. In some important producing sections deterioration was only checked, and in others the crop has continued to suffer for moisture, while in many places, especially in the southern half of the belt, the bulk was too far gone to materially benefit. In fact, the most unfavorable weather for corn this year, when its critical stage of growth is considered, covered the last half of July and nearly the first half of August, the deterioration being especially rapid the first few days of August.

**COTTON.**—Except in the western portion, the week was generally cool in the Cotton Belt, with rather general showers in the more western States and much of the east, and fair weather in central districts.

In Oklahoma the brown has been largely broken and progress of the cotton crop is now generally good, with plants putting on new growth and blooms, but the general condition is spotted, ranging from poor to good. There were rather general rains also in northern Texas, which will probably be beneficial, though there was further deterioration during the first part of the week; much cotton is open and picking and ginning advanced rapidly.

The progress of cotton was mostly fair to good in the parts of Arkansas receiving rains last week, but there was further rapid deterioration in the south, and drouthy conditions continue in northern Louisiana and much of Mississippi. Recent showers have been beneficial in Tennessee and Alabama, while in most eastern States of the belt conditions continue generally satisfactory, with no material deterioration. Picking has begun as far north as southern North Carolina.

The Weather Bureau furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

**Virginia.**—Richmond: Beneficial rains in southwest and southeast improved farm crops and conditioned soil for plowing in those sections; drought continues practically unabated elsewhere and deterioration of staple crops continued, though cool weather favorable. Some plowing done. Late potatoes a failure where drought continues. Cotton and peanuts mostly fair, though cotton shedding to some extent. No improvement in apple crop, except where irrigation possible.

**North Carolina.**—Raleigh: Very cool week; ample sunshine; too dry in northern half of Piedmont and upper Coastal Plain where late corn suffering and other crops need rain. Beneficial rain in most other sections. Pastures improved in mountain region and late corn there will make fair silage. Tobacco fair in upper section and about half harvested. Progress of cotton fair to good; some complaints of shedding; beginning to pick in south.

**South Carolina.**—Columbia: Rains beneficial, but more needed, especially in Piedmont. Late cotton blooming and setting bolls fairly well, with no general deterioration; early crop finished bolting and many opening quite rapidly, with picking and ginning progressing. Intermediate and late corn and forage refreshed; fodder pulling continues. Potatoes, truck, and lesser crops fair growth. Tobacco curing completed.

**Georgia.**—Atlanta: Beneficial and widespread rains, but more needed in numerous counties for fall crops. Cotton still blooming freely in north, but bolls have completed opening in south, with more open over entire State than usual for the time of year; picking and ginning are making rapid progress. Corn mostly matured, but not yet gathered, with lowland crop fair. Rice ripening fast.

**Florida.**—Jacksonville: Progress and condition of cotton fair; bulk picked in some districts of west. Plowing and cultivation of late crops advanced, showers and moderate, local rains improved late sweet potatoes, cane, peanut, seed beds, and growing truck. Much hay and corn harvested. Preparation of land for fall truck in Okeechobee district made headway. Citrus continue good.

**Alabama.**—Montgomery: Averaged cool; scattered, mostly helpful, showers first half. Crops improved where moisture of preceding week sufficient. Much early-planted corn failure account recent drought; progress and condition of sweet potatoes and late corn very irregular, but mostly fair to good. Truck, pastures, ranges, and minor crops poor to good. Cotton improved in most sections; progress ranged from poor to excellent and mostly fair; condition poor to good and mostly fair; picking and ginning good progress in south and picking beginning in central; considerable shedding of leaves, squares, and small bolls in north.

**Mississippi.**—Vicksburg: Widely scattered showers. Early-planted cotton opening rapidly in south and central, with picking becoming general there and beginning in northwest; considerable shedding reported. Progress of late corn mostly poor, except fair in extreme east.

**Louisiana.**—New Orleans: Light to moderate rains, mostly in south and central, benefited sugar cane, pastures, sweet potatoes, and late truck; generally dry in extreme north. Condition of cotton poor to fair, except very poor in some extreme northwestern localities; opening and picking advancing rapidly and ginning progressing; some further shedding of bolls. Condition of corn very poor to only poor; little further improvement possible. Favorable for ripening and threshing rice, except local interruption by rain. Coolness toward close somewhat retarding cane growth.

**Texas.**—Houston: Fore part of week hot; latter part cool. Rain at nine-tenths of reporting stations, and effective over most of northern half of State, will revive pastures and probably benefit some late feed, peanuts, and sweet potatoes, but too late to materially aid corn. Good rice crop being harvested. Progress and condition of older citrus trees good. But little change in condition of cotton; some deterioration fore part of week and too early to determine effects of recent rain, but probably beneficial; much open and picking and ginning made rapid progress in south, though some interruption in north by rain.

**Oklahoma.**—Oklahoma City: Cooler, with moderate to heavy rainfall. Conditions greatly improved and drought broken in north and east, and temporarily relieved in southwest where more rain needed. Progress of cotton generally good; putting on new growth and blooming; condition spotted, ranging from poor to good; some picking in east and south-central. Rain came too late to materially help corn; condition ranges from total failure to fair; crop very short. Minor crops and pastures improving. Planting late feed crops and gardens. Good progress in preparation of ground for planting winter grains.

**Arkansas.**—Little Rock: Progress of cotton fair to good on most lowlands, and most portions of uplands in northern half of State where local rains of previous week; crop badly deteriorated elsewhere; much has ceased blooming and shedding in north, but remaining bolls developing nicely; bolls opening in all portions and picking in south. Late corn improving and fall crops being planted where rainfall sufficient. Meadows, pastures, sweet potatoes, and feed crops improving in north.

**Tennessee.**—Nashville: Occasional showers and somewhat below-normal temperatures generally favorable, especially in east. Condition of early corn very poor, but of late very good. Early tobacco being cut and crop poor, but late improved. Condition of cotton fair to good; opening rapidly; blooming and forming bolls in moist sections.

**Kentucky.**—Louisville: Light showers beneficial locally in east; otherwise little or none; low temperatures generally favorable, but moisture from past rains mostly gone. Recently-sown forage crops up and need rain badly for growth. Too dry for plowing, except in limited areas. Extensive seeding of cleared tobacco and corn land. Tobacco improved considerably, checking forced cutting. Some improvement of late corn, mostly on bottoms. Pastures showing green, but no grazing of consequence. Stock-water-situation still acute.

## THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, Aug. 29 1930.

The underlying factor of low stocks in both secondary and retail channels and evidence that the decrease in the movement of goods from primary markets into distribution was out of all proportion to the decrease in consumption has been, perforce, the outstanding consolation for dry goods producers during the past several months of abnormally low business. A time had to come, it was contended, when buyers would be forced to come into primary markets in a larger way in order to be in a position to adequately deal with the public demand. In the past two weeks a generally larger volume has passed out of the hands of manufacturers, totaling, in most instances, considerably in excess of any such period in the past several months. With the autumn

season immediately in the offing, with its implicit promise of better public buying, and the raw markets showing some signs of stability, the better business in evidence is estimated in many quarters to mark the revival of textiles at least from the intense depression of the summer, in accordance with the prospective betterment in retail business, and the inadequate stocks with which the trade is supplied. A definite expansion in the volume of inquiry was noted in several divisions, with cotton business featuring the new trend. Sales of pillow cases, sheets, and towels, in addition to print cloths, all show an increase. An active call for crepes for immediate delivery has been the outstanding development in the rayon division. Reordering of men's wear on a larger scale, and continuance of the demand for dress goods and coatings for women's wear are constructive conditions in woolen goods.

**DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.**—A recovery during the present week of some of the losses sustained in the speculative cotton markets recently joined its influence to that of the turn of the seasons, which, in this particular case, has been generally looked forward to as a herald of at least some relief to the extreme difficulties undergone in cotton goods markets during the summer. The result has been a distinct quickening of activity in a number of quarters, with gray goods displaying a measurably firmer undertone and selling on a larger scale than for several months past. With signs of a better movement of merchandise into the hands of the public visible in some quarters, and an inclination to interpret this as the inauguration of the generally expanded consumer demand which ordinarily comes to light with the fall season, buyers are manifesting considerably more confidence. Advances on print cloths in some sections of the market uncovered a willingness on the part of some of the latter to contract into the future for large quantities provided they could find sellers willing to part with them at the low levels to which prices sank during the past few weeks. The reasoning that this indicated a desire to take advantage of such prices while they were still obtainable certainly seems to be warranted in this instance. In fact, while factors throughout the trade are cautious about making overoptimistic predictions with regard to the future, the belief that cotton goods have already found their low levels, with at least moderate firmness in immediate prospect, is being rather widely voiced. Meanwhile, in spite of a considerable movement particularly of print cloths for immediate or nearby delivery, the margin of profit yielded to mills remains decidedly unsatisfactory. An upward trend in prices would seem to be not only a matter of hope, but a practical necessity. In favor of better profits for producers is the undoubted fact that sales of print cloths during the past two weeks have exceeded production, though it cannot yet be estimated whether any substantial movement of stocks on hand will have resulted. Fine goods business has not yet shown any remarkable expansion, but persistent curtailment of production in that field, with the promise of the establishment of a sound statistical position there within a comparatively short time, lends a bright aspect to the outlook in that quarter. Print cloths 27-inch 64x60's construction are quoted at 4c., and 28-inch 64x60's at 4¼c. Gray goods 39-inch 68x72's construction are quoted at 5¼c., and 39-inch 80x80's at 6¾c.

**WOOLEN GOODS.**—While spottiness continues to characterize business in woolen goods generally, business can be said to be moderately active, on the whole, with worsteds strongly in favor. Worsteds for women's wear are being nationally advertised in retail campaigns for the fall season, and dress and coating fabrics which have been well received by buyers are said to be sold into the future in practically every case. Among a number of mills reported to be booked ahead for the next six weeks are several in the men's wear division, at least one manufacturer of overcoatings and some producers of tweeds, as well as those of women's dress goods and coatings. On the other hand, some mills have been forced to regulate operations in the absence of sufficient business to enable them to run at the levels current in the above-mentioned quarters. Exceptions of expanded business after Labor Day, however, are a source of encouragement for such as these, with reason to hope that some improvement in general activity in the country's trade as a whole will materialize with the opening of the fall season. The outlook, reinforced by a favorable statistical position, and the confidence that has been instilled in the trade by an apparently stabilized raw market, is comparatively good, with little expectation of such a depreciation of values for goods as took place last winter.

**FOREIGN DRY GOODS.**—Developments in linen markets are also on the constructive side, reflecting the approach of autumn, for the needs of which season buyers are now reported to be placing initial business. While activity is lighter than that of last year, it is expected that a considerable expansion of the present volume will take place next month. Burlaps prices registered little change during the week. Business has not yet approximated the volume hoped for early in the month, but better activity is anticipated in September. Light weights are quoted at 4.45c., and heavies at 6.05c.

State and City Department

MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN JULY.

We present herewith our detailed list of the municipal bond issues put out during the month of July, which the crowded condition of our columns prevented our publishing at the usual time.

The review of the month's sales was given on page 816 of the "Chronicle" of Aug. 2. Since then several belated July returns have been received, changing the total for the month to \$109,777,256. The number of municipalities issuing bonds in July was 352 and the number of separate issues 478.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Lists various municipal bond issues such as Adams Co., Ind., Akron, Ohio, Alameda Co., S. D., etc.

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in multiples of 1-10 or 1/4 of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1931 to 1940 and \$6,000 from 1941 to 1950. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable in gold or its equivalent at the Westchester County National Bank, Peekskill in New York exchange or the National City Bank, New York. Legal opinion furnished by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York. A certified check for \$2,200 must accompany the bid.

Official Financial Statement. Valuations, 1930: Actual, estimated \$4,000,000 Assessed, real estate and special franchise 2,041,980 Debt: Bonded debt outstanding at present Nil Water bonds included above Nil This issue 110,000 Net bonded debt incl. this issue 110,000 The net bonded indebtedness of the village will be about 5% of the assessed valuation upon the increase of these bonds. Population, 1930 Federal census 1,346.

BUFFALO, Erie County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. (daylight saving time) on Sept. 4, by William A. Eckert, City Comptroller, for the purchase of four issues of coupon or registered gold bonds aggregating \$3,765,000: \$2,280,000 general improvement bonds. Due \$76,000 from Oct. 1 1935 to 1964, incl. 515,000 general improvement bonds. Due \$103,000 from Oct. 1 1931 to 1935, incl. 390,000 general improvement, series C bonds. Due \$13,000 from Oct. 1 1931 to 1960. 580,000 general improvement, school bonds. Due \$29,000 from Oct. 1 1931 to 1950.

Dated Oct. 1 1930. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable in gold or its equivalent at the office of the City Comptroller or at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., New York. Bidders will be required to name the same interest rate on all of said issues not exceeding 5% per annum and not less than 3 1/2% per annum, and at such definite rate of interest expressed in multiples of 1/4 or 1-10th of 1%, but at no higher rate of interest than shall be required to insure the sale of said bonds at par, and all of said bonds shall bear the same rate of interest. Comparison of bids will be by taking the cost of interest to the city at the rate named in the respective bids, and deducting therefrom the premium bid. No bids will be accepted for less than the par value of the bonds, and any bid not complying with the terms of this notice will be rejected, and all bids must be unconditional. The Comptroller reserves the right to reject any and (or) all bids.

Coupon bonds will be issued in the denomination of \$1,000, and may be exchanged for bonds registered either as to principal or principal and interest at the option of the holder, in the denomination of \$1,000 or multiples thereof. The legality of the issues will be examined by Caldwell and Raymond, of New York City, and their favorable opinion will be furnished the purchaser. A certified check in the amount of \$75,000 for all-or-none of the issues, drawn upon an incorporated bank or trust company and payable to the order of the Comptroller of the City of Buffalo, must accompany each bid, which check shall be and become the property of the City of Buffalo as liquidated damages upon the failure of the bidder to apply for and accept the bonds when ready for delivery. All other deposits will be returned to unsuccessful bidders immediately after the bonds have been awarded. The bonds will be delivered to the successful bidder at the office of the Comptroller or at the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company, 70 Broadway, New York City, (the place of delivery to be specified in the bid), on Oct. 1 1930, or as soon thereafter as they may be prepared and ready for delivery, upon the payment of the principal balance due and the additional payment of accrued interest on the full amount of the par value of the bonds.

Financial Statement (July 31 1930.) Assessed valuation: Real property \$1,065,545,550.00 Special franchise 36,406,400.00 Personal property 5,552,000.00 Total assessed valuation \$1,107,503,950.00 Bonded debt: Water 17,497,886.96 Various 78,257,024.62 Total bonded debt \$95,754,911.58 Sinking funds: (not deducted above): Water 5,174,330.28 Various 2,888,227.68 Total sinking funds \$8,062,557.96

The current tax rate of the City of Buffalo per \$1,000 of assessed valuation is \$29.40. The population, according to the United States Census of 1930, is 572,913. BUNCOMBE COUNTY (P. O. Asheville), N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until noon on Sept. 4, by Geo. A. Digges Jr., Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, for the purchase of a \$400,000 issue of court house and jail bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Sept. 1 1930. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%, stated in multiples of 1/4 of 1%. Due on Sept. 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1940 to 1943; \$15,000, 1944 to 1947; \$20,000, 1948 to 1952, and \$25,000, 1953 to 1960, all inclusive. Principal and interest (M. & S.) payable at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. in New York. The bonds are subject to the approval of the State Sinking Fund Commission and are to be approved by Reed, Hoyt & Washburn, of New York, whose opinion will be furnished the purchaser. The County will furnish the required bidding forms. A certified check for 2% face value of the bonds bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, is required.

CAMINO SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Placerville), El Dorado County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids, for the purchase of \$14,000 5 1/2% school bonds, will be received by the County Clerk until 2 p. m. on Sept. 2 1930.

CANTON, Stark County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 27 the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Cincinnati was the successful bidder for several issues of 4 1/2% coupon impt. bonds aggregating \$108,514.14, paying a premium of \$140.76, equal to 100.129. The other bidders were: Bidder—Premium. Title Guarantee Securities Co. \$140.20 Mitchell, Herrick & Co. 135.22 BancOhio Securities Co. 48.00 First Detroit Co. 78.00 Seasongood & Mayer 34.00 Otis & Co. (2 issues only) 219.00

CARROLL COUNTY (P. O. Delphi), Ind.—BOND SALE.—A \$3,200 issue of 4 1/2% coupon semi-ann. road bonds was purchased on Aug. 21 by Mr. William Bradshaw, of Delphi, for a premium of \$51.00, equal to 101.593, a basis of about 4.20%. Due semi-annually in from 1 to 10 years. The other bids were as follows: Bidder—Premium. Harry Reed of Delphi \$50.90 Local Investors 48.00 Inland Investment Co., of Indianapolis 22.72 City Securities Corp., of Indianapolis 7.00

CARROLL COUNTY (P. O. Carroll), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$185,000 issue of primary road bonds offered for sale on Aug. 25—V. 131, p. 818—was purchased by the Carleton D. Beh Co., of Des Moines, as 4 1/2%, paying a premium of \$1,305, equal to 100.705, a basis of about 4.37%. Due from May 1 1936 to 1945 and optional after 1936.

CASS COUNTY (P. O. Atlantic), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$480,000 primary road bonds offered on Aug. 27—V. 131, p. 818—were awarded as 4 1/2% to Iowa Des Moines Co. of Des Moines, at par, plus a premium of \$3,122 equal to 100.6504, a basis of 4.36%. The bonds are dated Sept. 1 1930 and mature from May 1 1936 to 1945, incl. Optional after May 1 1936.

CENTER TOWNSHIP, Vanderburgh County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$23,000 4 1/2% coupon semi-ann. school equipment bonds that were offered Aug. 21—V. 131, p. 819—were awarded to City Securities Corp. of Indianapolis for a premium of \$558, equal to 102.426, a basis of 4.10 %.

Bonds are dated Aug. 1 1930 and mature semi-annually on Jan. 1 and July 1 from 1931 to 1945 inclusive. Other bidders were: Bidder—Premium.

Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. of Indianapolis \$555.00 Fletcher American Co. of Indianapolis 463.70

CHICAGO SANITARY DISTRICT (P. O. Chicago), Cook County, Ill.—WARRANTS CALLED.—The District Commissioners have called for payment on Aug. 29, all unpaid 6% warrant notes issued on May 15 1929, in anticipation of uncollected 1928 taxes. The warrants bear the indicated maturity of July 15 1930 and were offered in the amount of \$4,570,000. At the same time an issue of \$4,565,000 6% warrant notes anticipating 1928 taxes, bearing the indicated maturity of June 15 1930, was marketed and subsequently retired.

CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP (P. O. Lakeside), Berrien County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Sept. 3 at 10 a. m. (Eastern standard time) by E. J. Willard, Township Clerk, for the purchase of \$5,000 State exceeding 6% fire apparatus bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1930. Due Sept. 1 1931 to 1935 incl. Payable at any bank or trust company named by the purchaser. The expense of printing of these bonds and legal opinion to be paid by the purchaser. A certified check for 5% of the bonds must accompany the bid.

CINCINNATI, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until noon on Sept. 17 by Henry Urner, City Auditor, for the purchase of an issue of \$1,000,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered Western Hills-Brighton Viaduct bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Nov. 1 1930. Due \$40,000 from Sept. 1 1932 to 1956 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the Irving Trust Co. in New York. Bidders may bid for a different rate of int. in multiples of 1/4 of 1%. Bids are to be on blank forms furnished by the City Auditor. These bonds were authorized by the voters at the November 1928 election and are payable from taxes levied outside of tax limitations. A \$12,000 certified check, payable to the City Auditor, must accompany the bid.

Official Financial Statement July 31 1930. Bonds outstanding \$104,721,284.19 \*Street improvement notes 1,322,960.00 \$106,044,244.19 Bonds herein advertised for sale Sept. 17 1930 1,000,000.00 Total indebtedness (including this issue) \$107,044,244.19 \*Street improvement bonds included in above \$4,147,550.06 Water Works bonds included in above 14,712,230.48 Cincinnati Southern Ry. bonds included in above 21,832,000.00 Par value of Water Works sinking fund 7,092,582.02 Par value of Cincinnati Southern Ry. sinking fund 5,966,287.78 Par value of all sinking funds 38,460,386.19 Real property 804,985,610.00 Personal property 303,571,890.00

Total valuation of taxable property December 1929 \$1,108,557,500.00 \* These bonds and notes are paid by special assessments levied upon property abutting on streets improved by paving, sewers, etc. The Water Works and Cincinnati Southern Ry. bonds are self-supporting.

CLIFTON SPRINGS, Ontario County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. on Sept. 12 by Harry J. Vandyne, Village Clerk, for the purchase of \$40,000 coupon or registered water bonds. Interest rate not to exceed 6%. Dated Aug. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due Aug. 1 1931 to 1970, incl. Rate of interest must be in a multiple of 1/4 of 1% and must be the same for all bonds. Principal and semi-annual interest (February and August) payable in gold or its equivalent at the Ontario National Bank, Clifton Springs. Legal opinion furnished by Reed, Hoyt & Washburn of New York. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for must accompany each proposal.

COLLINGDALE, Delaware County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 4 1/2% coupon bonds, registerable as to prin. offered on Aug. 2—V. 131, p. 306—were awarded to the Collingdale State Bank of Collingdale, at a price of 102.13, a basis of 4.25%. The bonds are dated Aug. 1 1930 and due on Aug. 1 1940.

CRANBERY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Oil City), Venango County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by J. G. McGill, Secretary Board of School Directors until Sept. 13 at 12 m. (Eastern standard time) for the purchase of \$100,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1930. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1931 to 1940; \$4,000 from 1941 to 1945; \$5,000 from 1946 to 1949 and \$6,000 from 1950 to 1954. Int. payable April and October.

Craven County (P. O. New Bern), N. C.—NOTES OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 11 a. m. on Aug. 25, by John S. Holland, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, for the purchase of an issue of \$130,000 revenue anticipation notes. Dated Aug. 25 1930. Due on Feb. 25 1931. Bids will be considered on the basis of the lowest interest rate.

CRAWFORD, Dawes County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—Wachob, Bender & Co., of Omaha, is reported to have recently purchased an issue of \$7,000 4 1/2% intersection paving bonds.

DALLAS COUNTY (P. O. Adel), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$400,000 issue of registered annual primary road bonds offered for sale on Aug. 21 (V. 131, p. 664) was purchased by the Iowa-Des Moines Co. of Des Moines, paying therefor a premium of \$1,620 on 100.405, equal to 100.405, a basis of about 4.42%. Due from 1936 to 1945, and optional after 1936. Other bids were as follows: Bidder—Premium. Carleton D. Beh Co. \$1,615 Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. 1,450

DAVENPORT, Scott County, Iowa.—BONDS OFFERED.—We are informed that Charles E. Robeson, City Treasurer, received sealed or oral bids until 10 a. m. on Aug. 29, for the purchase of \$25,153.26 street improvement bonds.

DAWSON-COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Glendive), Mont.—BOND SALE.—The \$32,000 issue of coupon school refunding bonds offered for sale on Aug. 19—V. 131, p. 974—was purchased by Mr. A. E. Aiken, of Glendive, at par. Dated June 1 1930. Due on June 1 1940 and optional after 5 years. Int. payable on June and Dec. 1.

DECATUR COUNTY (P. O. Leon), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$51,000 issue of registered annual primary road bonds offered for sale on Aug. 21—V. 131, p. 664—was purchased by the White-Phillips Co., of Davenport, as 4 1/2%, for a premium of \$179, equal to 100.35, a basis of about 4.43%. Due from 1936 to 1945, incl. and optional after 1936.

DELAWARE COUNTY (P. O. Media), Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—James T. Stewart, County Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. (to be opened at 11 a. m.), on Sept. 16 for the purchase of \$1,000,000 4 1/2, 4 1/4 or 4 1/2% coupon county bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$34,000 Oct. 1 1931 to 1940 and \$33,000 Oct. 1 1941 to 1960. Bids will be received for the entire issue at any one of the above rates, but no bid combining two different interest rates will be accepted. Bonds issued subject to the approval as to legality by Townsend, Elliott & Munson, of Philadelphia. A certified check for \$20,000, payable to the County, must accompany the bid.

DEWITT, Clinton County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$9,000 issue of well construction bonds offered for sale on Aug. 26—V. 131, p. 1290—was sold to the White-Phillips Co., of Davenport, as 4 1/2%, for a premium of \$153, equal to 101.70, a basis of about 4.30%. Denom. \$500. Due from 1932 to 1949, incl. Int. payable on June and Dec. 1.

DOLORES, Montezuma County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—A \$30,000 issue of 6% semi-annual sanitary sewer bonds is reported to have been purchased by Joseph D. Grigsby & Co. of Pueblo.

DOWNSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49 (P. O. Farmerville), Union Parish, La.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—We are now informed that the \$21,000 issue of school bonds that was reported to have been disposed of as 4 1/2% at par on July 1—V. 131, p. 516—was not sold. Due from July 1 1931 to 1960 inclusive.

DUBUQUE, Dubuque County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of coupon bonds aggregating \$175,000, offered for sale on Aug. 26—V. 131, p. 1290—were purchased by the White-Phillips Co., of Davenport, as 4 1/2%, for a premium of \$2,675, equal to 101.52, a basis of about 4.10%. The issues are: \$115,000 sewer bonds. Due from July 15 1938 to 1946, incl. 60,000 impt. fund bonds. Due from July 15 1941 to 1946, incl.

EAGLE PASS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Eagle Pass), Maverick County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—We are now informed that the \$100,000 issue of 5% semi-annual school bonds offered on June 9 (V. 130, p. 4098) was purchased at par by A. C. Allyn & Co. of Chicago. Dated June 1 1930.

ECORSE (P. O. Detroit), Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Isabel Morris, Village Clerk, until 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 9 for the purchase of paving bonds amounting to \$121,340. Rate of interest not to exceed 6%. Dated Sept. 15 1930. Due in from one to four years. Interest payable March & September. A certified check for 1% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, must accompany the bid.

EDGEWOOD (P. O. Pittsburgh), Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Walter V. Foust, Borough Secretary, until 7:30 p.m. (Daylight Saving Time), on Sept. 8, for the purchase of \$20,000 4 1/4% borough bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due from Aug. 1 1935 to 1938. The sale of the bonds is subject to approval of the Department of Internal Affairs. Legal opinion furnished by Burgwin, Scully & Burgwin, of Pittsburgh. A certified check for \$1,000 must accompany the bid.

EL DORADO IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. El Dorado), El Dorado County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—We are now informed that the \$350,000 issue of 6% semi-ann. irrigation bonds offered for sale on June 12—V. 130, p. 3922—was purchased by the American Engineering Corp.

ERIE, Erie County, Pa.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received by T. Hanlon, City Clerk, until Aug. 29 at 10 a.m. (Eastern standard time) for the purchase of \$10,000 4 1/4% coupon or registered sanitary sewer bonds, Sept. 1 1930 to 1933. Denom. \$1,000. Due Sept. 2 as follows: \$10,000 in 1932; \$30,000 in 1933; \$40,000 in 1934 and \$50,000 in 1935. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. No bid for less than par and accrued int. will be considered. A certified check for 1% of the bonds must accompany the bid.

ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Mass.—NOTES OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 11 a.m. on Aug. 29, by the County Treasurer, for the purchase of an \$11,000 issue of 3% Bass River Bridge loan notes. Dated Sept. 1 1930. Due on Sept. 1 1931.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY (P. O. Winnsboro), S. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Sept. 18 by M. C. Boulware, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, we are informed, for the purchase of an issue of \$115,000 road bonds.

FALL RIVER, Bristol County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The \$500,000 temporary loan offered on Aug. 22—V. 131, p. 1290—was awarded to S. N. Bond & Co. of Boston at 5.50% discount. Dated Aug. 22 1930. Due on March 16 1931. There were no other bidders.

FLEMING, Logan County, Colo.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported sealed bids will be received until Sept. 8, by Hugh Boyd, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$35,000 issue of 5% semi-ann. refunding bonds.

FLORAL PARK, Nassau County, N. Y.—LIST OF BIDDERS.—The following is an official list of the other bids received on Aug. 19 for the \$35,000 coupon fire house bonds awarded to Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. of New York as 4.40s at 100.279, a basis of about 4.36% (V. 131, p. 1291):

Names of Other Bidders— Table with columns: Name, Rate, Price Bid. Includes M. & T. Trust Co., Buffalo (4.50% 100.1196), Farson, Son & Co. (4.60 100.114), Edmund Seymour & Co. (4.50 100.039), Batchelder & Co. (4.40 100.13), Marine Trust Co. of Buffalo (4.50 100.279), Dewey, Bacon & Co. (4.50 100.089), First Nat. Bank & Trust Co. of Floral Park (4.50 100.089), Sherwood & Merrifield (4.40 100.11)

FORREST CITY SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Forrest City), St. Francis County, Ark.—BOND OFFERING.—We are informed that E. B. Smith, Secretary Board of Directors, will offer for sale at public auction, on Sept. 22, \$125,000 5% school bonds. Interest payable March & September. The expense of printing these bonds to be paid by the purchaser.

FORSYTH COUNTY (P. O. Winston-Salem), N. C.—NOTE OFFERING.—J. M. Lentz, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 M., on Sept. 10 for the purchase of \$98,000 not exceeding 6% anticipation loan notes. Dated Sept. 10 1930. Due Sept. 10 1931. Interest rate must be in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Legal opinion furnished by Reed, Hoyt & Washburn, of New York. A certified check for 2% of the notes, payable to the County, must accompany the bid.

FORSYTH COUNTY (P. O. Winston Salem), N. C.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 noon on Sept. 2, by J. M. Lentz, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, for the purchase of a \$30,000 issue of bond anticipation loan notes. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%, stated in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Dated Sept. 2 1930. Due on Sept. 10 1931. The approving opinion of Reed, Hoyt & Washburn, of New York City, will be furnished. A certified check for 2% par of the notes, payable to the County, must accompany the bid.

FOUNTAIN COUNTY (P. O. Covington), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$70,000 issue of 4 1/2% coupon road improvement bonds offered for sale on Aug. 25—V. 131, p. 975—was purchased by the Fletcher-American Co. of Indianapolis, for a premium of \$1,216.85, equal to 101.738, a basis of about 4.31%. Due semi-annually from July 15 1931 to Jan. 15 1941, incl. The other bids were as follows:

Bidder— Table with columns: Bidder, Premium. Includes Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. (\$1,168.00), Inland Investment Co. (1,127.50), City Securities Corp. (1,040.00), Kent, Grace & Co. (775.00)

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Fred L. Donnally, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, until 10 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Sept. 12, for the purchase of \$103,956 5% sewer district and water bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000 and one for \$956. Due \$4,956 on April and \$5,000 on Oct. 1 1932; \$5,000 on April and Oct. 1 1933 to 1936 and \$4,000 on April and \$5,000 on Oct. 1 1937 to 1942, incl. Bids may be for a different rate of interest in multiples of 1/4 of 1%. Principal and interest payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Bonds issued under authority of Section 6602-4 and 6602-20 of the General Code. A certified check for 1% of the bonds, payable to the County Commissioners, must accompany the bid.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of bonds aggregating \$418,909, offered on Aug. 23 (V. 131, p. 975), were jointly purchased by Mitchell, Herrick & Co. of Cleveland and Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo as 4 1/4s, paying a premium of \$1,763, equal to 100.42, a basis of about 4.18%. The issues are described as follows:

\$363,416 sewer and water mains improvement bonds. Due semi-annually from April 1 1932 to Oct. 1 1942, inclusive. 55,493 sewer and water mains improvement bonds. Due semi-annually from April 1 1932 to Oct. 1 1940, inclusive.

The following bids were received (all for 4 1/4s, and incl. accrued int.): Bidder— Table with columns: Bidder, Premium. Includes BancOhio Securities Co., Columbus, and Braun, Bosworth & Co., Toledo (\$919.60), Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati (838.00), Mitchell, Herrick & Co., Cleveland, and Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Toledo (successful bid) (1,763.00), Otis & Co., Cleveland (964.00), Guaranty Co. of New York, Chicago, and Foreman-State Corp. (1,633.75)

FREEMONT, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$70,000 coupon or registered fire house bonds offered on Aug. 27—V. 131, p. 1131—were awarded to Phelps, Penn & Co. of New York as 4 1/4% bonds, at a price of 100.13, a basis of 4.22%. The bond are dated Aug. 1 1930 and mature on Aug. 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1931 to 1940, incl. and \$4,000 from 1941 to 1950, incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (F. & A.) payable at the First National Bank & Trust Co., Freeport.

BONDS OFFERED TO PUBLIC.—The successful bidder is now offering the above bonds for general investment at prices to yield from 4.00 to 4.15%, according to maturity.

GAINESVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Manassas), Prince William County, Va.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$40,000 issue of 5% coupon school building bonds offered on July 23 (V. 131, p. 510) was not old as all the bids received were rejected.

GALVESTON COUNTY (P. O. Galveston), Texas.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Sept. 16 at 11 a.m. by I. Predecki, County Auditor, for the purchase of \$55,000 5% hospital bonds. Dated May 15 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and semi-annual int. (M. & N.) payable at the National City Bank, New York, or at the County Treasurer's office. Legal opinion to be furnished by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York. A certified or cashier's check for \$1,000 must accompany the bid.

GEAUGA COUNTY (P. O. Chardon), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of coupon bonds, aggregating \$40,394.99, offered for sale on Aug. 25—V. 131, p. 1131—were purchased by W. L. Slayton & Co., Inc. of Toledo, as 4 1/2s, for a premium of \$248, equal to 100.61, a basis of about 4.40%. The issues are divided as follows: \$22,002.55 road improvement bonds. Due from Sept. 1 1931 to 1940, incl. \$18,392.44 road improvement bonds. Due from Sept. 1 1931 to 1940, incl. The other bids were as follows:

Names of Other Bidders— Price Bid. Table with columns: Bidder, Price Bid. Includes Davis Bertram Co., 4 1/2s (\$70,000) (\$8,000 premium), Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., 4 1/2s (34.15 premium), Seasongood & Mayer, 4 1/2s (62.00 premium), Guardian Trust Co., Cleveland, 4 1/2s (53.00 premium), Mitchell-Herrick & Co., 4 1/2s (139.00 premium)

GENESEEE COUNTY (P. O. Flint), Mich.—BOND SALE.—Three issues of 6% semi-ann. bonds aggregating \$31,250 were awarded recently as follows:

\$8,750 Pine Run and Tryon Drainage District bonds to Braun, Bosworth & Co. of Toledo for a premium of \$87.50, equal to 101.00, a basis of about 5.77%. Dated July 15 1930. Due \$1,250 from April 15 1932 to 1938, incl. 9,900 Grand Blanc Drain bonds to local investors. Due \$1,100 from April 15 1932 to 1940 incl. 12,600 Grand Blanc Extension Drainage District bonds to local investors. Due \$1,400 from April 15 1932 to 1940 incl.

GRANT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17 (P. O. Silver City), N. Mex.—BOND SALE.—A \$17,000 issue of 5% semi-annual school bonds is reported to have recently been purchased at par by the State of New Mexico, Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 1 1930. Due as follows: \$1,000, 1931 to 1933, and \$2,000, 1934 to 1940, all inclusive.

GRAYSON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Modesto), Stanislaus County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$21,000 issue of 5% coupon school building bonds re-offered for sale on Aug. 20—V. 131, p. 1291—was purchased by Wm. Cavalier & Co. of San Francisco, for a premium of \$617, equal to 102.938, a basis of about 4.53%. Due from 1931 to 1944 incl. The other bids were as follows:

Bidder— Premium. Table with columns: Bidder, Premium. Includes Dean Witter & Co. (\$476.00), G. W. Bond & Son (222.50), Modesto Trust & Savings Bank (222.50), Smith, Camp & Co. (106.00)

GREECE (P. O. Rochester), Monroe County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Wilbur C. Deming, Town Clerk, until Sept. 2 at 8 p.m. for the purchase of \$17,000 coupon or registered Eddystone road water district extension No. 3 bonds. Rate of interest to be named by bidders. Dated Sept. 1 1930. Due April 1 1931 to 1947 incl. Interest rate to be a multiple of 1/4 of 1% and must be the same for all bonds. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable in gold at the Union Trust Co., Rochester, in New York exchange. Legal opinion furnished by Reed, Hoyt & Washburn of New York. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Town, must accompany the bid.

GREECE (P. O. Rochester), Monroe County, N. Y.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The \$25,000 issue of 5 1/2% coupon street improvement bonds that was sold on Aug. 14 to the Union Trust Co. of Rochester at a price of 100.629 (V. 131, p. 1291), is dated April 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due from April 1 1931 to 1939, incl. Int. payable on April and Oct. 1. Basis of about 5.10%.

GREENE COUNTY (P. O. Bloomfield), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Henry Rollison, County Treasurer, until 2 p.m. on Sept. 2 for the purchase of \$10,000 4 1/2% road bonds. Dated Aug. 15 1930. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 on July 15 1931 and Jan. and July 15 1932 to Jan. 15 1941.

GREENPORT (P. O. Hudson), Columbia County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Sept. 3 at 7 p.m. (Eastern standard time) by F. B. Harrington, Town Supervisor, at George C. Inman's office, 12 South Fourth Street, Hudson, for the purchase of \$39,000 Water Dist. No. 1 coupon or registered bonds. Interest rate not to exceed 6%, payable March and Sept. 1. Dated Sept. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$3,000 from Sept. 1 1931 to 1943, incl. Rate of interest to be in a multiple of 1-20th of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. Principal and interest payable in gold or its equivalent at the Farmers' National Bank, Hudson, in New York exchange. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York will be furnished. Enclose a certified check for \$500, payable to the Supervisor.

GREENVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Greenville), Greenville County, S. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$204,000 issue of coupon school bonds offered for sale on Aug. 26—V. 131, p. 1291—was purchased by Eldridge & Co. of New York, as 4 1/2s, for a premium of \$732, equal to 100.35, a basis of about 4.44%. Dated Sept. 1 1930. Due from Sept. 1 1931 to 1942 incl.

GROSSE POINTE PARK (P. O. Detroit), Wayne County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—At a special election held on Aug. 25 the voters approved a \$490,000 bond issue to purchase a park site by a count of 1,153 "favoring" to 598 "opposed," giving a margin of 83 votes over the required 60% majority.

GRUNDY COUNTY (P. O. Grundy Center), Iowa.—MATURITY.—The \$60,000 issue of annual refunding bonds that was purchased by the White-Phillips Co. of Davenport as 4 1/4s at a price of 100.09 (V. 131, p. 1291) is due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1931 to 1933; \$2,000, 1934 to 1939; \$3,000, 1940 to 1946; \$5,000, 1947 to 1949, and \$9,000 in 1950, giving a basis of about 4.24%.

HADDON HEIGHTS, Camden County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p.m. (daylight saving time) on Sept. 9 by Frank W. Du Bree, Borough Clerk, for the purchase of \$68,500 4 1/4% or 4 1/2% coupon or registered sewerage disposal plant bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000 and one for \$500. Due \$2,500 in 1932 and \$3,000 from 1933 to 1954. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the Guaranty Trust Co., New York or at the Haddon Heights Bank & Trust Co., Haddon Heights, in gold coin. It is required that the above sum be raised and the bonds will be sold to the bidder offering to pay not less than said sum and to take therefor the last amount of bonds commencing with the first maturity, and if two or more bidders offer to take the same amount of bonds then to the bidder offering the highest additional amount of less than \$1,000. Legal opinion to be furnished by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid for, payable to Frank W. Du Bree, Borough Collector and Treasurer, must accompany the bid.

HAMILTON, Butler County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT AWARDED.—The \$68,000 issue of 5% coupon sewer improvement bonds offered on August 26—V. 131, p. 667—was not definitely sold as the award will not be made by the City Council until Sept. 3. The two highest bids received were as follows: First Detroit Co. of Detroit offered 100.93 for 4 1/2s and Seasongood & Mayer offered 100.80 on the same rate.

HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Noblesville), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,200 4 1/2% Herbert G. Wheeler et al., Washington Township coupon road improvement bonds that were offered on Aug. 25 (V. 131, p. 1291) were awarded to the Inland Investment Co. of Indianapolis for a \$2.20 premium, equal to 100.10, a basis of about 4.48%. Bonds are dated Aug. 15 1930 and mature semi-annually from July 15 1931 to Jan. 15 1941. The unsuccessful bidders are as follows:

Bidders— Premium. Table with columns: Bidder, Premium. Includes Fletcher-American National Bank of Indianapolis (\$2.15), City Securities Corp. of Indianapolis (1.00)

HAMTRAMCK, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$17,425.21 5% refunding bonds offered on July 22 (V. 131, p. 511) were awarded to the First Detroit Co. of Detroit at par plus a premium of \$3.00, equal to 100.0001, a basis of about 4.995%. The bonds are dated June 2 1930 and mature on June 2 as follows: \$1,425.21 in 1931; \$1,500 from 1932 to 1935, incl., and \$2,000 from 1936 to 1940, incl.

HAMTRAMCK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hamtramck), Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Secretary of the Board of Education until Sept. 15, at 9 p. m., according to report, for the purchase of \$329,000 school building bonds.

HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. Findley), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$21,800 issue of coupon road bonds offered for sale on Aug. 28—V. 131, p. 1132—was sold to the Ohio Savings Bank of Findlay, as 4 1/4%, for a premium of \$237.50, equal to 101.089, a basis of about 4.30%. Due from 1933 to 1940, incl. The bidders and bids are officially listed as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Name of Bidder, Rate, Premium. Includes BancoOhio Securities Co., The Guardian Trust Co., etc.

HARNEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 30 (P. O. Burns), Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 issue of 6% semi-annual school bonds offered for sale on August 25—V. 131, p. 1291—was purchased by C. W. McNear & Co., of Chicago. Due from Jan. 1 1932 to 1950, incl.

HAVERHILL, Essex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 4% coupon semi-ann. bonds aggregating \$200,000 offered for sale on Aug. 26—V. 131, p. 1291—were purchased by Estabrook & Co., of Boston, at a price of 101.02, a basis of about 3.70%. The issues are divided as follows:

\$150,000 macadam bonds. Due from Aug. 1 1931 to 1935, incl.
\$50,000 water main bonds. Due from Aug. 1 1931 to 1940, incl.

Table listing other bidders for Haverhill bonds: Harris, Forbes & Co., First National Old Colony Corp, etc.

HICKSVILLE WATER DISTRICT (P. O. Hicksville), Oyster Bay & Hempstead, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by August 30, Deppisch, Treasurer, Board of Water Commissioners, until 8.30 p. m. Sept. 3 for the purchase of \$92,000 coupon or registered water bonds. Interest rate not to exceed 6% and to be in multiples of 1/4 or 1-10 of 1%. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable in gold at the Bank of Hicksville, or at the Chemical Bank & Trust Co., New York. Due Sept. 15 as follows: \$6,000 from 1935 to 1948 and \$8,000 in 1949. Legal opinion will be furnished by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, must accompany the bid.

HIGHLAND UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Highland Falls), Orange County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—We are informed that a \$275,000 issue of school bonds has been purchased by an undisclosed investor. (A similar issue of bonds was voted in Sept. 1928.)

HOT SPRINGS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17 (P. O. Thermopolia), Wyo.—BOND SALE.—The \$110,000 issue of coupon refunding school bonds offered for sale on Aug. 16—V. 131, p. 976—was purchased by the U. S. National Co., of Denver, as 5s, at a price of 100.6267, a basis of about 4.90%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Aug. 1 1930. Due from July 1 1931 to 1946, incl. Optional after Aug. 1 1940. Interest payable on Jan. and July 1.

HUNTINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Huntington), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 issue of 5% coupon highway improvement bonds offered on Aug. 23—V. 131, p. 976—was purchased by the Fletcher Savings and Trust Co., of Indianapolis, for a premium of \$393.70, equal to 103.937, a basis of about 4.22%. Due semi-annually from July 15 1931 to Jan. 15 1941, incl.

Table listing bidders for Huntington bonds: Inland Investment Co., Fletcher American Co., etc.

ISLIP (P. O. Babylon) Nassau County, N. Y.—NOTE SALE.—We are informed by the Town Clerk that four issues aggregating \$65,000 in 4% notes were recently purchased at par by a group composed of First National Bank and Trust Co., Bayshore; Southside Bank, Bayshore; Oysterman's National Bank, Sayville, and W. O. Gay & Co. of New York. Due in 4 months.

JACKSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 94 (P. O. Ashland), Ore.—PRICE PAID.—We are now informed that the \$20,000 issue of coupon school bonds that was purchased by the State of Oregon, as 5 1/2s, was awarded at a price of 100.625, a basis of about 5.32%, and not at par as reported in V. 131, p. 976. Due from July 1 1931 to 1937, incl.

JAMESTOWN, Chautauqua County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$22,000 registered semi-annual fire department bonds offered on Aug. 22—V. 131, p. 1132—were awarded to F. S. Moseley & Co., of New York, as 4 1/4% bonds at a price of 100.236, a basis of about 4.20%. Dated Sept. 1 1930. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$2,000. Due \$2,200 annually from 1931 to 1940 inclusive.

KALAMAZOO SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Kalamazoo), Kalamazoo County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$455,000 issue of school bonds offered on Aug. 25—V. 131, p. 1292—was purchased by the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, as 4 1/4s, at a price of 100.738, a basis of about 4.10%. Dated Sept. 15 1930. Due from Sept. 15 1931 to 1939.

BANKERS OFFER BONDS.—The above bonds are now being offered by the purchasers for public investment at prices to yield from 3.00% to 4.00% according to maturity. They are reported to be direct general obligations of the entire school district, which includes the entire city of Kalamazoo.

Table listing bidders for Kalamazoo bonds with columns for Bidder, Rate, and Premium.

Table listing split bids for Kalamazoo bonds with columns for Bidder, Amount, Rate, and Premium.

KEATING TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Smethport), McKean County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—A \$45,000 issue of 4 1/4% semi-ann. school bonds was purchased recently by E. H. Rollins & Sons of Philadelphia for a premium of \$2.70, equal to 100.60, a basis of about 4.44%. Due \$2,000 from 1932 to 1953 and \$1,000 in 1954.

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY (P. O. Warsaw), Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$3,613 issue of 6% semi-ann. ditch repair bonds offered on Aug. 2—V. 131, p. 511—was not sold as there were no bids received. Due \$361.30 from July 15 1931 to 1940, incl.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Painesville), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$13,773.17 issue of road bonds offered for sale on August 25—V. 131, p. 1132—was purchased by the BancoOhio Securities Corp., of Columbus, as 4 1/4s, paying a premium of \$13, equal to 100.09, a basis of about 4.45%. Due semi-annually from April 1 1931 to Oct. 1 1934.

LANE COUNTY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Lowell), Ore.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$35,500 issue of coupon semi-annual school warrants that was purchased by the State Treasurer, as 5 1/4s—V. 131, p. 1132—was awarded at par. The only other bid received was an offer of 100.51 on its tendered by Blyth & Co. of Portland.

LANE COUNTY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Florence), Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$18,500 issue of 5 1/4% coupon semi-ann. school bonds offered for sale on Aug. 20—V. 131, p. 1132—was purchased by the State of Oregon at a price of 103.065, a basis of about 4.77%. Due from Aug. 1 1935 to 1944, incl. The other bids were as follows:

Table listing bidders for Lane County School District No. 10 bonds.

LAVERNIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Laveria), Wilson County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 issue of 5% serial school bonds that was registered on July 19—V. 131, p. 822—has been purchased at par by the State Board of Education.

LAWRENCE, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Edward R. Jeal, Village Clerk, until Sept. 8 at 8.15 p. m. (Daylight saving time), for the purchase of \$120,000 4 1/4, 4 1/2 or 4 3/4% coupon or registered park impt. bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$4,000 from 1934 to 1948 and \$5,000 from 1949 to 1960. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the Guaranty Trust Co., New York, in gold or its equivalent. Legal opinion to be furnished by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid for must accompany the bid.

LEOMINSTER, Worcester County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The \$100,000 temporary loan offered on Aug. 26—V. 131, p. 1292—was awarded to the Shawmut Corp. of Boston at 2.18% discount. Dated Aug. 27 1930. Payable on March 16, 1931.

Table listing bidders and their bids for Leominster temporary loan.

LIMA, Livingston County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—A \$3,000 issue of 5% paving bonds is reported to have recently been purchased at par by the Bank of Lima. Due \$1,000 from April 1 1931 to 1933, incl. usive.

LITTLE MACKINAW TOWNSHIP (P. O. Minier), Tazewell County, Ill.—MATURITY.—The \$67,000 issue of 5% coupon gravel road bonds that was purchased by the Mississippi Valley Co. of St. Louis, at 100.42—V. 131, p. 1132—is due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1932; \$7,000, 1933; \$8,000, 1934 and 1935; \$9,000, 1936 to 1938; \$10,000, 1939 and 1940, and \$11,000 in 1941, giving a basis of about 4.93%.

LIVONIA TWP. (P. O. Detroit), Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by John Harlan, Township Clerk, until 8 p. m. on Sept. 4, for the purchase of \$10,000 not exceeding 6% special assessment water district No. 1 bonds. Dated Sept. 15 1930. Due March 15 1932 to 1936, incl. A certified check for \$500 must accompany the bid.

LOS ANGELES, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE POSTPONED.—A \$556,335 issue of 4 1/4% refunding bonds was scheduled for sale on Aug. 26, but was not awarded due to an error in the advertising for bids. The sale is said to have been postponed until sometime in September.

LOWELL, Lake County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$8,519.26 6% street impt. bonds that were offered on July 7—V. 130, p. 4101—were awarded to the Farmers & Merchants Savings Bank of Highland. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Due Dec. 1 1930 to 1934.

LUCAS COUNTY (P. O. Toledo), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Adelaide E. Schmitt, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Sept. 18 for the purchase of \$63,550 5% highway impt. bonds. Dated Sept. 2 1930. Denom. \$1,000 and one for \$550. Due semi-annually from June 2 and Dec. 2 1931 to 1940, incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check for not less than 1% of the amount of the bonds must accompany the bid.

LYON COUNTY (P. O. Rock Rapids), Iowa.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At a special election held on August 20 the voters defeated a proposal to issue \$1,500,000 in not to exceed 5% primary road bonds by a count of 856 "against" to 792 "for."

MAHONING COUNTY (P. O. Youngstown), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The seven issues of road impt. bonds aggregating \$197,727 that were offered on Aug. 25—V. 131, p. 977—were awarded as 4 1/4s to W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo, at par plus a premium of \$781, equal to 100.44, a basis of about 4.14%. The seven issues are described as follows:

- \$106,382 road impt. bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1929. One bond for \$382, all others for \$1,000. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$10,382 in 1931; \$11,000 in 1932; \$10,000 in 1933; \$11,000 in 1934 and 1935; \$10,000 in 1936; \$11,000 in 1937 and 1938; \$10,000 in 1939 and \$11,000 in 1940.
30,200 road impt. bonds. Dated April 1 1930. One bond for \$200, all others for \$1,000. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,200 in 1930, \$3,000 from 1931 to 1939, incl. Dated Oct. 1 1929.
22,420 road impt. bonds. One bond for \$420, all others for \$1,000. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,420 in 1930; \$2,000 from 1931 to 1933, incl.; \$3,000 in 1934; \$2,000 from 1935 to 1937, incl.; \$3,000 in 1938 and \$2,000 in 1939. Dated Feb. 1 1930.
22,000 road impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1931 to 1934, incl.; \$3,000 in 1935; \$2,000 from 1936 to 1939, incl. and \$3,000 in 1940.
9,900 road impt. bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1929. One bond for \$900, all others for \$1,000. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,900 in 1931 and \$2,000 from 1932 to 1935, incl.
6,825 road impt. bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1929. One bond for \$825, all others for \$1,000. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,825 in 1931; \$1,000 in 1932; \$2,000 in 1933 and \$1,000 in 1934 and 1935.

Table listing bidders for Mahoning County bonds with columns for Bidder, Rate, and Premium.

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The above bids are based on a 4 1/4% rate of interest.
x Bonds were awarded to W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

**MADISON COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Canton), Miss.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed and auction bids will be received until 11 a. m. on Sept. 2 by Aurie Sutherland, Clerk Board of Supervisors, for the purchase of \$40,000, not exceeding 6% road bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1930. Due \$1,000 from 1931 to 1935; \$2,000 from 1936 to 1945 and \$1,500 from 1946 to 1955, incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (February and August) payable at the office of County Treasurer.

**MAHASKA COUNTY (P. O. Oskaloosa), Iowa.—BIDDERS.**—The following is a list of the other bids received (all for 4½% on August 20, for the \$100,000 coupon or registered primary road bonds that were awarded to Geo. M. Bechtel & Co., of Davenport, as 4½%, at 100.547, a basis of about 4.39%.—V. 131, p. 1293;

Carleton D. Beh Co., Des Moines		Premium
Glaspell, Veith & Duncan, Davenport		\$545
Fidelity Savings Bank of Marshalltown		540
White-Phillips Co., Davenport		325

**MAINE, State of (P. O. Augusta).—BOND SALE.**—The two issues of 4% coupon semi-ann. bonds aggregating \$2,200,000 were awarded on Aug. 26—V. 131, p. 1293—to Eldredge & Co. of Boston as follows:  
\$1,500,000 highway and bridge bonds at a price of 100.77, a basis of about 3.92% Due from Sept. 1 1936 to 1950 incl.  
700,000 Waldo-Hancock bridge bonds at 100.77, a basis of about 3.93% Due from 1941 to 1960 and redeemable after 15 years.

**BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.**—The above bonds are now being offered for public subscription by the purchaser priced to yield 3.85% for all maturities. They are reported to be legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York and the New England States. The following is a complete official list of the bids received:

Bidder	Highway.	Bridge.
*Eldredge & Co., Boston	100.77	100.77
National City Co., Atlantic Corp., First Nat'l Old Colony Corp., all of Boston and Timberlake & Estes Co., Portland	100.5037	100.65275
Chase Securities Corp., L. F. Rothschild & Co. and F. S. Moseley & Co., all of Boston	100.527	100.647
Brown Bros. & Co., Kean, Taylor & Co. and H. L. Allen & Co., all of New York	100.34	100.34
Guaranty Co., New York; Bankers Co. of New York, and Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Boston	100.31	100.31
Graham, Parsons & Co., Boston; E. H. Rollins & Sons, Boston; Roosevelt & Son, New York; Arthur Perry & Co., Inc., Boston, and Chas. H. Gilman & Co., Portland	100.31	(for all) 100.31
Fidelity Ireland Corp., Portland; First Nat'l Bank of New York; Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, New York; R. W. Pressprich & Co., New York, and First Detroit Co., Inc., New York	100.28	100.34
Estabrook & Co., Boston; R. L. Day, Boston	100.28	100.319
Harris, Forbes & Co., Inc., Boston; Merrill Securities Co., Bangor; Eastern Trust & Banking Co., Bangor	100.03	100.03

**MALDEN, Middlesex County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by Walter E. Milliken, City Treasurer, until Sept. 4 at 7.30 p. m. (Daylight saving time), for the purchase at a discount of \$400,000 temporary loan. Dated Sept. 5 1930. Denoms. \$50,000, \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000. Due on Jan. 26 1931. The notes will be certified as to genuineness by the First National Bank, Boston, and will be payable at the said bank. Legal opinion furnished by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

**BOND OFFERING.**—The City Treasurer also will receive sealed bids until Sept. 4 at 7.30 p. m. (Daylight saving time), for the purchase of \$35,000 4% coupon sidewalk bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due from Aug. 1 1931 to 1935 incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the First National Bank, Boston, under whose supervision the bonds will be engraved. Legal opinion furnished by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

*Financial Statement Aug. 1 1930.*

Net valuation for year 1930	\$70,512,520.00
Debt limit 2½% average valuation three preceding years	1,762,813.01
Total gross debt, including this issue	2,960,000.00
Exempted debt: Water bonds	\$32,000.00
Other bonds	1,241,000.00
Debt inside limit	\$1,273,000.00
Borrowing capacity still available	1,687,000.00
Population, 57,622.	

**MALIN, Klamath County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids, for the purchase of \$25,000 6% coupon water bonds, will be received until 8 p. m. Sept. 2 by C. R. Beardsley, City Recorder. Dated Sept. 1 1930. Denom. \$500. Due Sept. 1 1950. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the office of City Treasurer.

**MAMARONECK, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by James M. Smith, Village Clerk, until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) on Sept. 2, for the purchase of \$65,000 coupon or registered sewer bonds. Interest rate not to exceed 5%, payable June and December. Dated June 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due June 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1931 to 1960, and \$1,000 from 1961 to 1965. Rate of interest to be in a multiple of ¼ of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. Principal and interest payable in gold or its equivalent at the Guaranty Trust Co., New York. Legal opinion furnished by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York. A certified check for \$1,000 must accompany the bid.

**MAPLE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Brown City), Sanilac County, Mich.—BOND SALE.**—We are now informed that the \$16,000 issue of school bonds offered for sale on June 15—V. 130, p. 4101—was purchased by the Guardian Detroit Co. of Detroit, for a premium of \$41, equal to 100.25. Due \$2,000 from July 1 1931 to 1938 incl.

**MARGATE CITY, Atlantic County, N. J.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—The two issues of 5% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$119,000, offered on Aug. 21—V. 131, p. 1133—were not sold as no bids were received. The issues are:  
\$94,000 city imp't. bonds. Due from Aug. 1 1931 to 1957.  
25,000 waterworks bonds. Due from Aug. 1 1931 to 1955.  
These bonds will probably be disposed of at private sale.

**MARQUETTE, Clayton County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.**—A \$10,000 issue of 4¼% registered water works extension bonds was purchased on Aug. 18 by the White-Phillips Co. of Davenport, for a premium of \$62.50, equal to 100.625, a basis of about 4.58%. Denoms. \$500 and \$1,000. Due from 1933 to 1950 incl. Interest payable on May and Nov. 1.

**MARSHALL COUNTY (P. O. Plymouth), Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The two issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$14,200, offered on Aug. 21—V. 131, p. 1133—were purchased by the Inland Investment Co. of Indianapolis, as follows:  
\$7,200 John Eckert et al., highway improvement bonds, for a premium of \$276.50, equal to 103.84, a basis of about 4.20%. Due from July 15 1931 to Jan. 15 1941.  
7,000 Jesse Senff et al., highway improvement bonds for a premium of \$268, equal to 103.828, a basis of about 4.21%. Due from July 15 1931 to Jan. 15 1941.  
An additional issue of \$4,400 5% gravel road bonds was also purchased by the above bidder for a premium of \$164.75, equal to 103.744.

The following is a list of the bids received:			
Bidder	\$7,200	\$7,000	\$4,400
Fletcher American Co., Indianapolis	\$126.80	\$122.20	\$69.00
Fletcher Sav. & Trust Co., Indianapolis	273.00	266.00	142.00
Inland Investment Co., Indianapolis	276.50	268.00	164.75
City Securities Corp., Indianapolis	258.00	237.00	157.00
First National Bank, Plymouth		230.00	

**MARTIN COUNTY (P. O. Shoals), Ind.—**The \$5,000 4½% F. C. Haines et al., Center Township semi-ann. road construction bonds offered on Aug. 25—V. 131, p. 1133—were awarded to local banks, paying a premium of \$85, equal to 101.70, a basis of 4.15%. Dated Aug. 15 1930 and mature as follows: \$2,000, on July 15 1931; \$250 on Jan. & July 15 from 1932 to 1940 incl., and \$250 on Jan. 15 1941.

**MASON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mason), Mason County, Tex.—BOND DETAILS.**—The \$20,000 issue of 5%

coupon school addition bonds that was reported sold—V. 131, p. 1133—was awarded at par to the State Board of Education. Dated May 1 1930. Due \$1,000 from May 1 1930 to 1949, inclusive.

**MIAMI COUNTY (P. O. Peru), Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The \$7,700 4¼% Stephen Tudor et al., Butler Township semi-ann. coupon gravel road construction bonds that were offered on Aug. 27—V. 131, p. 1133—were awarded to Inland Investment Co. of Indianapolis for a premium of \$129, equal to 101.675, a basis of 4.16%. Dated Aug. 15 1930. Due semi-ann. from July 15 1931 to Jan. 15 1941. The unsuccessful bidders are as follows:

Bidders—	Premium.
Tri State National Bank	\$126.40
Fletcher American Co.	127.70
Fletcher Savings & Trust Co.	108.70
First National Bank, Converse	120.00
Citizens National Bank, Peru	102.80
Wabash Valley Trust, Peru	106.00

**MILACA, Mille Lacs County, Minn.—WARRANT OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Sept. 2, by George R. Peterson, Village Recorder, for the purchase of \$2,000 6% sewer warrants. Dated Sept. 1 1930. Denom. \$200. Due Jan. 1 1932 to 1941.

**MILLE LACS COUNTY (P. O. Milaca), Minn.—PRICE PAID.**—The \$9,500 issue of semi-annual ditch bonds that was purchased by the First Securities Co., of St. Paul, as 4¼s—V. 131, p. 1133—was awarded at par. Due in from 6 to 20 years.

**MINOT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Minot), Ward County, N. Dak.—BOND SALE.**—The \$96,000 issue of coupon semi-ann. school bonds originally scheduled for sale on Aug. 18—V. 131, p. 822—was postponed until Aug. 20 and then awarded to H. M. Byllesby & Co. of Chicago, as 4¼s, at par. Due serially in 20 years. The following were the other bidders: Taylor, Wilson & Co., Cincinnati; Paine-Webber & Co., Minneapolis; W. W. Brewer & Co., Minneapolis; Wells, Dickey & Co., Minneapolis; First Securities Corp., Minneapolis, and First National Bank & Trust Co. in Minot.

**MISSISSIPPI, State of (P. O. Jackson).—NOTE OFFERING.**—We are officially informed that bids will be received by Governor Theo G. Bilbo at 12 m. on Sept. 15, for the purchase of \$500,000, not exceeding 6%, short-term notes. Dated Sept. 15 1930. Denom. \$5,000. Due on March 15 1931. Payable at the State Treasurer's office or at the National City Bank in New York. Chapter 123 of the Laws of 1930 provides that the Governor may accept sealed bids for said notes and he may reject any and all bids if not satisfactory, and may sell said notes at private sale at a price not less than the price offered at public sale. Bids may be made for all or any part of the notes. The notes will be sold to purchaser offering the lowest rate of interest as represented by premium. No split rate bids will be entertained. A certified check for 5% of the bid is required.

**MOBILE COUNTY (P. O. Mobile), Ala.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by E. C. Doody, Clerk of the Board of Revenue and Road Commissioners, until 10.30 a. m. on Sept. 15, for the purchase of a \$65,000 issue of road and bridge bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 5%, payable semi-annually. Bids are requested at different rates of interest and the bonds will be sold to the bidder whose bid will result in the lowest net interest cost to the County, said bonds will be sold at not less than 95% of their face value and with maximum interest at 5%. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Dated June 1 1930. Due on June 1, as follows: \$1,500, 1933 to 1938; \$2,500, 1939 to 1945, and \$3,000 in 1950 and 1960. The approving opinion of Chapman & Cutler, of Chicago, will be furnished. Purchaser is to furnish the blank bonds. A certified check for \$1,000 must accompany the bid. (These are the bonds that were previously offered on July 21—V. 130, p. 4646.)

**MORGAN CITY, St. Mary Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by Mayor M. E. Norman until 7 p. m. on Sept. 10 for the purchase of \$175,000 6% municipal water, electric light and power system. Denom. \$500. Due Oct. 1 from 1931 to 1945. Interest payable (A. & C.).

Official statement says:  
"The payment of said bond issue, prin. and int., being secured exclusively by mortgage on the lands, buildings, machinery and equipment, and by pledge of the income and revenues of the water, electric light and power plant and system, owned by said municipal corporation, for the extension and improvement of which said bonds, so secured, are issued under the authority of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana, particularly Article 14, Section 14, Paragraph (m) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana for the year 1921, Act 80 of the Extra Session of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana for the year 1921, and authorized by the vote of the majority of the duly qualified resident electors of said municipal corporation voting at a special election called and held for the purpose, on July 8 1930, pursuant to a resolution of the governing authority, of said municipal corporation calling said election, adopted June 5 1930."

A certified check for 10% of the bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, must accompany the bid.

**MORRISTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Morristown) Hamblen County, Tenn.—BOND DESCRIPTION.**—The \$30,000 issue of school bonds that was sold to Caldwell & Co. of Nashville—V. 131, p. 1134—was further described as follows: 5¼% coupon bonds dated June 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due on June 1 1960. Interest payable on June and Dec. 1. Awarded for a premium of \$500, equal to 101.666, a basis of about 5.38%.

**MOUNT PLEASANT, Westmoreland County, Pa.—BOND SALE.**—The \$20,000 issue of 4¼% semi-annual funding and improvement bonds offered for sale on July 7—V. 131, p. 150—was purchased by Prescott Lyon & Co., of Pittsburgh, for a premium of \$180.80, equal to 100.90, a basis of about 4.35%. Dated June 1 1930. Due in 1931, 1936, 1938 and 1941.

**MULTNOMAH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Portland) Ore.—BOND OFFERING.**—E. T. Stretcher, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Sept. 22, for the purchase of \$500,000, not exceeding 6%, school, series "E" bonds. Dated Oct. 15 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Oct. 15, as follows: \$28,000 from 1933 to 1949, and \$24,000 in 1950. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the State's fiscal agency in New York or at the office of the County Treasurer. The Clerk will furnish the required bidding forms. The legal approval of Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston will be approved. No bids for less than par and accrued interest will be considered. Delivery to be at County Treasurer's office or at some Portland bank. A certified check for 5% of the bid, payable to the District Clerk, is required. (These bonds were authorized on June 19 1926.)

**MUNCIE, Delaware County, Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The \$43,500 issue of 4¼% semi-ann. funding bonds offered for sale on Aug. 26—V. 131, p. 1294—was purchased by the Delaware County National Bank of Muncie for a premium of \$800, equal to 101.83, a basis of about 4.08%. Due from Aug. 26 1931 to 1939 incl.

**NEW BOSTON, Scioto County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The two issues of coupon bonds aggregating \$45,000 offered for sale on August 11—V. 131, p. 669—were purchased by the First National Bank of Portsmouth, as 4¼s, at par. The issues are divided as follows:  
\$30,000 pumping station bonds. Due from Sept. 1 1931 to 1955, incl.  
15,000 bridge bonds. Due \$1,000 from Sept. 1 1931 to 1945, incl.  
The following is an official list of the other bids (all condition):

Name of Bidder	Address	Int.	330,000 Issue—Premium.
Seasongood & Mayer	Cincinnati, O.	4¼%	\$40.00
Well, Roth & Irving	Cincinnati, O.	4¼%	14.00
Breed, Elliott & Harrison	Cincinnati, O.	4¼%	1.00
W. L. Slayton & Co.	Toledo, O.	4¼%	1.00½
The First National Bank	Portsmouth, O.	4¼%	None.
The Davies-Bertram Co.	Cincinnati, O.	4¼%	None.
The Hanchett Bond Co.	Chicago, Ill.	4¼%	284.66 2-3
The Prov. Saving Bk. & Trust Co.	Cincinnati, O.	4¼%	264.00
Ryan, Sutherland & Co.	Toledo, O.	4¼%	264.00
			\$15,000 Issue—
Seasongood & Mayer	Cincinnati, O.	4¼%	\$20.00
The First National Bank	Portsmouth, O.	4¼%	None.
The Hanchett Bond Co.	Chicago, Ill.	4¼%	142.33 1-3
The Prov. Saving Bk. & Trust Co.	Cincinnati, O.	4¼%	133.50
Ryan, Sutherland & Co.	Toledo, O.	4¼%	123.00
The Davies-Bertram Co.	Cincinnati, O.	4¼%	1.00
W. L. Slayton & Co.	Toledo, O.	4¼%	172.00
Breed, Elliott & Harrison	Cincinnati, O.	4¼%	9.00
Well, Roth & Irving	Cincinnati, O.	4¼%	11.00

**NASHUA, Hillsborough County, N. H.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—Sealed bids were received until 10 a. m. on Aug. 29 by the City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$50,000 temporary loan. Dated Sept. 2 1930. Due on Feb. 26 1931.

**NEEDHAM, Norfolk County, Mass.—BOND SALE.**—The two issues of 4% coupon bonds aggregating \$155,000 offered for sale on Aug. 27—V. 131, p. 1294—were purchased by P. S. Moseley & Co. of Boston, at a price of 101.71, a basis of about 3.75%. The issues are divided as follows: \$90,000 fire and police station bonds. Due from Sept. 1 1931 to 1945 incl. \$65,000 school bonds. Due from Sept. 1 1931 to 1945 incl. Other bidders were as follows: R. L. Day & Co., 101.69; Harris, Forbes & Co., 101.69; Needham Trust Co., 101.66; Curtis & Sanger, 101.44; Estabrook & Co., 101.44; Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc., 101.40; Bank of Commerce & Trust Co., 101.29, and the Atlantic Corp., 101.16.

**NEW BUFFALO TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. New Buffalo), Berrien County, Mich.—BOND SALE.**—The \$100,000 issue of school building bonds offered for sale on Aug. 25—V. 131, p. 1294—was purchased by Kent, Grace & Co., of Chicago, as 4 3/8s, paying a premium of 1.720, equal to 101.72, a basis of about 4.37%. Due from Sept. 1 1932 to 1960 incl.

**NEW CUMBERLAND, Cumberland County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by P. S. Heilig, Borough Secretary, until 7.30 p. m. Sept. 2 for the purchase of \$15,000 4 1/2% coupon sewer bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1930. Denom. \$500. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$500 from 1931 to 1934 and \$1,000 from 1935 to 1947. The sale of these bonds is subject to approval of the Department of Internal Affairs. A certified check for 2% of the bid, payable to the Borough Treasurer, must accompany the bid.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE, State of (P. O. Concord).—BONDS OFFERED.**—Sealed bids were received by Charles T. Patten, Commissioner, until Aug. 29 at 11 a. m. (Eastern standard time) for the purchase of \$1,500,000 4% permanent highway coupon bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$150,000 from Sept. 1 1934 to 1947. Interest payable (M. & S.) at the National Shawmut Bank, Boston. Bonds may be registered in multiples of \$1,000, according to date of maturity, in which case interest will be paid only at the State Treasurer's office. Legal opinion to be furnished by the Attorney-General.

**NEW MADRID CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. New Madrid), New Madrid County, Mo.—BOND SALE.**—A \$32,000 issue of 6% semi-ann. school bonds is reported to have been purchased by E. A. Gessler & Son of St. Louis.

**NEWPORT, Newport County, R. I.—BOND SALE.**—The \$68,000 issue of 4 3/4% coupon sewerage and drainage bonds, series A offered for sale on August 21—V. 131, p. 1134—was purchased by Harris, Forbes & Co., of Boston, at a price of 101.27, a basis of about 4.10%. Due from Sept. 1 1931 to 1952, incl. The other bids were as follows:

Bidder—	Price Bid.
R. L. Day and Co.	100.599
Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc.	99.82

**NEWTON (P. O. West Newton), Middlesex County, Mass.—NOTE SALE.**—\$250,000 issue of revenue anticipation notes was purchased on Aug. 25 by R. S. Moseley & Co. of Boston at 2.05% discount. Due on Nov. 6 1930. Other bids were as follows:

Bidder—	Discount.
Salomon Bros. & Hutzler	2.09%
Bank of Commerce & Trust	2.10%
Shawmut Corp.	2.12%
Day Trust Co.	2.14%
Faxon, Gade & Co.	2.22%
First National Bank of Newton	2.24%

**NEW YORK, State of (P. O. Albany).—\$20,192,000 OF \$31,550,000 ISSUE SOLD IN APRIL NOW PUBLICLY RE-OFFERED.**—On Aug. 27 the National City Co. and the Chase Securities Corp., both of New York, without other associates, offered for public subscription a block of \$20,192,000 of the entire issue of \$31,550,000 4% coupon or registered various impt. gold bonds that was purchased on April 15 by J. P. Morgan & Co. of New York at 102.077, a basis of about 3.79%—V. 130, p. 2834—at prices to yield about 5.70% on all maturities. Dated April 15 1930. Due \$1,262,000 from April 15 1940 to 1955 incl. They are legal investments for savings banks and trust funds in New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut and other States.

**Financial Statement (Officially Reported July 1 1930).**

Assessed valuation taxable real and personal property, 1930	\$28,216,483.604
Total funded debt, including these bonds	582,179,000
Sinking funds	108,531,632
Net funded debt (less than 1% of assessed valuation)	273,347,632
Population: 1920 U. S. census, 10,385,227; 1930 U. S. census, unofficial,	12,619,503.

**NILES, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until Sept. 8, by Homer Thomas, City Auditor, for the purchase of \$5,500 5 1/2% improvement bonds. Dated April 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000 and one for \$1,500. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$1,000 from 1932 to 1935 and \$1,500 in 1936. Rate of interest may be in multiples of 1/4 of 1%. Legal opinion furnished by Peck, Shaffer & Williams, of Cincinnati. Purchaser is to bear the expense of this opinion. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, must accompany the bid. These bonds were previously offered for sale on August 25—V. 131, p. 1135.

**NORFOLK COUNTY (P. O. Dedham), Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until Sept. 2 at 11 a. m. (daylight saving time) by Frederic C. Cobb, County Treasurer, for the purchase of \$150,000 temporary loan, dated Sept. 2 and payable Nov. 15 1930. Denom. \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000. Certified as to genuineness by the First National Bank, Boston. Payable at First National Bank, Boston. Legal opinion furnished by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

**NORTH HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Port Washington), Nassau County.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by Herbert E. Rose, District Clerk, until Sept. 8 at 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) for the purchase of \$90,000, not exceeding 6% coupon or registered, school bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due in impt. 1934 and 1935. Int. rate to be in multiples of 1/4 of 1%. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable in gold at the Bank of North Hempstead, Port Washington. Legal opinion is furnished by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York. A certified check for 2% of the bonds, payable to the Board of Education, must accompany the bid.

**NORTH TONAWANDA, Niagara County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) Sept. 2 by J. M. Zimmerman, City Clerk, for the purchase of \$6,100 4 3/4% coupon or registered street improvement bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000 and one for \$100. Due Sept. 1 1931 to 1937. Prin. and int. payable in gold coin or lawful money at the Chase National Bank, New York. Legal opinion furnished by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York. A certified check for \$500 must accompany the bid.

**OGDEN, Weber County, Utah.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.**—The \$50,000 issue of 6% coupon semi-annual recreational bonds that was purchased by Snow-Goodart & Co. of Salt Lake City—V. 131, p. 1294—was awarded at par. Due from 1935 to 1945 inclusive.

**OMAHA, Douglas County, Neb.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by John Hopkins, Superintendent of the Dept. of Accounts and Finance, until 3 p. m. Sept. 8 for the purchase of the following issues of 4 3/4% coupon bonds aggregating \$230,000:  
\$200,000 sewer bonds, series of 1930. Due Oct. 1 1950.  
30,000 fire engine house bonds, series of 1930. Due Oct. 1 1950.

Each issue is dated Oct. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. The bonds will bear int. at 4 3/4% payable April and October 1, or such lesser rate as may be fixed at the time of the sale, either for all or portion of the bonds. Prin. and int. payable at the County Treasurer's office. Legal opinion furnished by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York. A certified check for \$4,500 must accompany the bid. No bid for less than par will be received. Split bid acceptable.

**ORIENT TOWNSHIP CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Orient), Adair County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 4 p. m. on Sept. 2 by J. F. Kingery, Secretary of the Board of Directors, for the purchase of an issue of \$120,000 refunding bonds. The bonds and attorney's opinion are to be furnished by the purchaser.

**OTSEGO COUNTY (P. O. Oneonta), N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The \$375,000 issue of 4 1/2% coupon semi-ann. highway bonds offered for sale on Aug. 26—V. 131, p. 1294—was awarded to Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc. of New York at a price of 103.885, a basis of about 4.09%. Dated Sept. 1 1930. Due from March 1 1934 to 1953 incl.

**PALO ALTO, Santa Clara County, Calif.—BONDS SOLD.**—The \$70,000 issue of 6% semi-ann. acquisition and impt. bonds offered on June 27—V. 130, p. 4466—was not sold on that date as no bids were received but were later purchased by W. A. Dontanville, of Salinas, at par. Dated July 9 1930. Due from July 2 1934 to 1953 incl.

**PARKE COUNTY (P. O. Rockville) Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The Park State Bank of Rockville is reported to have recently purchased an issue of \$45,000 4 3/4% infirmity building bonds paying a premium of \$993.71 equal to 102.20, a basis of 4.07%. Interest payable Jan. and July.

**PARKSIDE, Pa.—PRICE PAID.**—The \$60,000 issue of 4 1/2% coupon impt. bonds that was purchased by the Delaware County National Bank of Chester—V. 131, p. 978—was awarded at a price of 103.00, giving a basis of about 4.18%. Due \$15,000 on May 1 in 1935, 1940, 1945 and 1950. The other bids were as follows:

Bidder—	Price Bid.
Cambridge Trust Co. of Chester	101.70
A. B. Leach & Co., Philadelphia	101.30

**PENNSAUKEN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Merchantville), Camden County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until Sept. 4 at 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) by G. Harry Carson, District Clerk, for the purchase of \$18,000 5. 5 3/4, 5 1/2, 5 3/4 or 6% coupon or registered school bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 from Sept. 1 1932 to 1949. Principal and interest payable (M. & S.) in gold or its equivalent in lawful money at the First National Bank & Trust Co., Merchantville. The bidder offering to take the least amount of bonds commencing with their maturity will be awarded the issue. Legal opinion furnished by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Board of Education, must accompany the bid.

**PERTH AMBOY, Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.**—The three issues of 4 1/2% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$149,000, offered on Aug. 26—V. 131, p. 1135—were purchased by M. M. Freeman & Co., of Newark, for a premium of \$722, equal to 100.48, a basis of about 4.46%. The issues are as follows:  
\$98,500 park bonds. Due from Sept. 1 1932 to 1970 incl.  
49,000 water, series Z bonds. Due from Sept. 1 1932 to 1970 incl.  
1,500 traffic sign bonds. Due \$500 from Sept. 1 1932 to 1934 incl. No other bids were received for the bonds.

**PHENIX CITY, Lee County, Ala.—BOND SALE.**—We are now in formed that the \$34,000 issue of 6% semi-annual public improvement bonds that was offered on June 24—V. 130, p. 4284—was not sold on that date but was re-offered on Aug. 5 and awarded at a price of 95.50 to the Davies-Bertram Co., of Cincinnati. Due \$3,000 from 1931 to 1936, inclusive, and \$4,000 from 1937 to 1940, inclusive.

**PLEASANTVILLE, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by Charles J. Laire, Village Clerk, until Sept. 7, 9 p. m. (Daylight Saving Time), for the following not exceeding 6% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$333,000:  
\$287,000 Public impt. bonds. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$24,000 from 1931 to 1935, \$12,000 in 1936, \$11,000 in 1937, \$12,000 in 1938 and \$11,000 from 1939 to 1950 incl.  
46,000 water bonds. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1935 to 1948 and \$2,000 from 1949 to 1950 incl.  
Dated Sept. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Interest rate to be in a multiple of 1/4 or 1-10th of 1% and must be the same for all bonds. Principal and semi-ann. interest (March & September) payable in gold at the Mt. Pleasant Bank & Trust Co., Pleasantville in New York exchange. Legal opinion furnished by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York. A certified check for \$6,600 must accompany the bid. This report supplements that given on p. 1135.

**Financial Statement**

Valuations: Assessed valuation, real property & special franchise, 1930	\$14,142,170.00
Actual valuation (official estimate)	22,000,000.00
Debt: Total bonded indebtedness, including these issues	1,146,705.00
Water bonds, included above	101,930.00
Net bonded indebtedness	1,044,775.00
Population: 1920 Federal census, 3,590; 1925 State census, 3,674; 1930 Federal census, 4,558.	

**POLK COUNTY (P. O. Des Moines), Iowa.—BOND SALE.**—The two issue of 4 3/4% bonds aggregating \$74,000 offered for sale on Aug. 25—V. 131, p. 1295—were purchased by Wheelock & Co. of Des Moines, paying a premium of \$305, equal to 100.412, a basis of about 4.44%. The issues are as follows:  
\$42,000 funding bonds. Due from July 1 1936 to 1939.  
\$32,000 bridge funding bonds. Due from July 1 1941 to 1943. Legal approval by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago.

**PORTAGE COUNTY (P. O. Ravenna), Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The two issues of coupon bonds aggregating \$41,381.51, offered for sale on Aug. 26—V. 131, p. 978—were purchased by W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo, as 4 3/8s, for a premium of \$255, equal to 100.54, a basis of about 4.38%. The issues are:  
\$29,182.00 inter-county highway impt. bonds. Due from Oct. 1 1931 to 1940 incl.  
12,199.51 county road impt. bonds. Due from Oct. 1 1931 to 1935 incl. The following is an official list of the bids received:

Bidder—	Total Premium.
BancOhio Securities Co.	\$151.70 at 4 1/2%
Seasongood & Mayer	217.00 at 4 1/2%
The Davies-Bertram Co.	61.50 at 4 1/2%
The Title Guarantee & Trust Co.	153.15 at 4 1/2%
The Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co.	17.03 at 4 1/2%
Braun, Bosworth & Co.	88.00 at 4 1/2%
Szyan, Horick & Co.	88.00 at 4 1/2% & 4 3/4%
Ryan, Sutherland & Co.	119.00 at 4 1/2%
W. L. Slayton & Co. (purchaser)	255.00 at 4 1/2%
Mitchell, Herrick & Co.	191.00 at 4 1/2%

**PORTER COUNTY (P. O. Valparaiso), Ind.—BOND SALE.**—A \$65,000 issue of 5% Walter Erickson et al., Center Township gravel road bonds was purchased on August 25 by the Fletcher Savings and Trust Co., of Indianapolis, for a premium of \$2,538, equal to 103.904. The other bids were as follows:

Name of Bidder—	Premium.
The Union Trust Co., Indianapolis	\$2,380
City Securities Corp., Indianapolis	2,307
Inland Investment Co., Indianapolis	2,197
First State Bank, Indianapolis	2,111

**PORTLAND, Multnomah County, Ore.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.**—The following detailed financial statement is furnished in connection with the offering scheduled for Sept. 3 of the \$1,600,000 4 1/4% street widening bonds—V. 131, p. 1295:

Summary of Bonded Indebtedness July 1 1930.	
a General bonded debt	\$12,575,000.00
b Dock bonded debt	8,185,000.00
c Water bonded debt	20,474,000.00
Public Utility certificates	127,000.00
Improvement bonds	8,163,202.50
Total bonds outstanding	\$49,524,202.50
Sinking funds	6,995,597.86
Net bonded indebtedness	\$42,528,604.64

Net general bonds outstanding	\$11,082,616.37
Net dock bonds outstanding	7,040,017.60
Net water bonds outstanding	16,438,475.07
Net improvement bonds outstanding	7,840,495.60
Public Utility certificates	127,000.00
Total net bonded indebtedness	\$42,528,604.64

a Of this amount the sum of \$4,624,500.00, as provided by Charter Amendments, is not included in our debt limit. b Prin. and int. of \$1,250,000.00 water bonds issued during 1909-10 are payable from general taxation and are not included in this amount.

Amount to be raised by taxation for city purposes 1929 and 1930 as follows:

	1929.	1930.
General fund.....	\$3,845,571.00	\$3,971,922.00
Bonded indebtedness interest fund.....	560,827.00	606,171.00
Sinking fund.....	413,441.00	464,850.00
Playgrounds and parks fund.....	102,040.00	50,000.00
Special bridge fund.....	70,459.00	57,500.00
Firemen's salary increase fund.....	232,568.00	231,883.00
Police men's salary increase fund.....	168,231.00	172,488.00
Firemen's relief and pension fund.....	102,690.00	103,500.00
Police men's relief and pension fund.....	34,928.00	34,739.00
Public docks funds.....	759,263.00	748,587.00
Total.....	\$6,290,018.00	\$6,441,640.00

Assessed valuation for city—  
 Real estate..... \$159,501,945.00  
 Improvements..... \$8,200,635.00  
 Personal property..... \$45,085,073.00  
 Public Service corporations..... \$342,201,708.00

Assessed valuation for county, incl. city— \$373,746,038.00  
 Property assessed by County Assessor at 65% of cash value on land and 35% of cash value on buildings.  
 Population: 1930, 301,311.

**PRAIRIE BASSE GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 15 (P. O. Opelousas) St. Landry Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.**—We are informed that until Sept. 12 sealed bids will be received by the Clerk, Board of Commissioners for the purchase of \$75,000 6% ad valorem tax bonds.

**RANDOLPH COUNTY (P. O. Winchester), Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The two issues of 4½% coupon bonds aggregating \$41,300, offered for sale on Aug. 25 (V. 131, p. 1295) were awarded to the Merchants' National Bank of Muncie as follows:  
 \$26,000 Lester Glunt road bonds or a premium of \$482.85, equal to 101.857, a basis of about 4.29%. Due from July 15 1931 to Jan. 15 1941, inclusive.  
 15,300 Samuel Uphaus road bonds for a premium of \$277.65, equal to 101.814, a basis of about 4.30%. Due from July 15 1931 to Jan. 15 1941, inclusive.

The other bidders and their bids were as follows:

Bidders—	Lester Glunt Road.	Samuel Uphaus Road.
Fletcher Sav. & Trust Co., Indianapolis.....	\$427.80	\$251.70
City Securities Corp., Indianapolis.....	406.00	228.00
Fletcher American Co., Indianapolis.....	454.00	266.70
Union Trust Co., Indianapolis.....	434.20	255.00
Campbell & Co., Indianapolis.....	418.75	246.50

**RAPID CITY, Pennington County, S. D.—BOND OFFERING.**—We are informed that C. I. Leedy, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until Sept. 2, at 8 p. m., for the purchase of \$30,000 5% fire department bonds. Dated July 1 1930. Due July 1 1950, and optional July 1 1933. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the office of City Treasurer. A certified check for \$500 must accompany the bid.

**RIPLEY COUNTY (P. O. Versailles), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by Willard N. Voss, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. Sept. 1 for the purchase of \$9,600 4½% road bonds. Dated Aug. 15 1930. Denom. \$240. Int. payable June and December. Due \$480 July 15 1931 and Jan. & July 15 1932 to Jan. 15 1941.

**ROCKFORD SANITARY DISTRICT (P. O. Rockford), Winnebago County, Ill.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by the Clerk of the Board of Trustees until Sept. 3 at 10 a. m. (standard time) for the purchase of \$425,000 4½% sewer bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due Sept. 1 1931 to 1947. Principal and interest (March and Sept.) payable at the First National Bank, Chicago. Legal opinion furnished by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago. A certified check for 3% of the amount of the bid, payable to the Clerk, must accompany the bid. The sale of a \$500,000 issue of similar bonds set for Aug. 28—V. 131, p. 1136—was cancelled.

**ROCKVILLE CENTRE, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The \$75,000 issue of coupon or registered paying bonds offered for sale on August 26—V. 131, p. 1136—was purchased by Batchelder & Co., of New York, as 4½s, at a price of 100.14, a basis of about 4.23%. Dated August 1 1930. Due from August 1 1931 to 1945, incl.

**BONDS RE-OFFERED.**—The successful bidder is now re-offering the above bonds for public subscription at prices to yield from 3.75 to 4.10%, according to maturity. They are reported to be legal investments for savings banks and trust funds in New York State. The other bids received were as follows:

Name of Other Bidders—	Price Bid.
Marine Trust Co.....	\$75,284.50
Farson Son & Co.....	75,271.50
M. & T. Trust Co.....	75,689.70
Roosevelt & Son.....	75,073.50
Kissel, Kinncutt & Co.....	75,101.25
G. B. Gibbins & Co., Inc.....	75,385.56
Phelps Fenn & Co.....	75,084.00
Dewey, Bacon & Co.....	75,060.00

**ROCKY RIVER, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The two issues of coupon bonds aggregating \$57,552.97, offered for sale on Aug. 18—V. 131, pp. 824 and 979—were purchased by Braun, Bosworth & Co. of Toledo as 4½s for a premium of \$64.00, equal to 100.11, a basis of about 4.73%. The issues are:  
 \$49,116.20 spec. assn't., street impt. bonds. Due from Oct. 1 1931 to 1940 incl.  
 8,436.77 property owner's portion impt. bonds. Due on Oct. 1 1931 and 1932.

The bidders and their bids were as follows:

	Int.	Rate.	Premium.	Int.	Rate.	Premium.	Total Prem.
\$8,436.77				\$49,116.20			
Ryan, Sutherland & Co., Toledo.....	4¼%	3.00	4¾%	\$61.00	4¼%	\$61.00	\$64.00
Braun, Bosworth Co., Toledo.....	4¾%	1.00	4¾%	*63.00	5%	67.00	
W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo.....	5¼%	3.00	5%	67.00			
Weil, Roth & Irving Co., Cincinnati.....	5¼%	4.00	5%	268.00			
Banc Ohio Securities Co., Columbus.....		4¾%				28.50	
Mitchell Herrick & Co., Cleveland.....	5%	1.00	5%	485.00		486.00	
Bohmer Reinhardt & Co., Cincinnati.....		4¾%		13.00	5%	13.00	
Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati.....	4¾%	5.00	4¾%	25.00	30.00		

**ROSEBURG, Douglas County, Ore.—BOND SALE.**—The \$35,000 issue of 5% semi-ann. refunding street improvement bonds offered on Aug. 14—V. 131, p. 1136—was purchased by the Atkinson-Jones Co. of Portland. Dated Sept. 1 1930. Due from Sept. 1 1931 to 1940, incl.

**ROYAL OAK, Oakland County, Mich.—NOTE OFFERING.**—Acting-Director of Finance Catharine T. Currie will receive bids until 7.30 p. m. on Sept. 2 for the purchase of \$275,000 special assessment tax secured notes. Denom. \$5,000. Due \$50,000 March and Sept. 30 1931. \$75,000 March, and \$100,000 Sept. 30 1932. Interest rate and premium to be named by bidders.

**RUNGE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Runge), Karnes County, Tex.—BOND SALE.**—A \$90,000 issue of 5% school bonds is reported to have been purchased at par by the B. F. Dittmar Co. of San Antonio. Due in 40 years and optional in 10 years. (These bonds were voted in April.)

**SAINT AUGUSTINE, St. Johns County, Fla.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—The two issues of bonds aggregating \$119,000, offered on Aug. 19 (V. 131, p. 1136), were not sold as there were no bids received. It is stated that these bonds are now being held for private sale or exchange. The issues are divided as follows:  
 \$80,000 refunding bonds. Interest rate not to exceed 6%. Due from July 1 1939 to 1959, inclusive.  
 39,000 5¾% refunding bonds. Due from July 1 1939 to 1959, inclusive.

**ST. CLAIR SHORES, Macomb County, Mich.—NO BIDS.**—No bids were received for the \$1,674,400 special assessment trunk sewer bonds that were offered on July 15—V. 131, p. 312. The bonds are due July 15 1932 to 1959 incl.

**ST. LOUIS PARK, Hennepin County, Minn.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.**—We are informed that H. J. Bolmgren, Village Recorder, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Sept. 5, for the purchase of \$30,000, not exceeding 6%, certificates of indebtedness. A certified check for 2% of the bonds must accompany the bid.

**SAND HILL CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Asheville), Buncombe County, N. C.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on Sept. 4, by A. C. Reynolds, Superintendent of Public Instruction, for the purchase of a \$50,000 issue of school bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%, stated in multiples of ¼ of 1%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Sept. 1 1930. Due \$2,000 from Sept. 1 1935 to 1959, inclusive. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. in New York. The bonds are subject to the approval of the State Sinking Fund Commission and are to be approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston, whose opinion will be furnished the purchaser. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the County Treasurer, must accompany the bid. All bids are to be on forms furnished by the County.

**SAN FRANCISCO, San Francisco County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.**—At the general election to be held on Nov. 4, the voters will be called upon to pass approval on bonding propositions aggregating \$5,850,000, to be expended as follows: \$4,000,000 for airport development; \$1,000,000 for a garbage incinerator and \$850,000 for a new county jail.

**SHAKER HEIGHTS, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The two issues of 4½% bonds aggregating \$92,260, offered on Aug. 28—V. 131, p. 979—were purchased by Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo, for a premium of \$609, equal to 100.66, a basis of about 4.39%. The issues are as follows:  
 \$48,760 special assessment boulevard paving bonds. Due from Oct. 1 1931 to 1940.  
 43,500 special assessment impt. bonds. Due from Oct. 1 1932 to 1940.

The other bids were as follows:

	Prem.	Bidder—	Prem.
Mitchell, Herrick Co.....	\$557	Well, Roth & Irving.....	\$186
Braun, Bosworth & Co.....	363	Otis & Co.....	116
Seasongood & Mayer.....	279	BancOhio Sec. Co.....	\$800.40 for 4¼s

**SHELBY COUNTY (P. O. Harlan), Iowa.—BOND SALE.**—The \$168,000 issue of annual primary road bonds offered for sale on Aug. 26—V. 131, p. 824—was purchased by the Carleton D. Beh Co. of Des Moines, as 4½s, paying a premium of \$945, equal to 100.562, a basis of about 4.39%. Due from 1936 to 1945 and optional after 1936.

**SODA SPRINGS, Caribou County, Ida.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—The \$30,000 issue of not to exceed 6% semi-ann. light and power bonds scheduled to be sold on Aug. 19—V. 131, p. 671—was not awarded as the bonds did not carry at the election. Due in 30 years.

**SOUTH GATE, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.**—A \$68,041.73 issue of 6% acquisition and street improvement bonds has been purchased by the American Securities Co. of Los Angeles at par, plus a premium of \$588, equal to 101.01.

**SOUTH NYACK, Rockland County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The \$13,000 issue of coupon or registered street impt. bonds offered for sale on Aug. 18—V. 131, p. 979—was purchased by the Marine Trust Co. of Buffalo. Dated Sept. 1 1930. Due from Sept. 1 1931 to 1940, incl.

**SPARTANBURG METROPOLITAN SUB-DISTRICT B (P. O. Spartanburg), Spartanburg County, S. C.—BOND SALE.**—The \$100,000 issue of sewer bonds offered for sale on Aug. 25—V. 131, p. 1136—was purchased by the South Carolina National Bank of Columbia, as 6s, paying a premium of \$50.50, equal to 100.55, a basis of about 5.95%. Dated Sept. 1 1930. Due from Sept. 1 1933 to 1960, incl.

**SPICE VALLEY TOWNSHIP (P. O. Williams) Lawrence County, Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The \$21,000 4½% coupon school building addition and impt. bonds that were offered on Aug. 20—V. 131, p. 979—were awarded to the Bedford National Bank of Bedford, for a premium of \$443.33, equal to 102.111, a basis of 4.10%. Bonds are dated Aug. 15 1930 and mature as follows: \$1,000 on Jan. and July 1 from 1932 to 1941 incl. and \$1,000 on Jan. 1 1942. Prin. and int. payable at the Bank of Williams, in Williams. The following were the unsuccessful bidders:

	Premium.
City Securities Corp. of Indianapolis.....	Par
Inland Investment Co., Indianapolis.....	\$315.00
Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. of Indianapolis.....	\$33.00
Fletcher American Co. of Indianapolis.....	77.85

**SPRINGVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ventura), Ventura County, Calif.—BOND SALE.**—The \$8,000 issue of 5% school bonds offered for sale on Aug. 19—V. 131, p. 979—was purchased by the Bank of A. M. Levy, for a premium of \$175, equal to 102.187, a basis of about 4.46%. Due \$1,000 from Sept. 1 1931 to 1938 incl. The other bids were as follows:

Bidder—	Premium.
Dean Witter & Co.....	\$43
Montgomery Investment Co.....	38
Smith, Camp & Co.....	35
G. W. Bond & Son.....	27
National Bankitaly Co. (Securities Division).....	23

**STAMFORD, Fairfield County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.**—Leroy I. Holly, City Treasurer, will receive proposals until 12 noon (daylight saving time) on Sept. 2 for the purchase of \$331,000 4¼% coupon public improvement bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$17,000 from Sept. 1 1931 to 1941, incl.; \$16,000 from Sept. 1 1942 to 1950, incl. All bids for less than par and accrued interest will be rejected and the right to reject any or all bids is reserved. The bonds will be engraved under the supervision of and certified as to their genuineness by the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston, where principal and semi-annual interest (March and September) is payable in gold. Legal opinion furnished by Messrs. Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston. All bids must be accompanied by a certified check for \$6,620.

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Total bonded city debt (this issue not included).....	\$2,401,000.00
Less sinking funds.....	345,435.26
Net bonded indebtedness.....	\$2,055,564.74
Grand list of Oct. 1 1929.....	\$112,221,861.00
Population (estimated), 50,000.	

**STAMFORD, Fairfield County, Conn.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—A \$100,000 temporary loan was awarded on Aug. 26 to the Shawmut Corp. of Boston, at 2.10%. Dated Aug. 28 1930. Due on Oct. 10 1930. Other bidders were:

Bidder	Rate Bid
First National Old Colony Corp.....	2.22%
First Stamford National Bank & Trust Co.....	2.24%
Guaranty Co. of New York.....	2.44%
S. N. Bond & Co.....	3.00%

**STRATFORD, Fairfield County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.**—John B. Wright, Town Manager, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Sept. 5 (Eastern standard time) for \$150,000 4½% coupon school bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$10,000 from Aug. 1 1931 to 1945. Certified as to genuineness by the Stratford Trust Co., Stratford. Prin. and int. payable at the Stratford Trust Co. Legal opinion furnished by Pullman & Comley of Bridgeport, Conn.

**SULLIVAN COUNTY (P. O. Sullivan) Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The \$3,300 4½% John McCammon, et al., Haddon Township coupon road impt. bonds that were offered on Aug. 25—V. 131, p. 1137—were awarded to the Cities Securities Co. of Indianapolis, for a premium of \$1.00, equal to 100.03, a basis of 4.49%. Bonds are dated Sept. 1 1930 and mature semi-annually from July 15 1932 to Jan. 15 1942.

**SUMMIT COUNTY (P. O. Akron), Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The seven issues of bonds aggregating \$491,000 offered for sale on Aug. 22—V. 131, p. 1137—were purchased by Braun, Bosworth & Co. of Toledo, as 4½s, at a price of 100.16, a basis of about 4.21%. The issues are as follows:  
 \$129,000 road constr. bonds. Due from Oct. 1 1931 to 1940 incl.  
 89,000 bridge constr. bonds. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$9,000 from 1932 to 1940 incl., and \$8,000 in 1941.

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88,000 road impt. bonds. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$15,000 from 1931 to 1933 incl.; \$14,000 in 1934; \$15,000 in 1935, and \$14,000 in 1936.

SWAMPSCOTT, Essex County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—James W. Libby, Town Treasurer, received sealed bids until 7 p. m. on Aug. 29 for the purchase of \$100,000 temporary loan.

TANGIPAHOA PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 150 (P. O. Amite), La.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 issue of 6% semi-ann. school bonds offered for sale on July 1—V. 130, p. 4469—was purchased on Aug. 5 by E. P. Clark & Co. of Alexandria, for a premium of \$10, equal to 100.05, a basis of about 5.99%.

TERRACE PARK, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—An \$11,600 issue of 5 1/2% semi-ann. park bonds has recently been purchased by the Banc Ohio Securities Co. of Columbus, for a premium of \$98.10, equal to 100.84, a basis of about 5.15%.

UTICA, Oneida County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that William S. Fugh, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Sept. 8 for the following bonds aggregating \$772,000: airport impt. \$35,000, sanitary sewer \$50,000, fire alarm system \$65,000, paving \$272,000, street signs \$30,000, storm water sewer \$8,000, assessment \$237,900, and delinquent tax \$75,000.

VALLEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Opheim), Mont.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 issue of school bonds offered on Aug. 4—V. 131, p. 314—was purchased by the State Board of Land Commissioners, as 5 1/2%, at par. Due in 1940.

VENTURA, Ventura County, Calif.—PROPOSED CHARTER TO BE VOTED UPON.—At the general election to be held on Nov. 4, the voters of the city will be called upon to pass approval on a proposed charter for the adoption of the Council-Manager plan of government.

WABASH, Wabash County, Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$11,180 issue of 4 1/2% semi-ann. street bonds offered for sale on Aug. 1—V. 131, p. 516—has not been sold. Due \$559 on June and Dec. 1 from 1931 to 1940 incl.

WARREN COUNTY (P. O. Indianola), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$135,000 issue of annual primary road bonds offered for sale on Aug. 21—V. 131, p. 672—was purchased by the Central National Bank & Trust Co., of Des Moines, as 4 1/2%, for a premium of \$555, equal to 100.41, a basis of about 4.42%.

WATERLOO UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Waterloo), Seneca County, N. Y.—CERTIFICATES SOLD.—A \$25,000 issue of certificates of indebtedness was sold on Aug. 26 to the Union Trust Co. of Rochester. Denom. \$5,000. Dated Sept. 1, 1930. Due \$5,000 from Sept. 1 1932 to 1936 incl.

WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Detroit), Mich.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$148,000, offered for sale on Aug. 23—V. 131, p. 1297—were purchased by C. W. McNear & Co., of Chicago, as 5 1/2%, as follows: \$106,000 lateral district drain construction bonds for a premium of \$538, equal to 100.507, a basis of about 4.41%.

WEBSTER COUNTY (P. O. Fort Dodge), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$525,000 issue of ann. primary road bonds offered for sale on Aug. 22—V. 131, p. 672—was purchased by a syndicate composed of the Iowa-Des Moines Co. of Des Moines, H. M. Byllesby & Co. of Chicago, the Banc Northwest Co. of Minneapolis, and the White-Phillips Co. of Davenport, as 4 1/2%, for a premium of \$2,695, equal to 100.513, a basis of about 4.40%.

WELLESLEY, Norfolk County, Mass.—NOTE SALE.—The \$100,000 temporary notes, that were offered on Aug. 25 were awarded to F. S. Moseley & Co. of Boston, at a discount of 2.10%. Dated Aug. 25 1930. Due Dec. 31 1930. Other bids were as follows:

Table with columns Bidder and Premium. Shawmut Corp. of Boston 2.14%, Bank of Commerce & Trust Co., Boston 2.20%, Wellesley National Bank 2.215%, First National Old Colony Corp. 2.23%, Wellesley Trust Co. 2.23%, Faxon, Gage & Co. 2.25%, Salomon Bros. & Hutzler 2.29%.

WESTON, Fairfield County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7.30 p. m. (Eastern standard time) on Sept. 4, by Walter B. Eager, Town Treasurer, care Light, Dunbar and Quinlan, 59 Wall Street, Norwalk, Conn., for the purchase of a \$92,000 issue of coupon or registered road and funding bonds.

WESTON, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—We are informed that Homer W. Whittemore purchased the \$36,000 4% semi-annual water bonds that were offered on Aug. 28, at a price of 101.55, a basis of 3.76%. The bonds are dated Aug. 1 1930 and mature from 1931 to 1944, inclusive.

Last grand list. \$2,199,797
5% of grand list. 109,989
Town has no debt except temporary loans to be paid from proceeds of this issue, amounting to 24,993

WEST CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT (P. O. Chicago), Cook County, Ill.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$2,000,000 issue of boulevard and park purpose bonds that was re-offered on Aug. 28—V. 131, p. 1297—was not sold as all the bids were rejected.

Table with columns Bidder and Price Bid. First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, and Harris Trust & Sav. Bank, Chic., jointly 100.29; For 1-10-year 4 1/2% 100.29; For 1-5-year 4 1/2% 100.09; For 2-4-year 4 1/2% 100.02; Halsey, Stuart & Co. 100.18; For 1-10-year 4 1/2% 100.21; For 3-10-year 4 1/2% 100.58; For 1-10-year 4 1/2% 100.58; For \$1,000,000 5-year, and \$1,000,000 10-year 4 1/2% 100.47

The following is an official list of the other bids received (all for 4s):
Name of Other Bidders— Price Bid
R. L. Day & Co. 101.449

WEST VIRGINIA, State of (P. O. Charleston)—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The two issues of coupon or registered bridge revenue bonds aggregating \$1,900,000 that were purchased on Aug. 6 by a syndicate headed by Walter, Woody & Heimerding of Cincinnati—V. 131, p. 1138—were awarded at a price of 92. Due in 25 years and optional on any interest payment date.

WETHERSFIELD, Hartford County, Conn.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election will be held on Sept. 3 for the purpose of having the authorized voters pass on the proposed issuance of \$106,000 in bonds for the refunding of school building temporary notes.

WHATCOM COUNTY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 403 (P. O. Bellingham), Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$8,500 issue of coupon school bonds offered for sale on Aug. 22—V. 131, p. 1138—was purchased by the State of Washington, as 5 1/2%, at par. Dated Sept. 15 1930. Due in 2 to 20 years.

WILDWOOD, Cape May County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by C. A. Hell, Jr., City Clerk, until Sept. 9, at 2.30 p. m. (daylight saving time), for the purchase of \$100,000 5% coupon or registered street improvement bonds. Dated Sept. 15 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due Sept. 15 as follows: \$6,000 from 1931 to 1935, and \$7,000 from 1936 to 1945, incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & S.) payable in gold at the Marine National Bank, Wildwood. The usual requirements determining the award of New Jersey bonds are applicable.

WILLIAMSTOWN, Berkshire County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—A \$43,000 issue of 4% coupon semi-annual school bonds was awarded on Aug. 27 to Arthur Perry & Co., of Boston, at a price of 101.133, a basis of about 3.75%. Dated Sept. 1 1930. Due on Sept. 1, as follows: \$5,000, 1931 to 1938, and \$3,900 in 1939. The other bids were as follows:

Table with columns Bidder and Price Bid. Harris, Forbes & Co. 101.03; Merchants National Bank 101.013; Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc. 101.0104; F. S. Moseley & Co. 100.959; First National Old Colony Corp. 100.89; Atlantic Corporation 100.89; R. L. Day & Co. 100.69

WILLMAR, Kandiyohi County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$128,000 issue of sewage disposal bonds offered for sale on Aug. 25—V. 131, p. 1297—was purchased by the Security National Bank of Willmar, as 4 1/2%, paying a premium of \$4.00, equal to 100.003, a basis of about 4.249%.

WOBURN, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The \$200,000 temporary loan offered at discount on Aug. 26—V. 131, p. 1297—was purchased by the Shawmut Corp., of Boston, at 2.18% discount. Dated Aug. 27 1930. Due on March 13 1931.

WRAY, Yuma County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—A \$43,000 issue of 4 1/2% refunding water works bonds was recently purchased by Joseph D. Grigsby & Co., of Pueblo at par. The bonds are due on Oct. 15 1955 and optional after 1935.

ZANESVILLE, Muskingum County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Harry F. Stemm, City Auditor, until 12 m. Sept. 15, for the purchase of \$10,000 4 1/2% landing field bonds. Dated July 15 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 15 1932 to 1941, incl. Rate of interest may be in multiples of 1/4 of 1%. A certified check for 1% of the bonds bid for must accompany the bid.

ZION CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Macksburg), Madison County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Andrew E. Larsen, District Treasurer, until Sept. 2 for the purchase of a \$63,500 issue of 4 1/2% school refunding bonds.

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BIGGAR, Sask.—BOND SALE.—A \$35,000 issue of 6% improvement bonds is reported to have recently been purchased by the Kern Agencies, of Regina, Ltd. Due in 20 years.

BRITISH COLUMBIA (P. O. Victoria)—BOND SALE.—A \$2,500,000 issue of 3 1/2% impt. bonds was awarded on Aug. 19 to a syndicate composed of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, the Royal Bank of Canada, the Dominion Securities Corp., Wood, Gundy & Co., A. E. Ames & Co., and Dillon, Reed & Co., all of Toronto, at a net interest cost of 3.85%. Dated Aug. 20 1930. Due on Aug. 20 1931. Payable in either New York or Montreal.

CANADA, Dominion of—BOND FLOTATIONS ON THE INCREASE FOR 1930.—According to a survey recently issued by Pask & Walbridge, the Canadian bond flotations thus far in 1930 have approximated 446 1/2 millions as compared with 386 1/2 millions in the first eight months of 1929, and 302 1/2 millions for the corresponding period in 1928. It is stated that Canadian bond dealers report a demand for the highest grade bonds that exceeds the offerings.

EDMONTON, Alta.—BOND SALE.—An \$897,750 issue of 5% improvement bonds has recently been jointly purchased by Wood, Gundy & Co., Ltd., of Toronto, and the Royal Bank of Canada at 99.437, a basis of about 5.04%. Due on Sept. 15 as follows: \$22,680 in 1945; \$451,090 in 1950 and \$23,988 in 1960. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable in Toronto, Montreal, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Victoria and New York.

Table with columns Bidder and Price Bid. Wood, Gundy & Co., and Royal Bank 99.437; Dominion Securities Corp. and Imperial Bank 99.317; Royal Financial Corp., and Mead & Co. 99.274; R. A. Daly & Co., and Bank of Nova Scotia 99.08; A. E. Ames & Co. 98.83; B. E. Gouin & Co. 98.77; Bell, Gouinlock & Co., and Canadian Bank of Commerce 98.52; C. H. Burgess & Co.; J. L. Graham & Co., and Gardner & Co. 98.143

\* Successful bid.

**HUBERDEAU, Arundel Parish, Que.—BOND OFFERING.**—We are informed that E. Sarrasin, Secretary-Treasurer, will receive bids until Sept. 2, for the purchase of \$9,000 5% semi-annual improvement bonds. Due serially in 1 to 10 years.

**LENNOX AND ADDINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Napanee), Ont.—BONDS OFFERED.**—Sealed bids were received by W. S. Wilson, County Clerk, until Aug. 29 for the purchase of three issues of 5% semi-annual road bonds aggregating \$217,500. Due serially in 10 years.

**MILDEN VILLAGE, Sask.—BOND SALE.**—Houston, Willoughby & Co., of Toronto, are reported to have recently purchased a \$4,000 issue of 6 3/4% school improvement bonds.

**NEW BRUNSWICK (Province of), P. O. Fredericton.—BOND SALE.**—The \$2,650,000 issues of 4 3/4% coupon bonds offered for sale on Aug. 25—V. 131, p. 1297—were purchased by a syndicate composed of the Bank of Nova Scotia, of Halifax; McLeod, Young, Weir & Co.; Fry, Mills, Spence & Co.; Bell, Gouinlock & Co.; J. M. Robinson & Sons, and T. M. Bell & Co., all of Toronto, at a price of 101.29. (Canadian funds) a basis of about 4.66%. The bonds are divided as follows: \$2,000,000 permanent roads; \$350,000 normal school building and \$300,000 provincial hospital addition issue. Dated Sept. 1 1930. Due on Sept. 1 1955.

The following is a complete list of the bids received:  
 \* Bell, Gouinlock & Co.; McLeod, Young, Weir & Co.; Fry, Mills, Spence & Co.; Bank of Nova Scotia; J. M. Robinson & Sons, and T. M. Bell & Co. 101.29  
 C. H. Burgess & Co.; Gairdner & Co.; Hannaford, Birks & Co.; Dymant, Anderson & Co., and Mead & Co. 101.17  
 Bancamerica-Blair; Kountze Bros.; E. H. Rollins; Royal Securities Corp.; R. A. Daly & Co., and Canadian Bank of Commerce 101.047  
 Dominion Securities Corp.; Wood, Gundy & Co.; A. E. Ames & Co.; Royal Bank, and Eastern Securities Corp. 100.829  
 First National Co.; Bank of Montreal; Stone, Webster & Blodgett; Salomon Bros., and Hutzler, Hanson Bros. 100.53  
 Guaranty Co. of N. Y.; Bankers Co. of N. Y.; Continental Illinois Trust Co., and W. C. Pitfield & Co. 100.42  
 National City Co. 99.812  
 Dillon, Read & Co., and Chase Securities Corp. 99.527

\* Purchaser.

**OXFORD TOWNSHIP (P. O. Highgate), Ont.—BOND SALE POSTPONED.**—It is now reported that the sale of the \$20,000 5% school bonds that was previously scheduled for Aug. 25—V. 131, p. 1297—has been postponed until Sept. 1. Due in 15 installments.

**PRELATE VILLAGE, Sask.—BOND SALE.**—A \$4,000 issue of 7% improvement bonds is reported to have recently been purchased by the Kern Agencies, Ltd., of Regina. Due in 10 years.

**SALABERRY DE VALLEYFIELD, Quebec.—BOND SALE.**—The \$160,000 5% semi-ann. improvement bonds offered on Aug. 26—V. 131, p. 1138—were awarded to Harris, MacKeen & Co. of Toronto at a price of 99.13, a basis of about 5.04%. Dated May 1 1930. Due serially from 1930 to 1968 inclusive.

An official list of the other bids received follows;

Bidders—	Price.
Geoffrion & Cie Ltee, Montreal.....	97.95
Mead & Co., Ltd., Montreal.....	98.83
Hannaford, Birks & Co., Montreal.....	98.58
Banque Canadienne Nationale, Montreal.....	98.77
Credit Anglo Francais, Montreal.....	98.77
Banque Provinciale du Canada, Montreal.....	98.05
C. H. Burgess & Co., Ltd., Toronto.....	96.27
Wood, Gundy & Co., Ltd., Montreal.....	97.43
Dominion Securities Corp., Ltd., Montreal.....	98.93
A. E. Ames & Co., Montreal.....	99.037

**SASKATCHEWAN, Province of.—BOND SALES.**—According to the Aug. 21 issue of the "Financial Post," the following issues were reported sold: Turnout S. D. No. 4120, \$1,000, 10 yrs., 6 1/4%, locally; Regina P. S. sinking fund; Underwood No. 511, \$1,500, 10 yrs., 6 1/4%, locally; Stanleyville No. 385, \$4,200, 15 yrs., 5 3/4%, locally; Free State No. 4806, \$3,000, 15 yrs., 6 1/4%, locally; Kern Agencies, Regina; Pembina No. 4863, \$1,600, 10 yrs., 6 3/4%, Waterman, Waterbury Co., Regina; Gruenthal No. 4714, \$1,500, 10 yrs., 6 1/4%, Houston, Willoughby & Co., Regina; Crescent No. 110, \$4,000, 10 yrs., 6%, Houston, Willoughby & Co., Regina; Riga No. 239, 10 yrs., 5 yrs., 6 1/2%, Rosetown sinking fund; St. Hilaire No. 4034, \$1,400, 10 yrs., 6 3/4%, Kern Agencies, Regina; Hill Point No. 3833, \$2,000, 20 yrs., 6%, Houston, Willoughby & Co., Regina; Strassburg No. 1542, \$22,000, 20 yrs., \$45,000, 25 yrs., 5 3/4%, Houston, Willoughby & Co., Regina; Cleaverling No. 3747, \$2,300, 15 yrs., 6 1/4%, Houston, Willoughby & Co.; Minto No. 490, \$6,000, 20 yrs., 6 1/4%, Houston, Willoughby & Co.; Economy No. 4804, \$1,600, 6 yrs., 6 1/2%, Sask. Mun. Hall Ins. Association; Jedburgh No. 4859, \$4,000, 15 yrs., 6 1/2%, Waterman-Waterbury Mfg. Co.; Mission Lake No. 1716, \$1,500, 5 yrs., 6 1/2%, Regina; P. S. D. No. 4, sinking funds; Olicana No. 4126, \$1,500, 5 yrs., 6 1/2%, Regina P. S. D. No. 4, sinking funds; Rothsay No. 1302, \$5,000, 15 yrs., 6%, Regina P. S. D. No. 4, sinking funds.

**SASKATCHEWAN (P. O. Regina).**—An issue of \$2,000,000 4 1/2% semi-annual Provincial bonds was successfully offered and sold on Aug. 28 to a syndicate composed of the Bancamerica-Blair Corp. of New York, R. A. Daly & Co. of Toronto, Kountze Bros. of New York, and Matthews & Co. of Toronto, at a price of 97.96 (Canadian funds) a basis of about 4.65%. Bonds are dated Sept. 1 1930 and mature in 25 years. Prin. and interest payable both in Canada and New York. The second highest tender was 97.93, by the Dominion Securities Corp. The Bank of Montreal was third at 97.91. Dymant, Anderson & Co. of Toronto bid 97.09 and the National City Co. 95.71.

We are informed that the second highest tender was 97.939, submitted by a group composed of the Dominion Securities Corp., Wood, Gundy & Co., Ltd., and A. E. Ames & Co., Ltd. The Bank of Montreal and Fry, Mills, Spence & Co., Ltd., jointly offered 97.911. Dymant, Anderson & Co., and associates bid 97.09, and the National City Co. offered 95.71.

**SHAWINIGAN FALLS, Que.—NOTES OFFERED.**—Sealed bids were received until noon Aug. 25 by the City Treasurer for the purchase of \$100,000 notes. Dated Aug. 25 1930. Due Dec. 31 1930.

**WESTVILLE, N. S.—BOND SALE.**—The \$30,000 5% semi-annual improvement bonds that were offered on July 17—V. 131, p. 315—were purchased on Aug. 22 by the Royal Bank of Canada at a price of 93.06, a basis of 5.57%. The bonds are dated May 1 1930 and mature in 20 years.

NEW LOANS

SEALED PROPOSAL

\$2,000,000

City of New Orleans, Louisiana

SEWERAGE, WATER AND DRAINAGE SERIAL GOLD BONDS, SERIES "C."

The Board of Liquidation, City Debt, will receive sealed proposals at its office, in Room 208, City Hall Annex, in the City of New Orleans, Louisiana, up to 12 o'clock Noon, Central Standard Time, on the 10th day of September, 1930, for the purchase of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) City of New Orleans, Sewerage, Water and Drainage Serial Gold Bonds, Series C, authorized by and to be issued under the provisions of Act No. 3 of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana for the Special Session of 1927, which was adopted as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana at the General State Election held on April 17, 1928.  
 Said bonds shall be dated October 1, 1930, shall bear interest at the rate of four and one-half (4 1/2) per cent per annum, payable semi-annually April 1 and October 1, and shall be of the amounts and maturing as follows:

Maturity October 1st	Amount
1932.....	\$12,000.00
1933.....	12,000.00
1934.....	13,000.00
1935.....	14,000.00
1936.....	14,000.00
1937.....	15,000.00
1938.....	16,000.00
1939.....	16,000.00
1940.....	17,000.00
1941.....	17,000.00
1942.....	18,000.00
1943.....	20,000.00
1944.....	20,000.00
1945.....	21,000.00
1946.....	22,000.00
1947.....	22,000.00
1948.....	24,000.00
1949.....	25,000.00
1950.....	26,000.00
1951.....	28,000.00
1952.....	29,000.00
1953.....	30,000.00
1954.....	31,000.00
1955.....	33,000.00
1956.....	35,000.00
1957.....	36,000.00
1958.....	38,000.00
1959.....	39,000.00
1960.....	41,000.00
1961.....	43,000.00
1962.....	45,000.00
1963.....	47,000.00
1964.....	49,000.00
1965.....	51,000.00
1966.....	54,000.00
1967.....	56,000.00
1968.....	58,000.00
1969.....	60,000.00
1970.....	63,000.00
1971.....	65,000.00
1972.....	69,000.00
1973.....	72,000.00
1974.....	75,000.00
1975.....	79,000.00

Maturity October 1st	Amount
1976.....	\$2,000.00
1977.....	86,000.00
1978.....	90,000.00
1979.....	94,000.00
1980.....	76,000.00
Total.....	\$2,000,000.00

All of said bonds are of the denomination of \$1,000.00 each.

Both principal and interest of said bonds will be payable in gold coin of the United States of America, or its equivalent, at such paying agencies in the City of New Orleans, Louisiana, and in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, respectively, as the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, may designate.

Said proposals shall be received under and subject to the following additional conditions, to wit:

1. Each bid shall be for the full amount of \$2,000,000.00 principal amount of said bonds.
  2. The bonds will be delivered as soon as practicable after October 1st, 1930, and the successful bidder or bidders shall be required to pay, in addition to the amount of the bid, interest accrued up to the date of delivery.
  3. No bid shall be received or considered unless accompanied by a certified check or checks made payable to the order of Board of Liquidation, City Debt, upon some chartered bank in the City of New Orleans, for a sum equal to at least three per cent of said bid. The check or checks of the successful bidder or bidders will be cashed and the proceeds retained by the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, as a guarantee that the bidder or bidders will comply with his or their bid. Interest will be allowed on the proceeds of said certified check at the rate of three per cent per annum. In case of neglect or refusal to comply with said bid, the proceeds of said check and accrued interest will be forfeited to the City of New Orleans.
  4. All bids must conform to the specifications and no bid will be received if any condition is attached thereto.
  5. The opinion of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, Attorneys, New York City, will be provided by the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, approving the issue and stating that the bonds will constitute legal investments for savings banks and trustees under the law of the State of New York.
  6. The Board of Liquidation, City Debt, reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
  7. Mark all bids "Proposal for the Purchase of City of New Orleans, Sewerage, Water and Drainage Serial Gold Bonds, Series C."
- Further information and particulars will be furnished upon application to  
**BERNARD C. SHIELDS, Secretary,**  
 Board of Liquidation, City Debt,  
 Room 208, City Hall Annex,  
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